



American Library Association

Wisconsin Library Funding Facts

Wisconsin's libraries are institutions with programs and resources to help every community member succeed. Our libraries are also digital anchors — connecting individuals to computers and broadband, technology classes and expert, trusted staff.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only federal program exclusively for libraries, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Each state determines how best to use these grants based on local, not federal, priorities.

QUICK STATE FACTS

- **464** Public Libraries
- **81,476** Children and Young Adult Programs Offered
- **6,398** Public Access Internet Computers
- **55,284,321** Annual Circulation

LSTA Funding History in Wisconsin

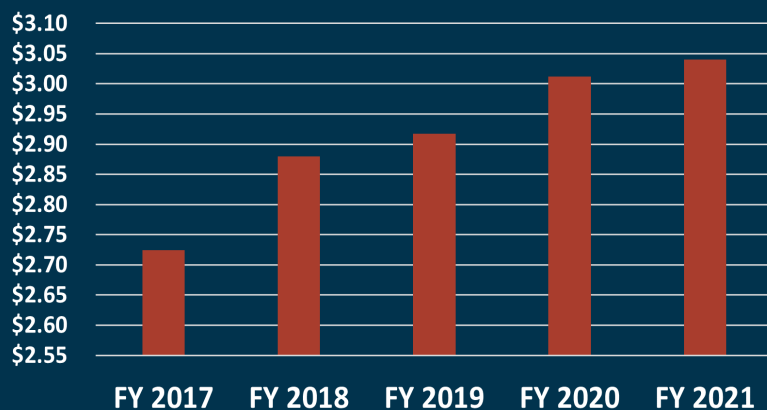


Figure 1: in millions. [Source: IMLS](#)

LSTA funds are at work in libraries to:

- **Support jobseekers** and the local economy through career planning programs.
- **Improve the health literacy** of the community, including with COVID-19.
- **Offer resources** and support for children, families, the elderly, veterans, and those facing homelessness.
- **Provide databases for scholarly research** and support academic resource sharing.
- **Help bridge the homework gap** and digital divide.
- **Advance small businesses** by building targeted resources, offering classes and expertise, and boosting entrepreneurship.