



In 2014-15, Florida received **\$7,967,170**. Those funds were put to use in a variety of ways.

## FEDERAL FUNDS IN FLORIDA

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds are used in Florida on a statewide level to benefit all of Florida's residents. Individual libraries and organizations also use LSTA funds on local and regional levels.

### FLORIDA MEMORY

Florida Memory is an interactive website that provides access to Florida history in the form of **more than 583,500 digitized audio recordings, documents, photographs, films and video clips**. The site offers the opportunity to explore rich historical treasures from the collections of the State Archives of Florida while increasing the public's access to primary source materials. In 2014-15, Florida Memory had over **90 million views** from all over the world. [floridamemory.com](http://floridamemory.com)



### FLORIDA LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAM

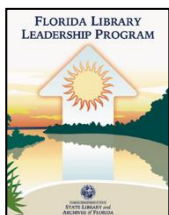


The Florida Library Youth Program provides information and resources to youth services staff in order to promote services for children, families, tweens and teens in public libraries. Each year, the Bureau of Library Development provides public libraries with program manuals, regional staff development workshops and promotional materials in English and Spanish. Using these resources, local libraries sponsor summer library-based activities, story times and craft programs related to early literacy. In 2014-15, **1,168,477 youths** participated in **39,615 programs**. [info.florida.gov/services-for-libraries/florida-library-youth-program](http://info.florida.gov/services-for-libraries/florida-library-youth-program)

### FLORIDA ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

The Florida Electronic Library is a collection of electronic resources available 24 hours a day from any location with Internet access. Florida residents can receive information, free of charge, from the privacy of their home, office or public school on any device. In 2014-15, the Florida Electronic Library had a total of **11,450,216 sessions** and **23,958,184 database searches**. [flelibrary.org](http://flelibrary.org)

### FLORIDA LIBRARY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



The Florida Library Leadership Program focuses on building and broadening the **library leadership skills** of participants by expanding their access to information and educational resources, developing public and

private partnerships as a means to leverage resources, improving services to diverse populations and targeting services to the underserved. [info.florida.gov/services-for-libraries/more-programs/leadership](http://info.florida.gov/services-for-libraries/more-programs/leadership)

### FLORIDA LIBRARY WEBINARS

Florida Library Webinars offers Web-based training to all current Florida library staff members, helping them better serve the citizens of Florida. Employees have access to an average of three to five live training sessions each week. In 2014-15, Florida Library Webinars made available **817 sessions**, and **31,214 staff members** participated in live sessions or accessed recorded webinars and tutorials. [floridalibrarywebinars.org](http://floridalibrarywebinars.org)

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

A return on investment study undertaken in 2014-15 revealed that for every tax dollar received, Florida public libraries provide **\$10.18 in economic return**.



## E-GOVERNMENT AND WORKFORCE RECOVERY

The Bureau of Library Development continues to broaden e-government services for libraries throughout Florida by coordinating individual libraries' e-government projects in accordance with a statewide vision; coordinating the creation of statewide e-government Web portals; promoting libraries' development of partnerships with government, non-profit and community agencies; and providing webinars to train library staff on delivering e-government services.



The **e-government and employment services roles** public libraries play are particularly important for those who do not have high-speed Internet or computer access in the home, lack technology skills or expertise, or have difficulty understanding and using e-government services.

## GET HELP FLORIDA



Get Help Florida is a statewide portal that provides e-government resources for those in need. The site organizes **hundreds of resources by category**, enabling users to quickly and easily locate agencies that can assist them, regardless of their needs. [gethelpflorida.org](http://gethelpflorida.org)

## RIGHT SERVICE AT THE RIGHT TIME

Right Service at the Right Time is a user-friendly search engine designed to match patrons with the **right resources to meet their specific needs**. Right Service at the Right Time helps people looking for assistance with daily needs, housing, healthcare, transportation and employment. [rightservicefl.org](http://rightservicefl.org)



## ASK A LIBRARIAN

Ask a Librarian provides live virtual reference services for Floridians. In 2014-15, Ask a Librarian had **72,447 live, text and email reference sessions** – nearly 200 per day! [askalibrarian.org](http://askalibrarian.org)

## FLORIDA LIBRARY JOBS

The Florida Library Jobs website helps libraries find librarians and librarians find jobs. In 2014-15, **454 jobs** were posted to the site, which served **3,769 active job seekers**. [floridalibraryjobs.org](http://floridalibraryjobs.org)

## E-RATE ASSISTANCE

Libraries received more than **\$4.2 million** and schools and libraries received a total of **\$78.9 million** in E-Rate funding in Florida for 2014-15. E-Rate assistance helps libraries obtain the E-Rate telecommunications discounts provided by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. E-Rate also provides support for broadband planning and implementation.

## STATEWIDE DELIVERY SERVICE



The statewide delivery service facilitates the exchange of library materials for resource sharing. The Florida Library Ground Delivery Service delivered **234,834 packages** of library materials during the 2014-15 program year. [tblc.org/delivery](http://tblc.org/delivery)

## EXPANDING LIBRARY SERVICES

The Bureau of Library Development's core program, Expanding Library Services, **assists and supports libraries in Florida**. Bureau staff work proactively with local library staff, governing officials, and trustees and community participants to ensure that Florida's public libraries are strong and vigorous. The program improves the sharing of library resources statewide. Division staff from several bureaus collaborate to promote digital literacy skills, research electronic resources, implement statewide digitization practices and explore innovation in Florida's libraries.

## COMPETITIVE GRANTS

LSTA funds also support activities such as early and adult literacy and continuing education by individual libraries and organizations at **local and regional** levels throughout Florida.

