



Federal Funding in Arkansas Libraries



The Arkansas State Library uses its Library Services and Technology Act funding to provide enhancements to library services that are available to all Arkansans.

SUMMER READING

Through the Summer Reading project and its activities, the Arkansas State Library supports the vital efforts of public librarians and educators to promote literacy during the summer months. The State Library provides materials, trainings, and tools to make Summer Reading a fun and enriching program across Arkansas' public libraries.

ARKANSAS DIGITAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (ADLC)

The Arkansas Digital Library Consortium (ADLC) pools the buying power of Arkansas public libraries to purchase eBooks and digital audiobooks. In 2022, ADLC's open consortium had 42 members with 144 individual library branches. Users of those member libraries have access to over 99,000 titles.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED (LBPD)

The Arkansas State Library is the local network operator of the National Library Service (NLS) at the Library of Congress. The NLS is a free library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision or blindness, or have a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Eligible patrons may receive books and magazines in braille or audio format through free mail delivery or digital download.

E-RATE & TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The E-Rate for Public Libraries at the Arkansas State Library directly assists libraries in applying for the Universal Service "E-Rate" program for schools and libraries, as well as the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program.

TRAVELER STATEWIDE DATABASES

Traveler provides reputable digital resources for every Arkansas resident. Resources provided include language learning, encyclopedias, STEAM curriculum support, journals, and a variety of others. The Arkansas State Library is the only state library agency in the nation providing exceptional online digital resources to every resident of the state through its K-12, academic, public, and special libraries. With an annual budget of just over \$850,000, the State Library's subscriptions to the Traveler resources provide a return on investment of over \$53 million.

DIGITAL SERVICES

The Arkansas State Library provides all Arkansans with access to government information through its roles as the official State Documents Depository, State and Local Government Publications Clearinghouse, and the Regional Federal Depository Library for the state of Arkansas.

MOCKINGBIRD VIRTUAL UNION CATALOG

Mockingbird provides a platform for Arkansas libraries to share their catalogs with all Arkansas residents. Users can view multiple libraries' catalogs and collections, making it possible for library users around the state to discover items and request them through their local libraries.

ARKANSAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK

This affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book provides programs such as the Book Club Project, Arkansas Gems, and If All Arkansas Read the Same Book. The Book Club Project offers 12 copies of more than 250 titles to 60 adult and teen library book clubs throughout the state.

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