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**Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Projects Funded  
October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008**

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The federal fiscal year overlaps two state fiscal years; therefore, in some instances, the amounts listed for continuing projects reflect two contracts. The top twenty projects by expenditure funded with the 2007 federal LSTA allotment of \$6,216,116 were:

**\$366,512 or 5.9% of the total LSTA funds  
LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Illinois became a full, participating community partner with OCLC's WebJunction during year one of the "WebJunction Illinois" statewide project allowing all Illinois librarians to share best practices and ultimately provide better library services for the citizens of Illinois.

**\$311,800 or 5.02% of the total LSTA funds**

**FIRSTSEARCH** is an online service that gives statewide access for all library professionals and end users to a rich collection of reference databases.

**\$210,250 or 3.38% of the total LSTA funds**

**BIBLIOSTAT** enables the Illinois State Library to collect, massage, manipulate, compare, and analyze statewide data collected for the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) and the ILLINET interlibrary loan statistics. Year one involved configuration of basic data for all Illinois libraries.

**\$145,000 or 2.33% of the total LSTA funds**

**LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM**

"Putting Illinois on the Map" combines demographic information from the 2000 Federal Census with various geo-political boundaries across the State of Illinois to create a visual database providing answers to geographic and/or demographic questions, such as, "In which library district do I live?"

**\$144,540 or 2.33% of the total LSTA funds**

**LINCOLN TRAIL LIBRARIES SYSTEM**

The purpose of the "21st Century Public Access Catalog" was to test the viability of creating a common statewide OPAC (web catalog) interface for discovery and delivery of library resources.

**\$144,492 or 2.32% of the total LSTA funds**

**ASK?AWAY ILLINOIS** is a statewide virtual reference project. The grant coordinates a statewide project coordinator, an academic and public queue, user group training, statewide access, marketing and software platform. Librarians across the state man the network to answer Illinois patrons' questions virtually 24/7.

**\$143,925 or 2.32% of the total LSTA funds**

**NOVELIST/NOVELIST K-8 & NOVELIST PLUS/ NOVELIST**

**K-8** offers an online readers' advisory service that helps librarians and readers find fiction and non-fiction books, made available statewide to Illinois' academic, public, special and high school, middle and elementary school libraries.

**\$112,500 or 1.81% of the total LSTA funds**

**16 TRAINING GRANTS**

The Illinois State Library awarded 16 training grants, for students to earn a Masters of Library Science degree at an American Library Association (ALA) accredited library program. The students must agree to work for two years in an Illinois library following graduation.

**\$109,792 or 1.77% of the total LSTA funds**

**ROLLING PRAIRIE LIBRARY SYSTEM**

"Plinkit" provides small libraries with a website template based on an open source content management system that is easy to use. The benefit is 24/7 access to the library's information, catalog, and databases for the libraries' patrons.

**\$100,000 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds**

**METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM**

The "Customer Focused Library" project was three-fold: 1) to gather and analyze qualitative and quantitative information about the customer experience in the grant partner libraries using evaluation practices from retail; 2) to derive best practices from the information gathered; and 3) to share those best practices widely.

**\$100,000 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds**

**DUPAGE LIBRARY SYSTEM**

The "Voices of Vision Talking Book Center" provides efficient, high quality library service to people with visual or physical disabilities. The Voices of Vision service area is a twelve-county area in the Chicago suburban area. This investment supplements talking book and Braille services for Illinois residents.

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**SHAWNEE LIBRARY SYSTEM**

The "Southern Illinois Talking Book Center" provides library service for eligible blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and reading disabled residents of the 34 counties of southern Illinois. This investment supplements talking book and Braille services for Illinois residents.

**\$100,000 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds**

**ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM**

The mission of the "Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center" is to provide a broad range of library services for eligible visually, physically and learning disabled residents living in central Illinois. This investment supplements talking book and Braille services for Illinois residents.

**\$100,000 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds**

**CHAMPAIGN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Thirty libraries participated in this theme-based reading program titled: "Get Inspired! Meet a Hero @ Your Library" to inspire reading for all ages; attract new library users; increase library circulation; and generally raise the profile of all libraries in the participating community.

**\$100,000 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds**

**HOMER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

"Character Counts! Bringing Ethics, Diversity and Culture Together" enhances lifelong learning with a series of diverse activities promoting cultural awareness, diversity and the importance of personal character.

**\$100,000 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds**

**GLEN CARBON CENTENNIAL LIBRARY**

"Bring in the Arts" met parents' needs for arts education. The Glen Carbon Centennial Library partnered with the Edwardsville Children's Museum and the Edwardsville Arts Center to help children learn more about the arts.

**\$99,500 or 1.6% of the total LSTA funds**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY**

On February 12, 2009, America celebrated the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The "Lincoln's Legacy Learning Kits" bring the lessons of Lincoln to the children of Illinois.

**\$99,000 or 1.59% of the total LSTA funds**

**BEACH PARK COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3**

"Moving to Learn" allowed librarians to be leaders in their school communities through training and sharing with others how to incorporate movement into library programs and classes so students truly learn, not just memorize.

**\$96,005 or 1.54% of the total LSTA funds**

**BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #201**

"Do Oodles with Moodle" created conversations between students, teachers and the community while preparing students for the future. It began by training the librarians and teachers in Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment (Moodle) then working together to develop a lesson, incorporating the newly learned technologies, and adding a community component.

**\$82,380 or 1.33% of the total LSTA funds**

**LAKE COUNTY DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

"Keep 'Em Flying!" is a digitization project that provides online access to an important collection of World War II materials housed at the Lake County Discovery Museum.

**Summary:**

A total of \$2,765,696 or 44.49% of the 2007 LSTA funds were awarded in support of these twenty projects. Of the 2007 federal LSTA allotment of \$6,216,116:

- ★ Public libraries were awarded 154 grants totaling \$2,034,469 or 32.73% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ School libraries were awarded 68 grants totaling \$948,746 or 15.26% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ Academic libraries were awarded 18 grants totaling \$514,641 or 8.28% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ Special libraries were awarded 7 grants totaling \$277,673 or 4.47% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ Regional library systems were awarded 24 grants totaling \$1,426,201 or 22.94% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ The Illinois State Library used \$1,011,515 for statewide projects or 16.27% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ \$2,871 or 0.05% was returned to IMLS because subgrantees deobligated LSTA grant funds past the deadline to legally allow the funds to be reobligated.