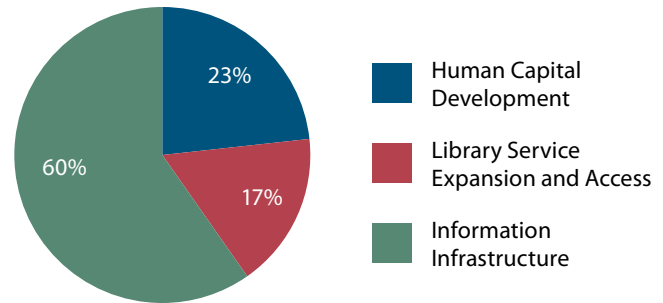


LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: OREGON



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

Agency name	Oregon State Library
Agency governance	An independent agency that reports to board appointed by the Governor
Population served in 2006	3,680,968
FY 2006 total expenditures	\$6,326,000
Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006	\$8,332,656
Chief Officer	Jim Scheppke, State Librarian
Web site	http://oregon.gov/OSL

Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Jim Scheppke

Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

1. The greatest impact has been in statewide resource sharing, databases especially. That couldn't have happened without LSTA. LSTA subsidizes the databases for public, academic, and school libraries.
2. Another big impact is L-net (oregonlibraries.net), our statewide e-reference service. It serves all Oregonians; 35 libraries of all types staff the service; we couldn't do that without LSTA.
3. With Oregon school libraries we leveraged funds from the Department of Education for the Oregon School Library Information System (oslis.org). It levels the information playing field for all K–12 students in the state.
4. LSTA functions as research and development funds for our libraries. The Plinkit content management system started as a Multnomah County Library demonstration project; it is now being used in Oregon and 12 other states (plinkit.org).

Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Oregon	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
Total allotment	\$1,932,701	\$2,071,028	\$2,134,437	\$2,194,490	\$8,332,656
Number of projects reported	29	24	30	29	112
Largest project amount	\$478,952	\$647,877	\$390,368	\$476,764	
Median project amount	\$ 33,335	\$41,098	\$42,464	\$44,676	

Delivery of Library Services:

“We have done a good job of creating partnerships. We’ve learned how to partner effectively with libraries and other organizations outside the state bureaucracy so we don’t have to do everything ourselves. A good example is L-net, which is provided to the whole state through a contract with Multnomah County Library. Our statewide courier is provided by the Orbis Cascade Alliance and was begun years ago with seed money from LSTA. The Oregon Association of School Libraries works with us to provide the Oregon School Library Information System with LSTA funds. We even partnered with the State Library of Ohio and the Cleveland Public Library to develop the open-source software we use for L-net.”

Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

1. Providing public library service to unserved/underserved populations: We invested lots of LSTA dollars in extending services to those populations with limited success. Our State Library Board probably won’t want to continue to invest so much LSTA funds as we have recently; however, it will continue to be an issue we need to grapple with somehow.
2. Opportunities: e-reference has great potential. It’s not mainstream yet, but we want Oregon to be among the leaders in this area.
3. Another opportunity is the excitement about open-source integrated library systems. The Sage Library System, which serves 11 counties in eastern Oregon, is migrating to Evergreen with two years of start-up funding from LSTA.

Program Goals for 2008–2012

- **Providing Access to Information Resources:** All Oregonians have access to high-quality library and information resources, anytime, anywhere, that help them achieve success in school, in the workplace, and in their daily lives.
- **Developing Information Literacy Skills:** All Oregonians possess the information literacy skills necessary to find, evaluate, and use the information resources that they need to succeed.

- **Fostering the Joy of Reading:** All Oregonians experience the joy of reading and develop and maintain a high level of reading ability.
- **Increasing Capacity to Provide Library Service:** Libraries in Oregon offer expanded access to information and educational resources, enhanced access to networked information, improved linkages between and among all types of libraries, and more effective services to populations targeted in LSTA because library staff have the knowledge, skills, and competencies they need to effectively advance the six LSTA purposes.
- **Using Technology to Expand Access and to Increase Efficiency:** Oregon libraries use cost-effective technologies to expand and enhance the access that all Oregonians have to information resources.
- **Positioning Libraries to Help Build Strong Communities:** Oregon libraries are centers of community life where Oregonians connect with information resources and with each other.

Exemplary Project: Oregon State University Library

Project title	A Federated Search Tool for Oregon Libraries
Library	Oregon State University Library
LSTA Funds Expended FY06	\$53,215
Total Cost FY06	\$100,424
Program Category	Library Service Expansion and Access, Information Infrastructure

This project created an open-source next-generation federated search tool. The tool searches across many databases and electronic collections at one time, providing users with the ability to do a single search, instead of having to search each database separately. A federated search tool called LibraryFind was developed and is made available to all via <http://libraryfind.org>. The software is now the primary search interface for databases licensed by Oregon State University Library. The Web site has a demo version of the software, documentation, live chat support, and a blog for software installers.