

LSA/LSCA/LSTA

A Brief History

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**ALWAYS A WORK IN
PROGRESS**

1950s

- 1956 Library Services Act for support to rural public libraries
- Grants for **Statewide Library Development**
 - Federation grants, (Northwest and Five Valley Federations)
 - workshops
 - Publications
 - Consulting

1960s

- 1964 Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)
- Title I Public Library Services: extension of library services to citizens without services because of distance, physical handicaps, or other disadvantages
- Title II Public Library Construction for new facilities; remodeling to improve energy conservation, to create or improve access for handicapped persons

1960s cont.

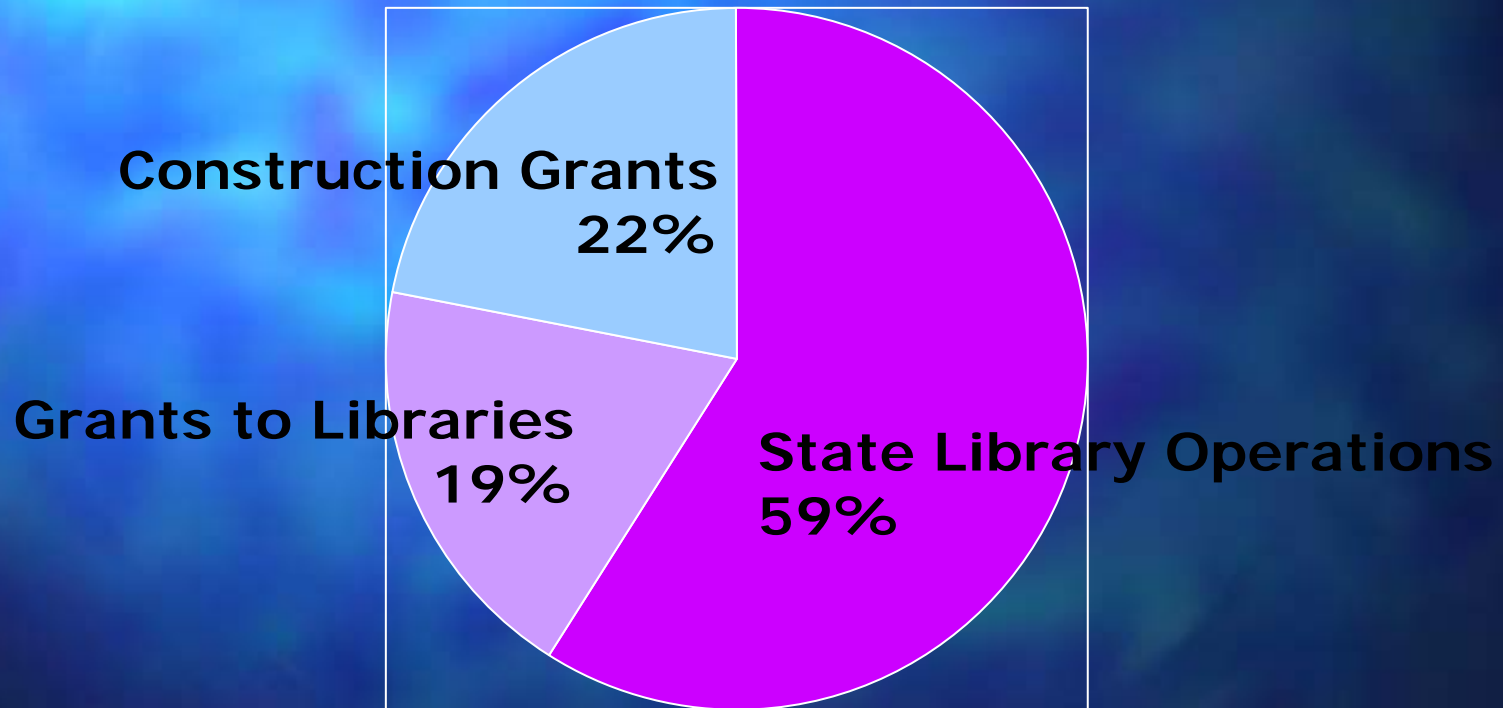
- Title III Interlibrary Cooperation: coordination of resources of school, public, academic and special libraries; the establishment of local, regional and interstate cooperative networks
- Grants for publications, federation grants (Northwest, Five Valleys, Great Falls and Sagebrush federations), consulting, film cooperative, National Library Week activities

1970s

- **Statewide Library Development**
- Federation Grants
- WATS Line
- Statewide membership at Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center
- Provide services to residents of state institutions
- Services to blind and physically handicapped
- Strengthen Montana State Library collection
- Governor's Conference on libraries

1980s

53% increase between 1983 and 1989



Funds were used for:

- **MSL Operations**

- **Studies & Planning**

Federation review; Long Range Plan; Public Information Survey; Promising Practices; Continuing Education; Film Service Needs; Deaf Needs Assessment; Law Revision; Blue Ribbon Panel on Libraries at Risk; Institutions Needs; Interlibrary loan; Voluntary certification

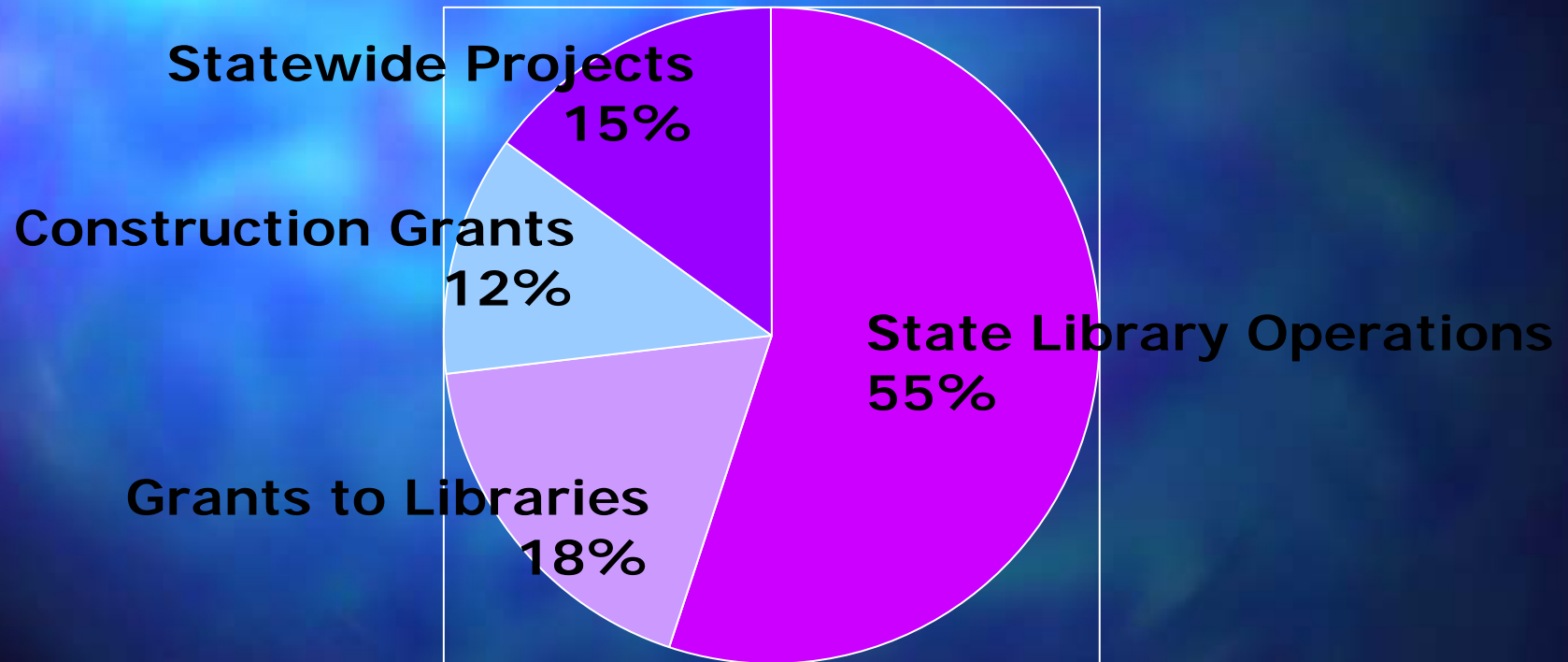
- **Automation Support (converting paper records to digital formats and adding them to union catalogs OCLC; Moncat, Retrospective Conversion; Lasercat support**

1980's cont.

- **Training** – Trustee; Collection Development; Grant writing and fund raising workshops; technology; scholarship
- **Pilot Projects** – Conspectus Database; Multi-type Multi-jurisdictional Library Card; Core Collection Project; Mindflight Public Information Program; Cultural Congress; School/Public Library Demonstration Project; Material Delivery; Children's Summer Reading Program
- **Construction Projects** – Troy, Sidney; Havre-Hill, Bigfork; Plains, Butte, Winnett, Kalispell, Superior, St. Ignatius, Missoula, Great Falls, Glasgow, Chouteau County, Laurel, Belgrade, Lincoln, Lewistown; Whitehall

1990s

14% increase over the decade



1996

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT REPLACES LSCA

Purposes include:

- Technology
- Resource Sharing
- Construction for handicapped and technology enhancements
- Services to those who have difficulty using library; underserved

1990 Projects:

- **Internet Readiness & Training** – Public Library Internet Infrastructure (PLIIP); Have Laptop Will Travel; Internet Access Project; Internet Training and Access; Wiring Montana Libraries; Eagle Link; Nor Central Net
- **Construction** – Boulder; Glendive; Columbus; Townsend; Deer Lodge; Hot Springs; Conrad; Sheridan

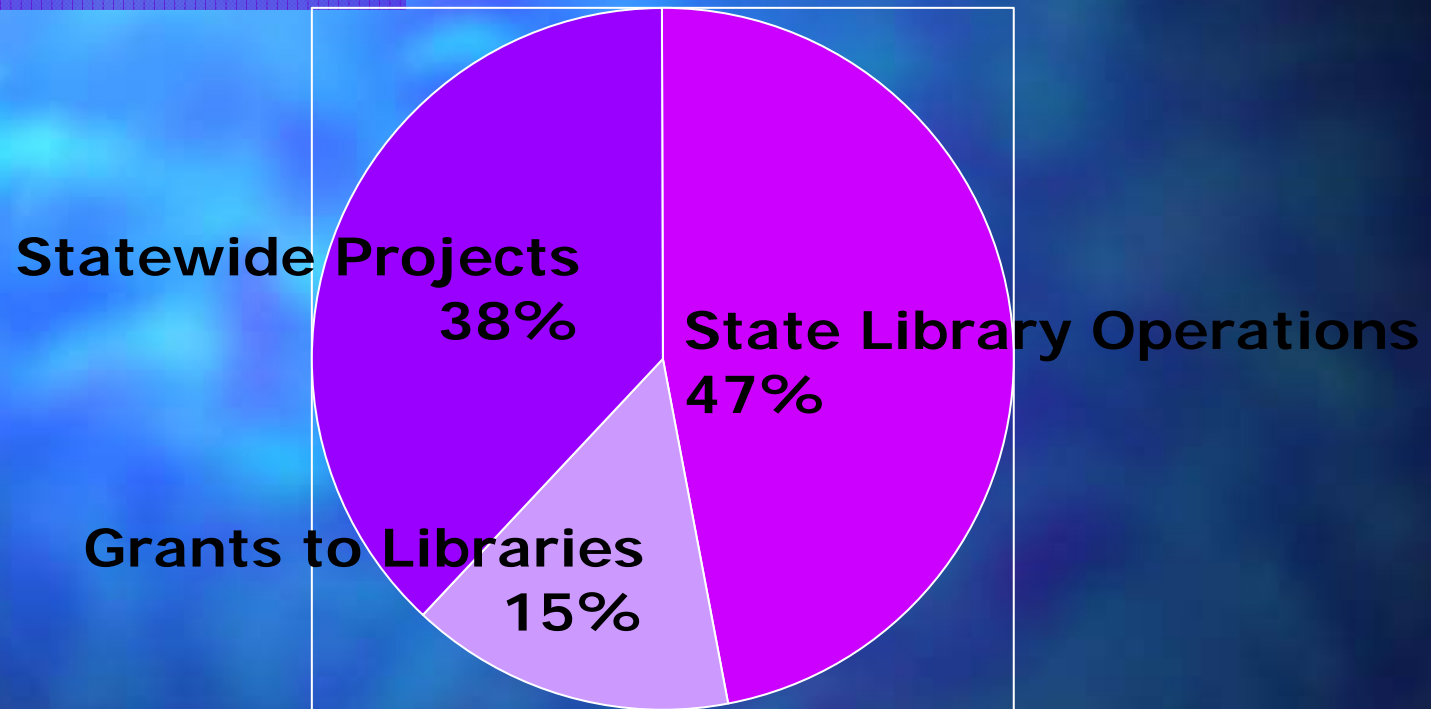
1990 Funds were used for:

- **Pilot Projects** – Materials delivery to the homebound & elderly; extending library services to persons with disabilities; instructional materials for non-English speakers; Reference Point; Last Copy Fiction Pool
- **Studies** – Federation
- **Workshops** – DOS & Windows; Internet training & access; interlibrary loan workshops; Reference Institute; travel support; Lasercat

1990s cont.

- **Automation - Lasercat**
- **Union Catalogs – RicoNet; LincNet**
- **Technology consultants (1998)**
- **Fall Workshops (1998)**
- **Networking Task Force**
- **Montana Library Network (1999)**

2000s



LSTA reauthorized in 2003

Funds were used for:

- Summer Institute
- LSTA Long-Range Plan Evaluation
- Montana Library Network Site – Search project
- Montana Library Network Personnel
- MLN Shared Catalog Project – Highline; Gallatin County; Western & Eastern Montana
- Children's Services Program Coordinator
- Library Bus Tours
- Marketing Campaign
- District or county library projects
- Long Range Plan Evaluation (2001)
- Trustee Workshop

2004 LSTA

- Total Grant \$889,000
- Operations \$350,884
- Grants \$100,000
- Statewide Project \$312,116
- Unallocated \$126,000
- Fall Workshop; Trustee workshop;
OCLC Group catalog: 05 SI NOT
Funded; other projects

Issues

- Many needs – limited dollars
- MSL use of funds for operations
- Perception that MLN is an expensive program that benefits few
- Must be spent according to plan or plan must be modified