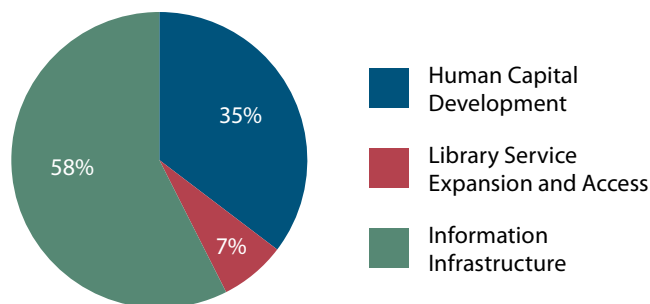


# LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: ILLINOIS



## Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006



This fact sheet provides information about the State Library Administrative Agency, LSTA Grants to States programs by category, expenditures by fiscal year (2003–2006), interview highlights with the chief officer, and the program goals for 2008–2012.

## State Library Administrative Agency Information

<b>Agency name</b>	Illinois State Library
<b>Agency governance</b>	Illinois Secretary of State
<b>Population served in 2006</b>	12,759,673
<b>FY 2006 total expenditures</b>	\$61,751,000
<b>Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006</b>	\$24,677,312
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Anne Craig, State Library Director
<b>Web site</b>	<a href="http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library">www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library</a>

## Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Anne Craig

### Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“Five thousand libraries in Illinois are eligible for this funding; it creates opportunities for innovation and creativity that they wouldn’t otherwise have. It allows them to become the heart of their community. We would be devastated without this funding. We wouldn’t be able to leverage support without the LSTA funds. There are lots of creative ideas out there.

“The Illinois Digital Archive ([www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org)) is also a cooperative project; hits have doubled every month. LSTA funds provide grants to small and large libraries to digitize materials and put things online. It gives them community and worldwide exposure. There are also mapping projects; a system is using interactive software with Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, to draw taxing district boundaries. It’s a fabulous tool.”

## Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Illinois	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
<b>Total allotment</b>	\$6,035,999	\$6,177,300	\$6,214,291	\$6,249,722	\$24,677,312
<b>Number of projects reported</b>	434	366	296	537	1633
<b>Largest project amount</b>	\$2,049,611	\$914,508	\$968,324	\$1,248,326	
<b>Median project amount</b>	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,800	\$300	

### Delivery of Library Services:

“A state grant program supports the ten multi-type regional library systems (see [www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what\\_we\\_do/systemsmap.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/systemsmap.html)). We think because of the regional systems our LSTA competitive grants can do a lot more. When we give LSTA grant funds to a library, that library can share with others within their systems as well as libraries statewide. Because of the regional systems, libraries are plugged in. We can also give money to the systems and can leverage funds to do a lot of good. It means more exposure for LSTA programs. It isn't just the big libraries; we pride ourselves on giving grants to all libraries, everybody has ownership.”

### Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. The lack of funding for staffing—when someone leaves the State Library, we lose the position. Long-term employees are not being replaced and we're losing the institutional memory.
2. Training—keeping up with the world of technology. Grant applications come in with technology we haven't heard of. How do we evaluate that?
3. With the current flat funding there's a tension between the need to be educated and the need to support “bread and butter” services. Delivery, for example, isn't going down. Statistics are going up—20 percent to 30 percent in some areas. There's a tension between “bread and butter” services and the need for funds for innovation. LSTA helps people do creative/innovative things. We try to use state funds for the bread and butter things, but flat funding means less for those things.
4. We are also seeing younger librarians and staff in the field who aren't steeped in resource sharing. We need to be able to reach out to them to let them know how important it is.
5. We have state funds for Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS), but funds are inadequate. So we've turned to LSTA to help support TBBS.

### Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Position Illinois libraries, as the educational anchor of the community by providing opportunities that support information fluency and lifelong learning to address the diverse needs of Illinois residents.
- Position Illinois libraries to provide access to abundant resources and information, both virtual and tangible, to collaborate for resource sharing, develop ideas that embrace technology, and extend library services to all Illinois citizens.
- Position libraries to further a literate Illinois by creating a reading culture that encourages reading fluency for recreation or education.
- Provide tools for the future to facilitate the ability of libraries to lead their communities through planning, research, innovation, partnerships, best practices, and discovery to improve the quality of life for Illinoisans.

### Exemplary Project: Newberry Library

<b>Project title</b>	Genealogy/Local History Interactive Map
<b>Library</b>	Newberry Library
<b>LSTA Funds Expended FY06</b>	\$80,000
<b>Total Cost FY06</b>	\$86,300
<b>Program Category</b>	Library Service Expansion and Access

Geocoding and mapping five datasets allowed the Newberry Library to cross-reference and build an interactive map for genealogists and researchers in their Chicago community. Taking Chicago homicides 1912–1917, Roman Catholic churches, Lutheran churches, high school yearbooks, and neighborhood histories datasets as the basis for the map, the Newberry Library hoped to encourage local residents and genealogists to reference additional local history and, perhaps, discover information they did not know existed. Helping researchers and local historians was the focus of the interactive map with opportunities to contribute data and commentary to the map and find related resources in the library's collection.