

advocating for the profession and the library's role in advancing learning and ensuring access to information for all.

LSTA funding of at least \$232 million

- **Caswell (NC) County Public Library** used its grant to create a Learning Lab and Workforce Development Lab assisting local businesses access to tailored employment assistance, equipment, and access to a business and career center. A state-wide priority includes meeting needs of local business for workforce support.
- Dr. Soohyung Joo, assistant professor at the **University of Kentucky School of Information Science**, was awarded a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Planning Grant for her work towards helping UK libraries examine research needs of patrons, librarians, administrators, and scholars. This research helped

Accordingly, ALA asks that the Subcommittee provide at least \$232 million for LSTA and \$24.5 million for the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program in FY 2021 to ensure that Americans of all ages continue to have access to important resources at their local library. ALA respectfully submits that there can be few, if any, more democratic, cost-effective and impactful uses of federal dollars than LSTA in the entirety of the federal budget.