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West Virginia Library Commission Annual Report 2022

The West Virginia Library Commission aids public libraries in developing a culture that values reading, education, and freedom of access to information, by providing resources, services, consultation, and programs that support learning and literacy to every library.

The Library Commission focuses on providing West Virginians with print disabilities access to information needed to be informed, productive citizens by enhancing the service capacity of public and academic libraries of West Virginia.

Did You Know?

West Virginia Public Libraries

Fiscal Year 2022



2,156,487
West Virginia Library Visits

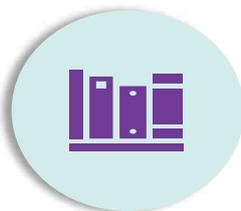
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West Virginians have a library card



WV Libraries provide access to millions of items in their collections...

Print Materials



4,476,357

Videos



2,259,778

Audio items



6,080,888



1,215
Patron Internet Terminals
3,138,954
Website visits

237,529
Annual users of Public Internet Resources. This is an increase of **64,819** users from 2021



233,014 Total Program attendance

17,283 total programs offered



171 library locations statewide



636 full-time equivalent staff



4,592,607
Circulated Material



Data is from annual Public Libraries Survey administered by IMLS, fiscal year 2022



Library & Development Services

The Library Commission provides daily service and professional knowledge to all 96 public library systems. The staff includes professionals in library operations, statistics, collection development, cataloging, and programming for all ages.

This year's summer learning program was **Oceans of Possibility**. Supplemental programming information produced by the agency included both in-person and online options.

The Appalachian Heritage Writer-In-Residence Program at Shepherd University and the WV Center for the Book at the WV Library Commission, selected **Flight Behavior** by Barbara Kingsolver as its 2022 One Book, One West Virginia statewide read. Access to the digital version of **Flight Behavior** and supplemental discussion guides were provided to libraries and book discussion groups to encourage community discussion.

Ensures West Virginians can access current and reliable information by providing in-depth research services and collections.

The Library Commission ensures that library staff, state employees, and all citizens have access to reliable information in various formats.

- As a member of the West Virginia Library Network Consortia, the state's largest public library consortia, usage of Library Commission physical resources by patrons, schools and libraries increased 156%
- Our digital resources usages increased by 81%

Other highlights for 2022 include increased usage of our Book Discussion Group Collection, as COVID restrictions loosened, for an increase of 212% over 2021.

Use of the WVInfoDepot database suite that is available to all state citizens continued to increase. 2022 saw 55,549,941 search queries during 24,371,083 unique sessions, resulting in 27,083,649 articles viewed.



This year's Family Read Week theme was **Share the Power of Imagination!** Libraries across the state encouraged parents and caregivers to read with their children. The agency provided themed guidebooks for parents and libraries with ideas, readings lists, activities, promotional material, and reading tips.





Television Services



The Library Television Network produced 168 Television shows, which is 33 more than the previous year and introduced two new programs, [Healing Our Communities](#) hosted by the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute and [United for Good](#) hosted by United Way of Central West Virginia. They distributed 330 shows free of charge to 9 affiliate stations around the state to cover additional viewing areas.

This past year the studio was able to undergo a full equipment upgrade to a 1080i High Definition (HD) video format. This additional upgrade package allowed the Network the ability to shoot, record and now broadcast productions from the studio in 1080i HD. The studio cameras and the production switcher are able to shoot in 4K and 6K video resolutions. This will allow the studio to upgrade with just a few new pieces of equipment when the time comes to transition without having to completely revamp everything.

Television Services special productions:

Poetry Out Loud

YouTube Channel Statistics

The Secretary of State's Office

Various Library Based

The Division of Arts

Kanawha County Public Library





Blind & Print Services

Ensuring West Virginia's that can not utilize traditional print materials have access to recouses and services.



The Regional Library for the Blind and Print Disabled provides information and reading materials in accessible formats to West Virginia residents who are unable to use standard print because of a visual, physical, or reading disability.

In fiscal year 2022, the WVLC Special Services Department added three subregional libraries (Huntington, Parkersburg, Romney) to the Duplication-on-Demand process. These three locations continue to function as Reader Advisors for patrons in their communities. In total, the Charleston and sub-regional Special Services Departments combined to circulate 204,732 downloadable resources and 2,121 large print and braille items. Newsline is an audio service of the National Federation of the Blind and offers over 500 publications, weather forecasts, breaking news alerts, and job listings via telephone, email, computer, or smart device. A few popular national and regional resources include the [Wall Street Journal](#), [USA Today](#), [Charleston Gazette](#), [Huntington Herald Dispatch](#), [Parkersburg News Sentinel](#), [The Martinsburg Journal](#), and [Times West Virginia](#).

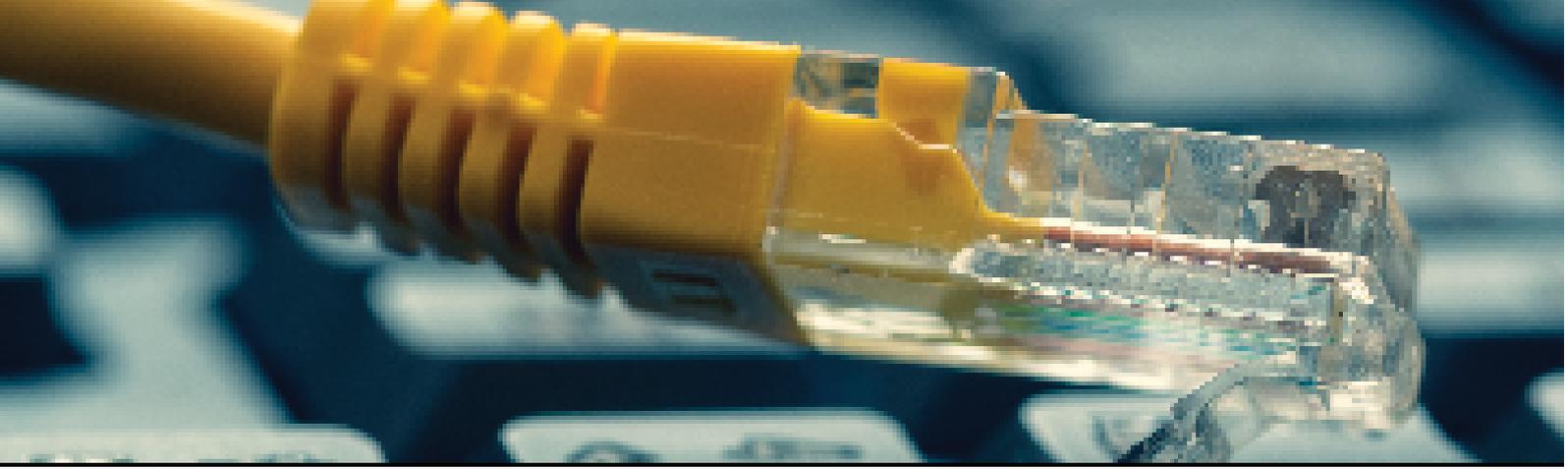
Duplication on Demand (DoD)

Duplication on Demand (DOD) Allows the library to provide the entire catalog of recordings without having to house them.

Highlights

179,019 digital books downloaded for patrons at the Regional Library.

25,713 digital books Downloaded for patrons from the Sub-regional Libraries



Information Technology

The WV Library Commission provides and supports Internet accessibility, hardware, and software for libraries across West Virginia. Recognized as important community anchor institutions, West Virginia libraries provide residents access to employment, education and other essential Internet based services and resources.

During the fiscal year the agency ordered and distributed virtual meeting kits. These kits consisted of a laptop, audio-headset, webcam, and ring-light for video conferencing. 150 switches and 170 Wi-Fi units were also ordered. In coordination with the WV Office of Technology, the switches will be distributed and installed during an upcoming re-cabling project.



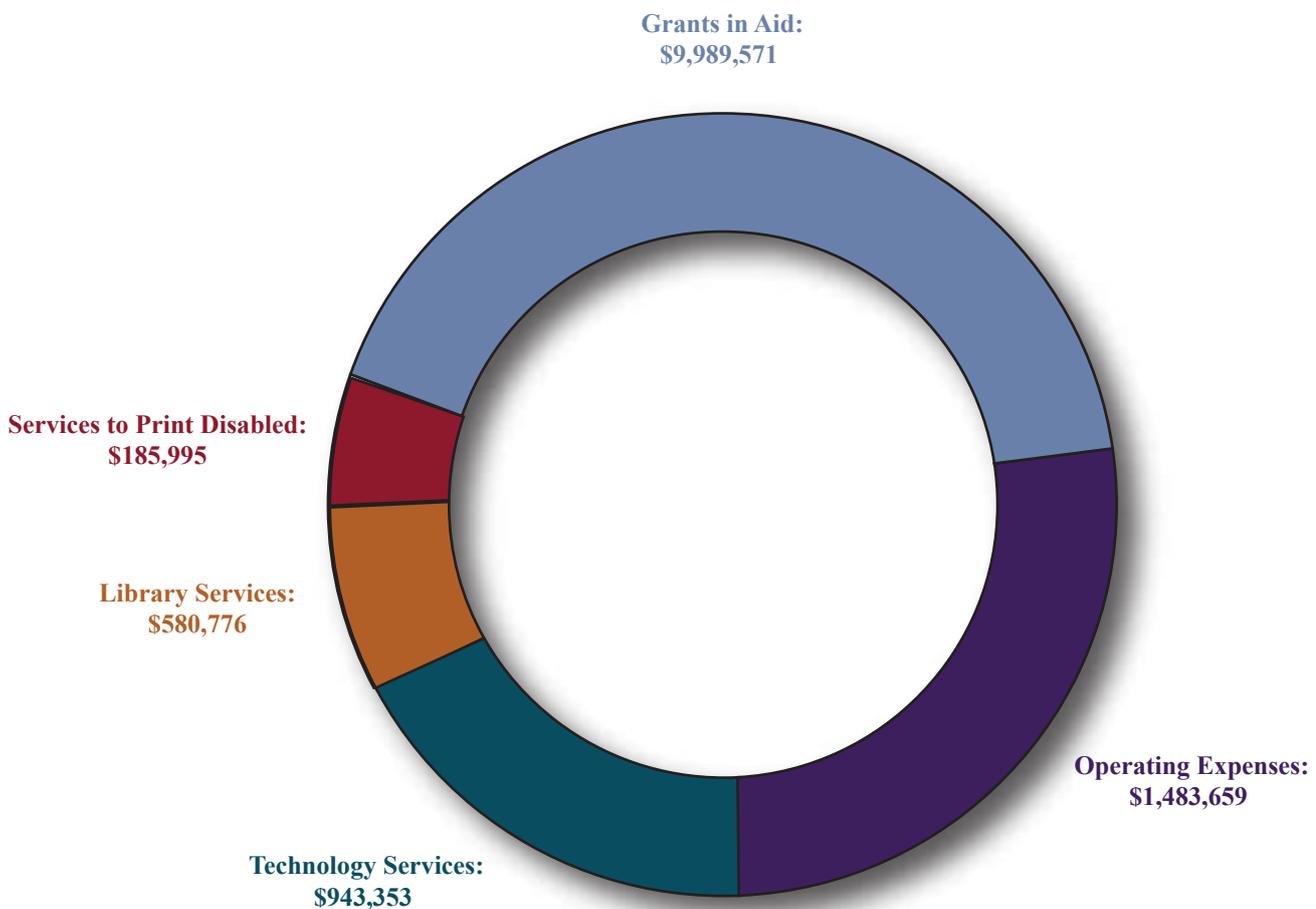
Broadband capacity was upgraded to 500 Mbps for 141 libraries, thus fulfilling the agency’s FY2021 goal. This upgrade also included content filtering services. The filtering service ensures compliance of the Children’s Internet Protection Act.

The WV Library Commission files for funding from the Federal E-rate program on behalf of 140 public libraries. This application generated a Funding Commitment of \$729,703.80 from Universal Service Administrative Co. which is the administer of the E-rate program. This funding significantly reduces the cost of the non-discounted portion of eligible Broadband services to the agency.

Funding and Finances

The Library Commission receives both state and federal funding. The state provides operational funds for the agency. In addition, the West Virginia Legislature supports public libraries by providing state aid to the Grants in Aid (GIA) and Service Center Grants programs. Funding to public libraries is administered through the agency and is distributed quarterly to public libraries. The amount each library receives is based on a per-capita formula.

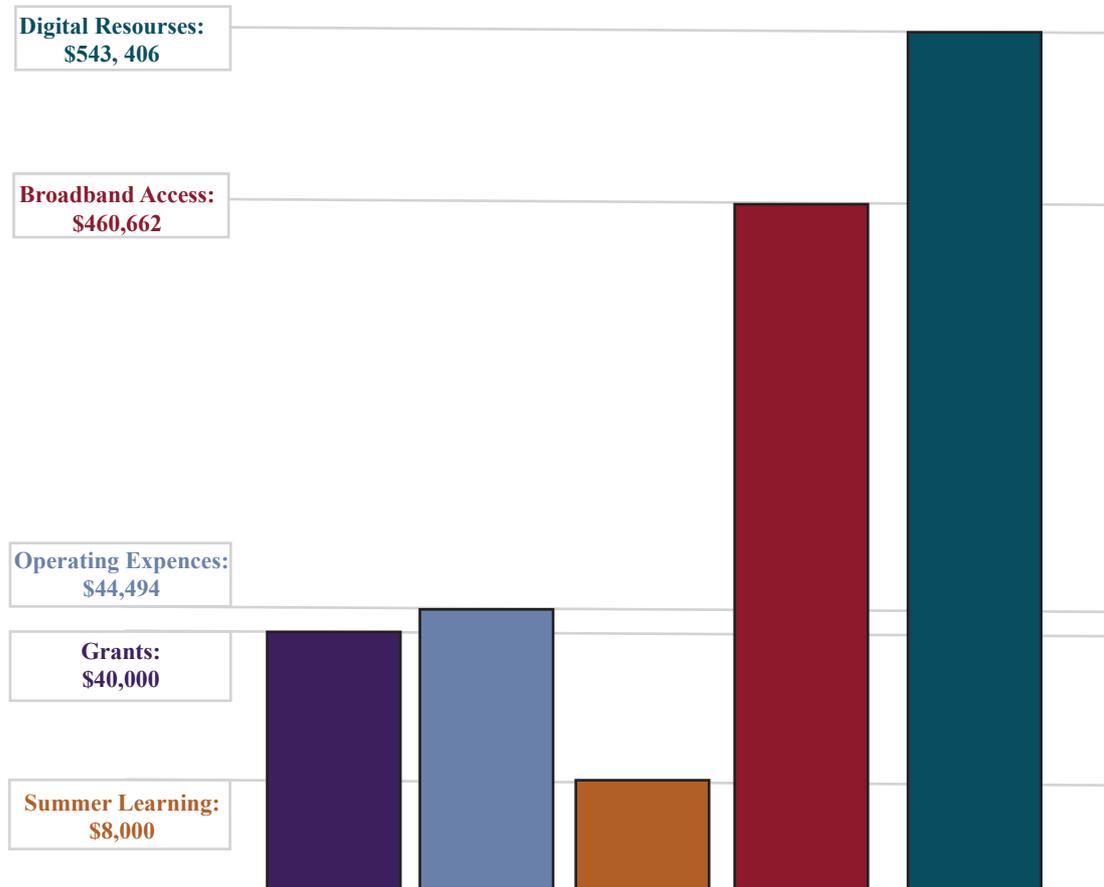
State Aid Information



Federal funds are appropriated by Congress and received through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Library Commission uses funds from the IMLS Grants to States Program and to support statewide library development. Federal dollars fund West Virginia's Summer Learning Program, Family Read Week, digital resources for all citizens, the Blind and Print Disabled services, and broadband in each library. Funds from ARPA were used to enhance and expand these services.

Federal Grants Information

The Library Commission provides direct grants to West Virginia libraries with LSTA grant funding it receives each year. Grants are only awarded after a satisfactory application showing need and are contingent on available funds. The majority of LSTA funds are used for statewide projects that assist all libraries and West Virginians. To receive allotments from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Library Commission must have a current five-year plan that has been approved by IMLS that corresponds with the LSTA priorities.



Use of LSTA and ARPA Funds:

- Access to several library services platforms that allows West Virginians to access public library collections.
- High-speed broadband access for 141 West Virginia public libraries.
- Library development services to West Virginia public libraries include consultations, and continuing education opportunities.
- Noncompetitive grant awards to public libraries to increase digital resource availability, access to high speed internet, through mobile hotspots, in their communities.
- Statewide databases, including Consumer Health Complete, Job & Career Accelerator, Learning Express Library, and World Book Online.
- Summer library program materials distribution to West Virginia public libraries.
- Virtual educational/reading program for all West Virginia public libraries to hold events year-round. Replacing existing public Personal Computers in the library. Personnel Providing public Access computers, security cameras and sanitizing devices.



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