



Leveraging LSTA Funds for Community Impact

Authorization for IMLS and LSTA comes from the Museum and Library Services Act, which expires October 2025. MLSA re-authorization ensures the continuation of critical library services Oklahomans depend on.

RESOURCES FOR ALL OKLAHOMANS



Digital Resources

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries negotiates statewide subscriptions to critical resources such as EBSCO's research databases and Brainfuse. Negotiating at a state level realizes significant cost-savings to taxpayers. In FFY23, Oklahomans searched EBSCO nearly 118 million times. During this federal fiscal year alone, Brainfuse has been accessed over 114,000 times for its live tutoring, veteran benefit support, and career coaching for job seekers. The OK Virtual Library consortium is another life-changing resource that extends ebooks and audiobooks to rural communities; it offers access to thousands more electronic books than could ever be housed on library shelves.



Health Literacy

In FFY23, Oklahoma health literacy initiatives drew over 26,754 participants. Made possible with LSTA funds, libraries provided Story Trails in public parks, community gardens, healthy cooking classes, and fitness programs. These efforts have gained national recognition, highlighting Oklahoma's public libraries as hubs for promoting healthy behaviors and engagement in wellness activities.



Summer Reading

Parents depend on Summer Reading programs at their local libraries to actively combat the "summer slide," a phenomenon where students experience learning loss over summer break. Public libraries offer reading challenges, STEAM activities, and programs to develop the necessary skills for success in school and life. Every summer, hundreds of thousands of children and teens visit their local libraries to engage in these learning activities.

IMPACT STORY FROM A PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library Renovated to be ADA Compliant

Vinita, Craig County

Vinita Public Library recently completed renovations and reopened at its permanent location. The remodel was made possible by a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant, and it updated the building with ADA compliant features: push-button electric doors, an ADA accessible restroom, a second entrance to the Heritage room, flooring throughout, a new processing room, with accessible sidewalks and decks in the courtyard. Local donors also contributed to make this change possible!

»» **"We have been planning this renovation for more than two years and now it is almost ready. This is such a blessing for our city and our community!"** – Vanessa Hicks, Vinita Public Library Director

Public Libraries At-A-Glance

222 Libraries serving more than **4M** 

1.9M

Oklahomans have
library cards



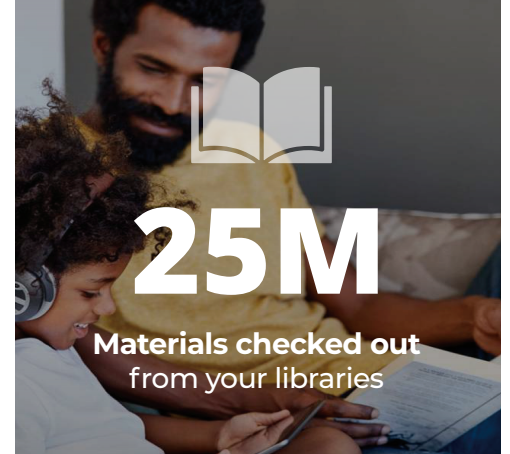
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Oklahomans attended
library programs



≥100

MPBS Broadband
in every district



RESOURCES FOR ALL OKLAHOMA LIBRARIES



Public Library Websites

The Oklahoma Public Library Websites Program supports libraries by providing web templates and training to help them independently manage and maintain their websites. This project ensures librarians have the tools and knowledge needed to maintain an effective online presence. Through this project, Oklahomans have 24/7 access to essential information and services, such as eBook downloads, material reservations, and library card requests.



Public Library Academy

The nine certification classes offered through ODL provide directors and other library staff with the vital skills and knowledge necessary to run an effective public library. In FFY23, 75 individuals received initial certification. Additionally, 737 students attended certification classes, and 27 received grants to attend professional conferences.