**Benefits for Recipients of Specific LSTA-Funded Services**

**Technology Projects:** Improving library technology with computers and internet connections, better online catalogs, laptops, wi-fi, other technology improvements; improving statewide services with creation of a union catalog (SC LENDS project); DISCUS (online electronic resources); and the State Library website offering access to library management resources, networking opportunities, and best practices information.

**Children’s Services and Teen Services:** Improving literacy -- reading ability, involvement with books, ability to find information in books and online, homework skills, likelihood of continuing to use the library; use of technology applications online, in digital format, and technology equipment such as laptops, e-readers, smartphones, digital cameras and recording devices

**Family Literacy:** Improving family reading habits, parents skills in reading to children and creating a home library, attendance at library programs as a family, parent information literacy skills and technological literacy skills; special places and programs in the library to make families welcome and to encourage participation

**Lifelong learning:** Information literacy skills (knowing how to search and find information in print materials and online), technology literacy (how to use a computer and the internet); participants are more likely to continue to use the library for self improvement and participation in the community as a whole

**Workforce Development:** Participants learn how to search for jobs online and in other sources, how to create a resume, how to present themselves for an interview. State Library partners heavily with other agencies in this effort.

**Special Needs/ Diverse Audiences:** Participants learn about the services and resources available to them in public libraries, and are encouraged to participate; services are made accessible to them through various delivery models (remote access online, delivery services, outreach and home visits, Bookmobile visits, telephone services and consultation online for Talking Books Services clients), services and resources are presented in languages other than English (i.e. services to Spanish speakers); library collections respond to needs of special audiences with appropriate formats and accessibility options (Talking Books Services, digital books.)

**Continuing Education:** Participants improve their personal and work-related skills and broaden their experience through attendance at conferences, workshops, and training sessions; librarians are prepared for a career in public libraries through tuition grants for library school.
**Public and Rural Library Support:** Primarily statewide services coordinated by the State Library: Statewide standards for libraries are developed; Survey data on library programs and services is collected and reported; Consultation services, support and training for library directors and Boards of Trustees; Planning support for libraries; Building and facilities consultation: All these result in better coordination and management of libraries, and more effective use of library funding.