

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

Minnesota



STATEWIDE SERVICES



The Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library connects 10,000 Minnesotans who have visual or physical disabilities with reading materials they access through digital downloads and audiobooks by mail.

All Minnesotans have access to more than 3,000 high-quality books from Minnesota's independent publishers such as Milkweed Press, Lerner Publishing, and University of Minnesota Press.



Hundreds of aspiring K-12 filmmakers retold stories of Newbery Award-winning books through 100+ short movies. A screening of the best local and national entries drew a crowd of 250+.

Early STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) literacy training was presented to 170+ public library and early childhood professionals, in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota.



The Institute of Museum and Library Services provides Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to Minnesota through the Grants to States Program. The annual allocation is based on the state's population; Minnesota's annual allotment is typically \$2.6 to \$2.7 million. Funds are administered by State Library Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Education.

LOCAL IMPACT



Partnerships between libraries and literacy organizations in 11 communities have improved adult digital literacy and workforce skills using the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment.

More than 100 Austin 3rd & 4th grade science fair participants paired with mentors, increasing science literacy and student interest in STEM careers.



At-risk early learners in Moorhead and St. Cloud have increased literacy opportunities at school, home, and in the library through partnerships between libraries, schools, and early childhood organizations.

New tools, resources, and expanded hours in rural and urban school media centers improved at-risk students' digital and media literacy skills.



Students and families without Internet access at home can borrow mobile hotspots, iPads, and Chromebooks from both public and school libraries.

Working with community partners, public libraries and school media centers are creating programs and providing resources that strengthen families at risk.

