

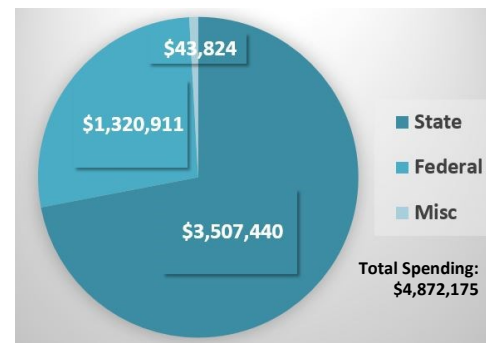
2015 IMLS Support to Idaho Libraries

The Idaho Commission for Libraries assists libraries to build the capacity to better serve their communities.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. In 2015, IMLS support to Idaho libraries came primarily through Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding and a National Leadership Grant to the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL).



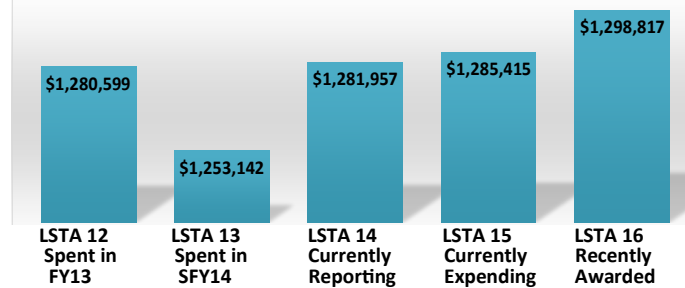
ICfL 2015 Spending



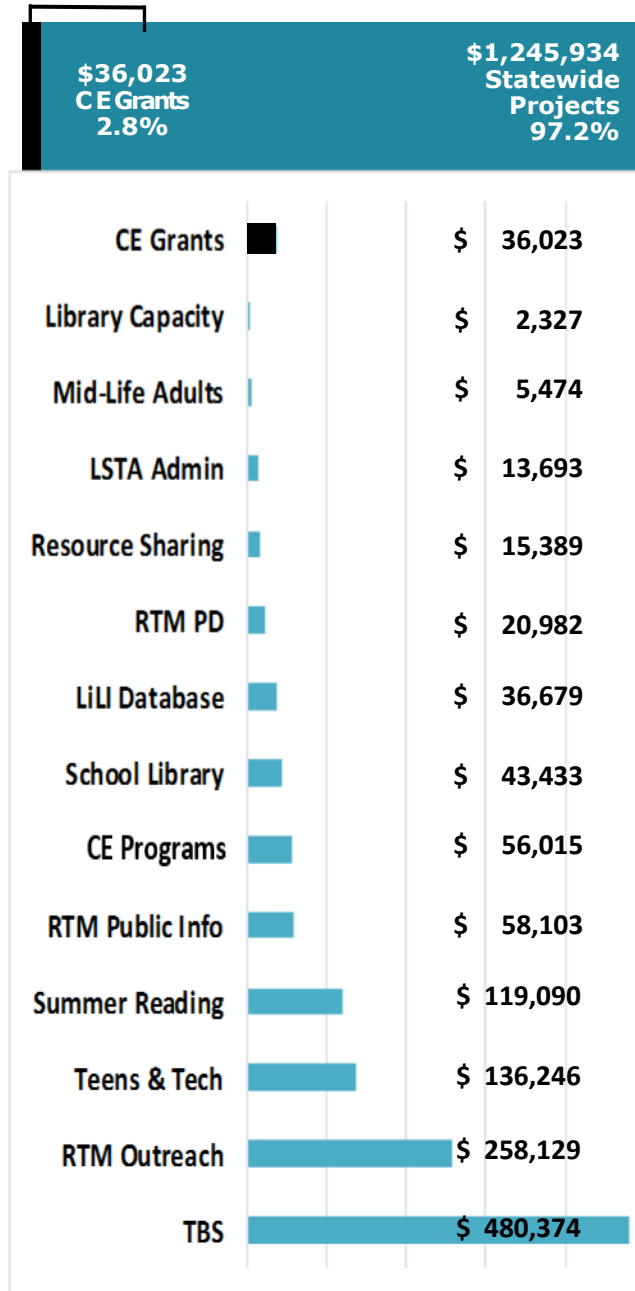
Library Services and Technology Act "Grants to States Program"

Each state receives an annual allocation, based on population, from IMLS through the LSTA Grants to States Program. ICfL uses Idaho's LSTA funds primarily for statewide projects—including scalable, replicable pilot projects—with additional focus on continuing education grants to individual libraries.

Idaho's Annual LSTA Allocation



Breakdown of Projects Spending—\$1,281,957 (LSTA 14)



Project Descriptions

Continuing Education (CE):

- **Grants:** Provide CE grants to public, school, and academic libraries.
- **Programs:** Strengthen Idaho libraries through professional development for library staff, directors, and trustees to enhance delivery of quality library services.

Let's Talk About It (LTAI): Brings together humanities scholars and adult readers to discuss American literature, serving 800-1,000 Idahoans at rural libraries each year.

Library Capacity Building: Encourages public, school, and academic libraries to develop and deliver innovative services. Tools to collect annual public library statistics.

Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI):

- **Database Training and Support:** Provides statewide access to online information resources for Idahoans through libraries and LiLI.org.
- **Statewide Resource Sharing:** Coordinates development of statewide interlibrary loan practices to improve information access for Idahoans.

Mid-Life Adults: Provides information, training, technical assistance, and resources for libraries and their community partners serving mid-life adults.

Read to Me (RTM):

- **Outreach:** Helps libraries reach underserved families and advances early literacy statewide by supporting Every Child Ready to Read, Jumpstart Kindergarten, Idaho Child Care Reads, Fun with Math & Science, and My First Book activities.
- **Professional Development (PD):** Offers ongoing training to increase knowledge, skills, and "best practice" abilities in early literacy for school and public library staff.
- **Public Info:** Helps librarians reach their communities' underserved families. Advances early literacy statewide by supporting Family Reading Week and Día de los Niños activities.

School Library Development: Helps school librarians develop and/or expand their library programs through education, training, and information dissemination.

Summer Reading: Supports statewide summer reading activities that offer children of all economic groups the opportunity to continue reading and learning throughout the summer.

Talking Book Service (TBS): Provides reading materials to Idaho residents unable to read standard print due to a physical disability. Is a regional library of the National Library Service.

Teens & Technology: Provides support and services to libraries serving young people 9-18 years and training to librarians serving that age group. Includes Maker activities.

National Leadership Grant

Routes to Reading: 2015 was the last year of a three-year \$250,000 Grade Level Reading Grant to significantly increase the amount of reading done in Idaho homes and child-care settings. Project components included TumbleBooks™ e-books for children; DayByDayID.org Storytimes Online; and "Books to Go" bins placed at Head Start sites, developmental preschools, child-care centers, and home-based child-care locations to give parents and caregivers convenient access to quality books pre-packaged with literacy materials. The grant project ended September 30, 2015.

85% of 4,889 parents who completed the "Books to Go" survey indicated they increased the amount of time spent reading to their children as a result of the program.



447 "Books to Go" bins with 45,599 books



80 public libraries working with 216 local partners



11,200 Idaho children with access to quality books