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## Library Appropriations June 2009

### Importance of Federal Funding

The amount of funding that a library receives directly influences the quality of its services to the public. While the majority of funding for libraries comes from state and local sources, federal funding provides critical assistance and gives libraries across the country the financial support they need to serve their communities.

Federal support for libraries encourages improved efficiency and cost-effectiveness of library services, enhances shared public access to information, promotes the use of technology, encourages the sharing of resources, and results in other collaborations and outreach not feasible across local and state boundaries.

### Library Services and Technology Act and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program

Due to the surge in library use as a result of a weak economy, increasing funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to \$300 million and \$100 million for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill will

- 1) ensure that Americans of all ages have sufficient access to library and information services,
- 2) support the recruitment and professional development of the next generation of librarians, and
- 3) provide libraries the resources they need to improve literacy skills and academic achievement.

In both the House and the Senate, members of Congress circulated letters of support for the LSTA and the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. House signers include (26): Reps. Grijalva (D-AZ), Baldwin (D-WI), Ehlers (R-MI), Hinchey (D-NY), Holt (D-NJ), Lewis (D-GA), Oberstar (D-MN), Ross (D-AR), Van Hollen (D-MD), Waxman (D-CA), Skelton (D-MO), Tonko (D-NY), Shea-Porter (D-NH), Hodes (D-NH), Lance (R-NJ), Massa (D-NY), Loeb sack (D-IA), Capps (D-CA), Payne (D-NJ), Pingree (D-ME), Rahall (D-WV), Kucinich (D-OH), Hall (D-NY), Michaud (D-ME), Shimkus (R-IL), and Schwartz (D-PA).

Senate signers include (41): Sens. Reed (RI), Snowe (Maine), Kohl (WI), Lautenberg (NJ), Cardin (MD), Gillibrand (NY), Lieberman (CT), Wyden (OR), Boxer (CA), Lincoln (AK), Kennedy (MA), Menendez (NJ), Bingaman (NM), Whitehouse (RI), Sanders (VT), Levin (MT), Schumer (NY), Rockefeller (WV), Conrad (ND), Johnson (SD), Burr (IL), Tester (MT), Casey (PA), Dodd (CT), Baucus (MT), Burr (NC), Leahy (VT), Merkley (OR), Bunning (KY), Brown (OH), Shaheen (NH), Cantwell (WA), Akaka (HI), Stabenow (MI), Mikulski (MD), Feingold (WI), Klobuchar (MN), Udall (Tom) (NM), Udall (Mark) (CO), Bennet (Michael) (CO) and Begich (AK).

### Government Printing Office Funding and Additional Federal Funding For Libraries

The United States Government Printing Office (GPO) requested \$166.3 million for FY 2010. The investment in systems and services to provide the public with government publications will ensure that valuable electronic government information created today will be discoverable, accessible and preserved for future generations.

Additional federal funding is essential for the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library, the National Library of Medicine as well as the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### Action Needed:

Advocates should contact their senators and representatives to tell them how state budget cuts are impacting the services provided at their libraries. Ask them to support an increase in federal funding for libraries.

<b>Funding for Selected Programs</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009 President's Request</b>	<b>FY 2009 Final</b>
Library Services and Technology Act	\$203,519	\$199,933	\$214,432	\$212,179
Grants to State Library Agencies	\$163,746	\$160,855	\$171,500	\$171,500
Native American Library Services	\$3,638	\$3,574	\$3,717	\$3,717
National Leadership	\$12,375	\$12,159	\$12,715	\$12,437
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Library Professionals	\$23,760	\$23,345	\$26,500	\$24,525
National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)	\$983	\$400 close out activities	\$0	\$0
National Archives and Record Administration				\$330,300
GPO Total				\$141,000
GPO Superintendent of Documents	\$33,000	\$35,000	\$43,426	\$38,744
Library of Congress	\$508,000	\$562,000	\$645,800	\$607,000
Talking Book Program	X	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$29,000
<b>Department of Education</b>				
Title I, Grants to Local Education Agencies (ESEA I-A)	\$12,713,125	\$13,898,875	\$14,304,901	\$14,492,401
Even Start (ESEA I-B-3)	\$111,584	\$66,545	\$0	\$65,454
Reading First State Grants (ESEA I-B- 1)	\$1,018,692	\$393,012	\$1,000,000	\$0
Early Reading First (ESEA I-B-2)	\$103,118	\$112,549	\$112,549	\$112,549
Striving Readers Initiative	\$31,596	\$35,371	\$100,000	\$35,371
Improving Literacy Through School Libraries (ESEA I-B-4)	\$19,486	\$19,145	\$19,145	\$19,145
Education Technology (ESEA II-D-1 &2)	\$273,062	\$267,494	\$0	\$269,872
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (ESEA IV-B)	\$981,180	\$1,081,166	\$800,000	\$1,131,166
Innovative Ed. Prog. Strategies (ESEA V-Part A)	\$99,183	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inexpensive Book Distribution (RIF) (ESEA V-D, 5)	\$25,043	\$23,831	\$0	\$24,803
Carl D. Perkins State Grants	\$1,181,553	\$1,160,911	\$0	\$1,160,911
Adult Education & Literacy State Grants	\$564,074	\$554,122	\$554,122	\$554,122
Adult Education National Leadership	\$9,005	\$6,878	\$14,000	\$6,878
National Institute for Literacy	\$6,583	\$6,468	\$6,468	\$6,468
<b>Institute of Education Sciences</b>				
Educational Research	\$162,535	\$159,696	\$167,196	\$167,196
Educational Statistics	\$89,952	\$88,494	\$104,593	\$98,521
Educational Assessment	\$93,117	\$104,063	\$138,844	\$138,844
<b>Other Agencies &amp; Programs</b>				
Head Start (HHS)	\$6,789,000	\$6,900,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,100,000
National Endowment for the Arts	\$124,000	\$145,000	\$128,412	\$155,000
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$139,000	\$145,000	\$132,242	\$155,000