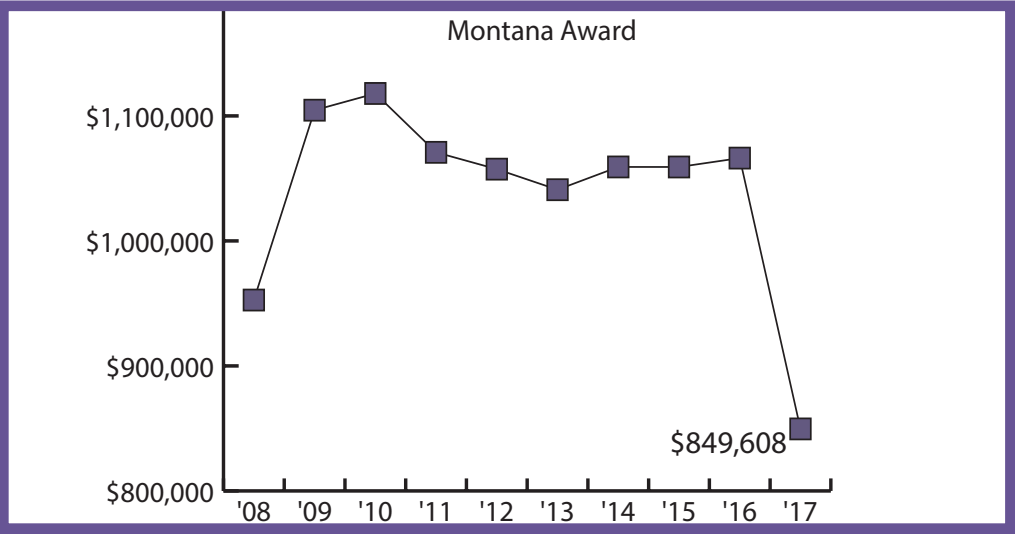


Library Services and Technology Act - Montana Award over Time



The Library Services and Technology Act – known as LSTA – provides **about 40 percent** of the Montana State Library’s **budget for assisting and advising** tax-supported Montana libraries, and for library **services to Montanans who are blind and physically disabled**. The Montana State Library uses our LSTA award to pay for personnel, technology and programing costs.

Early in February, we learned that our official FY 2017 award might drop by 20 percent – from about \$1.1 million to \$849,000. We may be forced to significantly reduce services to Montanans – like the **Partners’ Sharing Group**; **Montana Library2Go**; the **Montana Shared Catalog**; **Professional Development**; and our **Lifelong Learning** for all ages.

Please support us in providing these important, free services to your constituents. #LibrariesMatter. #MTLibraries.



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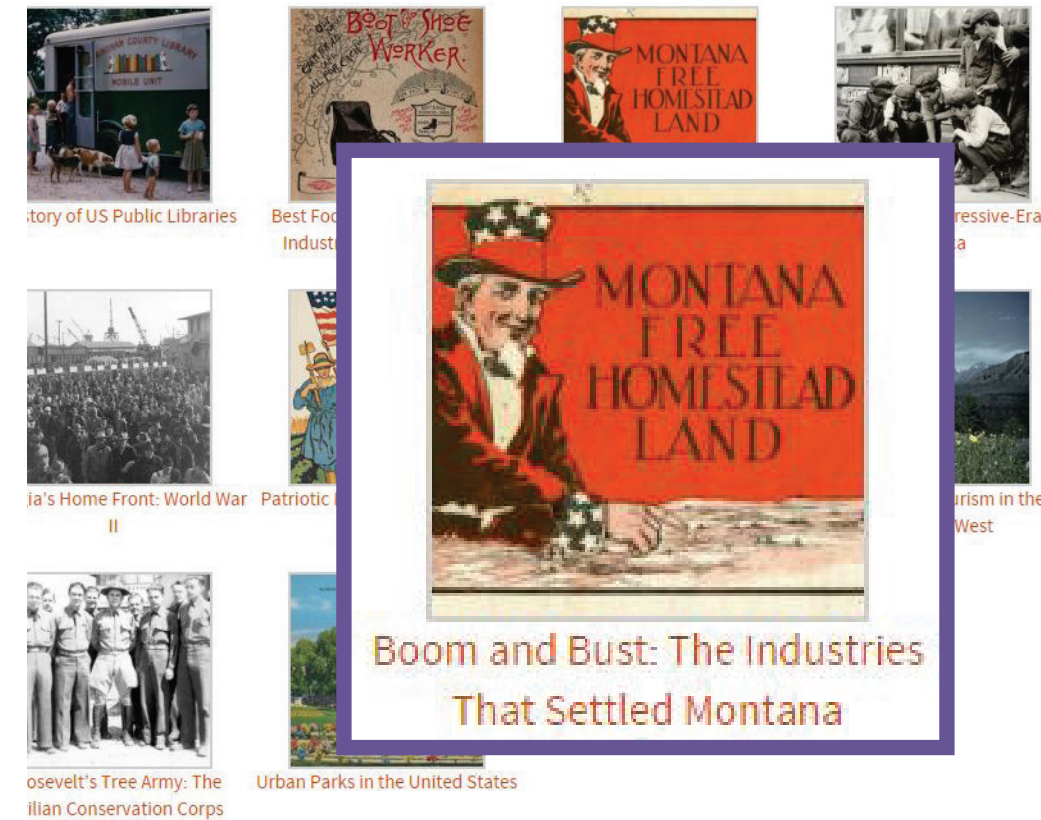
How LSTA helps spread library service across the vast Treasure State

Approximately \$1.08* per Montanan is well-leveraged

*Federal fiscal year 2016 award



- 1 **Lincoln County Public Libraries' staff in Libby** can consult with professional development experts in order to improve local library services to their community.
- 2 **Glacier Public Library in Cut Bank** is one of 78 -- out of 82 public libraries in Montana -- participating in the early literacy effort that helps children be ready to read by the time they go to school.
- 3 **Plentywood** libraries are some of the many Montana libraries using OCLC Group Services to give their customers access to libraries around the world.
- 4 **Prairie County Library in Terry** pays \$2,000 instead of \$5,000 (a savings of 59%) a year for tens of thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks because it's a member of MontanaLibrary2Go.
- 5 **Billings Public Library** customers use Montana Talking Book Library services to "connect me to my community and Montana current events."
- 6 **Bozeman Public Library** pays \$24,700 instead of \$79,000 (a savings of 68%) a year for state of the art library software and technology support through the Montana Shared Catalog.
- 7 **Darby Community Public Library** owns 42,834 items, but customers can access more than 1.5 million items because of the Partners Sharing Group.



- Montana Memory Project
- Montana Memory Project makes Montana memories accessible on the world stage.



The Montana Memory Project is simply "amazing," notes one satisfied library patron who found historic information on her family.