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**Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Projects Funded
October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009**

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 2008 federal LSTA allotment of \$6,133,883 were:

\$376,842 or 6.14% of the total LSTA funds

LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM

The “WebJunction Illinois” statewide project continues to allow all Illinois librarians to share best practices and provide better library services for the citizens of Illinois.

\$337,202 or 5.5% of the total LSTA funds

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

“Anthropologists in the Library: Helping Librarians Support Student Success” is a research study to trigger reforms to better meet students’ needs.

\$326,812 or 5.33% 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.

\$237,384 or 3.87% of the total LSTA funds

ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM

The “Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center” provides library services for eligible visually, physically and learning disabled residents living in central Illinois. This investment sustains talking book and Braille services for Illinois residents.

\$230,064 or 3.75% of the total LSTA funds

DUPAGE LIBRARY SYSTEM

The “Voices of Vision Talking Book Center” serves 12 counties in the Chicago suburban area to provide quality library service to people with visual or physical disabilities. This investment sustains talking book and Braille services for Illinois residents.

\$150,000 or 2.45% of the total LSTA funds

LINCOLN TRAIL LIBRARIES SYSTEM

The “WorldCat Local” project explored the impact of a common statewide OPAC (web catalog) interface, and the user’s success in identifying/requesting library resources.

\$150,000 or 2.45% of the total LSTA funds

LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM

“Researching Communities to Prepare for the Future” utilized evidence-based research to investigate diverse community groups’ priorities statewide to discover what competencies (skills, qualifications, attributes) will help public libraries to be successful into the future.

\$150,000 or 2.45% of the total LSTA funds

SHAWNEE LIBRARY SYSTEM

“Bandwidth Evaluation and Planning Models” evaluates and predicts future broadband bandwidth needs. The explosion of rich content available to Internet users, and the desire of users to access multimedia content has outgrown the bandwidth of many libraries.

\$137,608 or 2.24% of the total LSTA funds

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 sustains talking book and Braille services for Illinois residents.

\$103,250 or 1.68% 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.

\$100,000 or 1.63% of the total LSTA funds

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

“Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries, Part II” allows for digitization, processing and cataloging of the images gathered as well as the digitization of relevant primary materials collected during the 2006 LSTA grant, “Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries” project.

\$98,874 or 1.61% of the total LSTA funds

ILLINOIS STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY LIBRARY – UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA/CHAMPAIGN

“Rescuing the Past: Digitization of Illinois’ Early 20th Century Aerial Photography” is a continuing project to digitize aerial photos from the late 1930s and 1940s, providing a pictorial record of the state as it appeared 70 years ago.

\$97,500 or 1.59% of the total LSTA funds

13 TRAINING GRANTS

The Illinois State Library awarded 13 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.

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\$94,575 or 1.54% of the total LSTA funds

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA/CHAMPAIGN

"Farm, Field and Fireside: Digitization of 19th and Early 20th Century Farm Newspapers" digitizes some of the most important farm newspapers published in Illinois and throughout the country, with the goal of making this rich source material for the history of rural life available online.

\$93,050 or 1.52% of the total LSTA funds

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

"Inform" is a service to deliver the table of contents for relevant journals primarily to people in state government, for them to choose articles related to their job responsibilities, and then deliver the articles of choice. This project provides for the purchase of serials, and enables users to avoid duplicate purchases within their agencies.

\$92,300 or 1.5% of the total LSTA funds

WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Families Learning Together" is a family literacy project to provide integrated, intensive instruction to improve the basic reading, math, writing skills or English language proficiency of parents and children together.

\$88,000 or 1.43% of the total LSTA funds

SHAWNEE LIBRARY SYSTEM

"Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative" is the Illinois library community's proactive movement to recruit and nurture future Illinois library leaders and enable them to provide better library services for the citizens of Illinois.

\$85,934 or 1.4% of the total LSTA funds

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY - MILNER LIBRARY

"Imagine Illinois and Beyond: Celebrating Creativity through the Eyes of Our Children!" scanned and digitized artworks from the International Collection of Child Art. Digitization of this collection of graphically exciting artworks from the children of Illinois, the United States, and more than 50 countries and cultures provides global access to the imaginative vision that shapes a child's creative pursuits.

\$80,736 or 1.32% of the total LSTA funds

SHAWNEE LIBRARY SYSTEM

"Keeping The Public Informed—Administrative Ready Reference Revisited" allowed attorney Phil Lenzini to review and update the documents found on the original product for public libraries. He also developed several new documents to meet changes in the law or to meet the stated need of librarians in serving their public. The update is available free on WebJunction Illinois.

\$80,000 or 1.3% of the total LSTA funds

ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM

"Alliance's Trail to Learning-Casts and Syndicated Sites" (ATLAS) used podmaps (an interactive map which patrons can use to find podcasts, images, and other historical information), YouTube videos, and other Web 2.0 tools to bring historical information to life for all citizens of Illinois.

Summary:

A total of \$3,110,131 or 50.7% of the 2008 LSTA funds were awarded in support of these twenty projects. Of the 2008 federal LSTA allotment of \$6,133,883:

- ★ Public libraries were awarded 50 grants totaling \$1,052,869 or 17.16% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ School libraries were awarded 38 grants totaling \$971,350 or 15.84% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ Academic libraries were awarded 21 grants totaling \$1,215,395 or 19.81% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ Special libraries were awarded 6 grants totaling \$158,215 or 2.58% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ Regional library systems were awarded 16 grants totaling \$1,892,321 or 30.85% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ The Illinois State Library used \$825,932 for statewide projects or 13.47% of the LSTA funds.
- ★ \$17,801 or 0.29% was returned to IMLS because subgrantees deobligated LSTA grant funds past the deadline to legally allow the funds to be reobligated.