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 new programs developed in response to community needs.
- 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 2018, Connecticut received $2,041,923 in LSTA funds.

Library Services and Technology Act funds are made available from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and are administered in Connecticut by the Division of Library Development, Connecticut State Library.
The LSTA Program provides federal funds to support local libraries, statewide programs, and the people of Connecticut.

### Summer Reading
Over the summer, **51,136** kids and teens read:
- **10,032,508** minutes
- **+2,542,657** pages
- **+ 345,741** books
to help retain their reading skills while school was out.

### Statewide Delivery
To help libraries share books with patrons across the state, deliverIT CT drivers delivered **28,815** library items each week.

### Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
LBPH circulated an average of **21.8 audiobooks** to each active patron who is reading disabled.

### Statewide Databases
State and LSTA investment in researchIT CT databases, used by **921** libraries, saved more than **$36.5 million**.

The E-rate Program provides funds for schools and libraries to improve their broadband access.

### E-rate in Connecticut
- **64** CT libraries saved a total of **$502,217** in FY18.
- **83%** of E-rate funding to CT libraries is for **fiber connections** and **internet access**.

### Faster Internet Access
In three years, libraries in **55 communities** across the state have improved internet speed on their public computers from 6 Mbps to more than **25 Mbps**. In many of these communities, residents have few, if any, other places to access free internet and WiFi.

### Public Services
At Beardsley Library, the new connection made a noticeable difference for people using the network for **job applications** and students using library computers for **online courses**. Durham Public Library now offers better connectivity for the many municipal boards, committees, and community groups that use their **meeting rooms**.