

## Overview of the Try It Grant

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries is accepting applications for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants of \$3,000 to \$10,000 to aid individual libraries in developing projects that are new to them and support at least one of the following LSTA priorities:

- expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;
- establish or enhance electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries and entities for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;
- provide training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services;
- enhance efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;
- develop public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
- target library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;
- target library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line [as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of Title 42] applicable to a family of the size involved; and
- develop library services that provide all with users access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks.