



Support Your Libraries, Support Your Communities

How federal funding supports your libraries:

The **Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** is a small agency with a significant impact that administers **Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA)** grants in coordination with state library agencies and locally identified priorities. With matching state funds, the modest federal investment in LSTA grants makes a huge impact for communities.

Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) grants are administered by the U.S. Department of Education and provide resources and training to implement evidence-based practices in school libraries.

The **Federal Communication Commission's E-Rate program** is essential to connecting libraries and the communities they serve to high-speed internet, to make sure that everyone can have access to the internet. Congress is considering reforms to make the E-Rate program more sustainable.

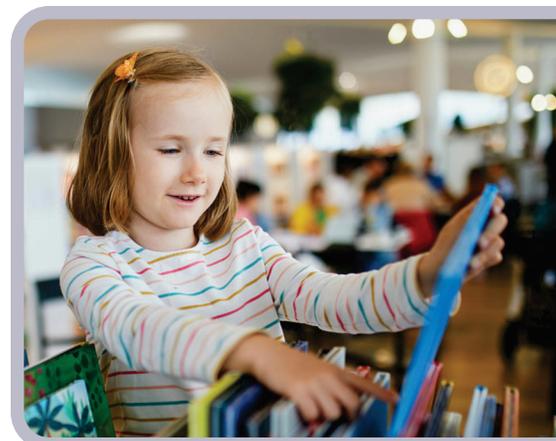
How libraries support your community:

Public libraries open doors of opportunity for everyone and address community priorities, including: career training and certification, small business support, digital skills services, and literacy programs for all ages.

School libraries promote standards-based learning rooted in multiple literacies to cultivate critical thinking and problem-solving skills and foster creativity.

Academic libraries advance student learning and scholarly research, encourage innovation, and expand our nation's body of knowledge.

Libraries in every context provide the internet access so vital to everyday life for everyone, from homework help to tax preparation to telehealth—including first responders in times of emergency.



How you can show up for your libraries:

- **Fully fund the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA)** at \$232 million and sign the Dear Appropriator letter in support of LSTA.
- **Fully fund Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL)** at \$50 million and sign the Dear Appropriator letter in support of IAL.
- **Protect and strengthen the E-Rate program** with sustainable, predictable, and long-term funding.



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