Connecticut uses LSTA funds to:

- Provide a statewide delivery service for library materials.
- Sustain and improve the academic progress of children and teens through summer reading programs.
- Provide access to reliable, high quality research resources through a statewide database program.
- Supply audiobooks and special listening devices to 5,000+ patrons with disabilities through the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- Help libraries reach underserved communities by providing supplementary collections of large print books, children’s materials, and audiobooks that can be borrowed for 90 days.
- Provide consultation, training, and professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of the library workforce.
- Offer grants to public libraries for early literacy programs and increased services for underserved populations.
- Assist libraries in helping patrons develop digital, financial, and health literacy skills.
- Collect and analyze statistics to create a statewide profile of library usage.

In 2016, Connecticut received $2,022,715 in LSTA funds.
The LSTA Program provides federal funds to support local libraries, statewide programs, and the people of Connecticut.

**Summer Reading**
Over the summer, 77,118 kids and teens read:
- 21,225,132 minutes
- 1,963,687 pages
- 469,945 books

To help retain their reading skills while school was out.

**Training**
30% of the CT library workforce received training from the State Library.

**Supplementary Collections**
Public and school libraries saved $607,256 by borrowing 33,513 children’s and young adult books, audiobooks, and large print books from the State Library to circulate to their patrons.

**Statewide Delivery**
To help libraries share books with patrons across the state, deliverIT CT drivers delivered 49,440 library items each week.

**Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**
LBPH circulated an average of 32.8 audiobooks to each active patron who is reading disabled.

**Statewide Databases**
Academic libraries are the heaviest users of researchIT CT

- 65%
- 20%
- 15%

**LSTA IN 1st DISTRICT**

**Bristol Public Library**
The library introduced 112 parents, caregivers, and pre-K children to easy and fun ways of incorporating early literacy activities into daily life. Every family went home with their own copy of "Little Red Hen."

**East Hartford Public Library**
The library taught pre-literacy skills to 60 parents, caregivers, and pre-K children and created 10 kits so families could practice their new skills at home.