



Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS)

Rhode Island Department of Administration

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Strengthening libraries to advance knowledge, connect communities and enrich the lives of all Rhode Islanders.

State Funded Programs

State Library Aid to Municipalities*

- Supports public library services in every municipality; funds collections, programs, staffing, consortium fees
- RIGL 29-6-2: 25% of tax-based, endowment expenditures
- Municipal basis (FY2016): \$34,205,240
- FY2018: \$8,598,411 (22.79% of expenditures)

Public Library Construction Reimbursement*

- Up to 50% of eligible costs of construction, renovation
- Reimbursement paid over a period 20 years following completion of project
- Current project: Providence Public Library, Feb. 2020
- FY2018: \$2,161,627 15 projects in 14 communities

Statewide Reference Resource Center (AskRI.org)*

- Online reference and research databases, learning tools, tutorials
- Language learning: 70 languages, 19 ESL courses
- Online test preparation resources for college, career
- Business directories and research databases
- Free access anywhere in Rhode Island at anytime
- FY2018: \$701,052

Library of Rhode Island: Statewide Resource Sharing

- 208 libraries: school, public, academic, hospital, special
- Over 10 million items available thru local libraries
- 2.1 million items shared annually thru OLIS-LORI Delivery
- Interlibrary loans for materials not available in-state
- Interstate delivery with Massachusetts libraries to expand resources available to Rhode Islanders

Federal Funded Programs

Talking Books Library

- Provides reading material to people who are blind, visually impaired, or physically disabled
- Digital cartridges, machines mailed free of charge
- 83,000 titles available for free online download
- Serves 1,500 Rhode Islanders and 70 institutions

Summer Reading Program

- Motivates kids to read for pleasure, maintain reading skills
- 70 public library facilities
- 12,846 children, 2,234 teens participated in 2018
- 13,657 children, teens and adults attended programs coordinated by OLIS at libraries across the state

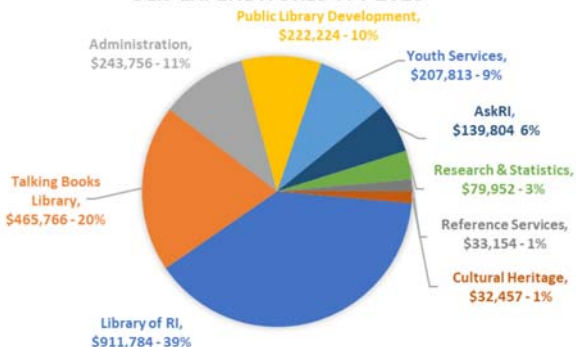
Public Library Development

- Continuing education for librarians, library staff (54 programs, 801 attendees in 2018)
- Support for services to children, teens, adults
- Data collection and statistics
- Disaster preparedness and preservation
- eRate assistance
- Library construction support services

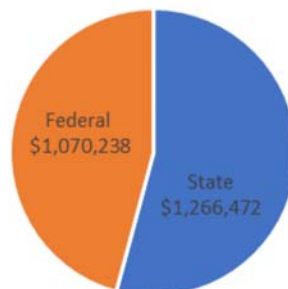
Partnerships

- Dept. of Corrections — families affected by incarceration
- Dept. of Education — adult education, RI Reads
- Dept. of Health — opioid reversal training
- RI Emergency Management Agency — disaster response
- RI Commerce Corporation — small business support
- RI Council for the Humanities — Kids Reading Across RI

OLIS EXPENDITURES FFY 2018



SOURCE OF FUNDS 2018



*Total State Aid to Libraries

FY2018	\$11,523,699
OLIS Budget	
FY2018	\$2,770,642
General Revenue:	\$1,476,759
Federal Funds:	\$1,288,383
Restricted Receipts:	\$5,500
13 FTEs (12 funded in 2018)	
<i>Federal funding is provided through the Institute of Museum & Library Services.</i>	