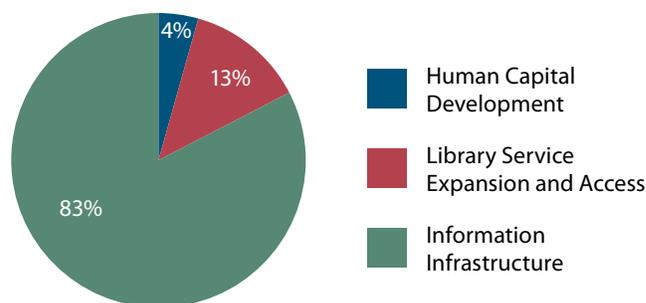


# LSTA GRANTS TO STATES PROFILE: VERMONT



## Projects by Strategy, FY 2003–2006



This fact sheet provides information about the State Library Administrative Agency, LSTA Grants to States programs by category, expenditures by fiscal year (2003–2006), interview highlights with the chief officer, and the program goals for 2008–2012.

## State Library Administrative Agency Information

<b>Agency name</b>	Vermont Department of Libraries
<b>Agency governance</b>	Part of the Agency of Administration
<b>Population served in 2006</b>	620,196
<b>FY 2006 total expenditures</b>	\$3,582,000
<b>Grants to States allotment total for FY 2003–2006</b>	\$3,063,615
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Martha Reid, State Librarian
<b>Web site</b>	www.libraries.vermont.gov

## Interview Highlights with the Chief Officer, Martha Reid

### Greatest Program Impact in the Last Five Years:

“There has been an enormous impact; without LSTA the Department of Libraries program would essentially collapse. The biggest impact is in technology and aligning that with resource sharing. LSTA-funded programs include: (1) the Vermont Online Library databases available to public, school, and academic libraries, and (2) the Vermont Automated Library System (VALS), the statewide technology infrastructure that supports basic Internet access for small libraries, e-mail–based interlibrary loan, and two linked union library catalogs.”

### Delivery of Library Services:

“Vermont does not have regional library systems or cooperatives. The (approximately) 190 public libraries are stand-alone institutions—municipal or incorporated, and school and academic libraries are also independent institutions. However, we have a growing number of library consortia

## Program Data by Fiscal Year, FY 2003–2006

Vermont	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	All Years
<b>Total allotment</b>	618,870	\$757,197	\$815,233	\$872,315	3,063,615
<b>Number of projects reported</b>	11	9	11	12	43
<b>Largest project amount</b>	\$114,776	\$176,417	\$198,788	\$232,032	
<b>Median project amount</b>	\$67,672	\$104,602	\$45,697	\$45,872	

and collaborative groups in the state. The Association of Vermont Independent Colleges (AVIC) has a roundtable for librarians; the Vermont State College librarians have shared agreements and cooperative projects; and the Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries (VCAL) is a newly formed group of 20 NEASC- (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accredited academic institutions. The Green Mountain Library Consortium, formed in 2007, includes more than 100 libraries of all types. Members pooled their funds to purchase a shared subscription to Overdrive downloadable audio and plan other projects. In addition, a group of libraries is developing a grassroots open-source ILS (integrated library system) network with Koha.”

#### Challenges in the Coming Five Years:

- **Funding is critical.** The state general fund is shrinking; the department budget was cut 6 percent in FY 2009 and there will be further cuts in FY 2010. There is no direct state aid to public libraries .... Vermont libraries depend on multiple sources of funding, including grants, some of which are administered by the Department of Libraries.
- **Technology.** Keeping up with equipment, software, and training. Expanded broadband service across the state has been identified as a critical need for economic development and the Department is working with other agencies to improve citizen access to high-speed Internet. There is a huge demand for additional statewide library technology, including an improved library union catalog and an updated resource-sharing management system. Balancing the needs of small libraries with the expectations of larger libraries is another challenge. Our citizens expect excellent service but our larger libraries fall short of being “cutting edge” and our smallest libraries struggle to provide even basic services.

#### Program Goals for 2008–2012

- Vermonters will have electronic access to high-quality information resources.
- Vermonters will have access to the wealth of information and materials available in Vermont’s libraries and

beyond, through enhanced and expanded resource sharing and cooperative efforts among libraries

- Vermonters will have access to a wide range of high quality library services to meet their lifelong learning, informational, recreational, and occupational needs and interests.
- Vermont children, Vermonters with disabilities or who have difficulty using a library as well as Vermonters of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds will have equitable access to a wide range of high-quality library services to meet their lifelong learning, informational, recreational, and occupational needs and interests.

#### Exemplary Project: Vermont Department of Libraries

<b>Project title</b>	Reference & Interlibrary Loan Services—DOL/UVM Access Office
<b>Library</b>	Vermont Department of Libraries
<b>LSTA Funds Expended FY06</b>	\$46,197
<b>Total Cost FY06</b>	\$46,197
<b>Program Category</b>	Information Infrastructure

This project allows the State Library Agency, the Department of Libraries (DOL), to make the resources of the state land-grant institution, the University of Vermont (UVM) libraries available to libraries and their users on a state-wide basis. A formal agreement between UVM and DOL provides an LSTA grant to the university for expansion of its reference collections (made available to all Vermonters as a result of the Access Office), while providing for a DOL staff member to be housed at UVM’s Bailey/Howe Library in order to make use of that library’s resources to assist libraries statewide. DOL’s staff member, a professional librarian, works 20 hours per week at the Bailey/Howe Library, and handles all in-state interlibrary loan requests to UVM from Vermont libraries of all types and makes use of that library’s reference and other collections to assist Vermont’s local libraries with their information needs.