

STATE LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Second Quarter 2024-2025
November 8, 2024

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Deborah Knox, Chairperson

A. Approval of Minutes [August 9, 2024]

Unfinished Business

B. Administration Report and SFY2025/FFY2023 Agency Funding

C. State Aid and Scholarship Rules

D. Grants and Special Projects Report

Other Unfinished Business

New Business

Representatives from ADE's Legal Department and/or the Attorney General's Office will give a summary of the federal court decision in *Virden et al. v. Crawford County*, and will advise on the duties and powers of the Board to set policy according to its policies and by-laws.

E. State Aid 2025/Scholarships

- a. Motion to amend policies regarding State Aid
- b. Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid
- c. Second Quarter State Aid Disbursement
- d. New Scholarship Applications
- e. Request for Waiver of 12-Hour Requirement
- f. Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance

F. Staff Reports, Travel, and Correspondence

G. Public Library Systems and Library Development Districts

H. Board Information

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Board Directory, By-Laws, and Meetings

Other New Business

Public Comment

STATE LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
First Quarter 2023-2024
August 9, 2024

The State Library Board convened on August 9, 2024, in the Bessie Moore Conference Room at the Arkansas State Library. Board members present were Deborah Knox (Chair), Donnette Smith, Shari Bales, Jason Rapert, and Lupe Peña de Martínez, with JoAnn Campbell (Vice-Chair) and Pamela Meridith attending via Zoom. Staff members present were State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Brooke Crawford, Jenn Wann, Sarah Lipsey, and Jaynie Browne. Sarah DeBusk from the Office of the Attorney General and Daniel Shults from the ADE Legal Department were also present.

Knox called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from August 9, 2024 [A1]. A motion for approval was made by Peña de Martínez, seconded by Smith. The motion passed.

Brooke Crawford, Administrative Services Manager, covered items in Tab B, beginning with an update on the current vacant positions. The number of authorized staff is 49, and the agency's budgeted staff number is currently 43. The current staff is 37 full-time positions and 3 extra help positions, with 2 shared services positions and 6 vacant positions. State closeout was completed on June 28. The statewide Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) deadline was July 29. The library technician position in interlibrary loan has been advertised and is currently in the selection process. Crawford completed her report with a brief overview of the State General Revenue [B2] and the Federal LSTA Revenue [B3] spreadsheets.

Chilcoat reviewed Tab C, containing the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries [C1], the Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance [C2], and the Scholarship Assistance Application form [C3].

Chilcoat then reviewed Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid [D1], noting any changes during the past quarter. A motion was made by Peña de Martínez, seconded by Meridith, to approve the list. The motion passed.

Upon Rapert's correction to the order of the agenda, the Board took up the agenda item from new business, Survey of Public Library Holdings for 30-title list [H1]. Rapert asked that the website takebacktheclassroom.com be brought up on the monitor, and he read some passages from the site. Bales questioned the relevance of the discussion, citing Arkansas Code 13-2-207 (10) and questioning the Board's authority to withhold funds based on libraries' collection decisions. Rapert responded that Article II, Section 2 of the Board By-laws grants that authority. Rapert read passages from some of the books in question, to which Bales objected. Rapert reported that he has been contacted by some legislators who said that if the board does not do their job, then the legislature will abolish the Board and give the duties to the Secretary of Education. Rapert made a motion "to suspend all distribution of funds or payments to any library actively suing the State of Arkansas or Arkansas taxpayers pending the final outcome of litigation in state or federal courts. The State Library Board will ultimately decide how to handle the disbursement of any withheld funds at the conclusion of any pending litigation." Bales objected to the motion and requested that it be withdrawn from the floor. The motion failed to receive a second.

Rapert moved "that the Arkansas State Library Board withhold funds from any library in the state of Arkansas that makes available any of the 30 titles that are on the list in that survey until we have been given proof that they are segregating those books from access by minor children." The motion failed to receive a second.

Peña de Martínez commented on the nature of the passages Rapert read from the books, stating that such books can help young people address abusive situations in their lives. She stated that there are policies in place in Arkansas's public libraries for reconsideration of material placement. Meridith concurred that collection development policy decisions are made by the local library boards. Rapert disagreed that a public library was an appropriate place to make the books from his survey list available.

Rapert moved "that the Arkansas State Library board withhold any funds from any library that supports the American Library Association and that we also stop funding the American Library Association as the Arkansas Library Board." Discussion was held over the motion. Bales responded that the entire law is written by approval from American Library Association. Rapert pointed to ALA's opposition to age and content restrictions. Peña de Martínez restated that the motion is redundant when there are already policies in place at the local level. Meridith said that the board has never voted to take authority over what the public libraries collect and says she will never vote for censorship. Knox said that libraries are currently dealing with this by exercising their ability to segregate books as they deem necessary. Rapert said the court pleadings from act 372 say otherwise. Bale requested that the motion be repeated. Rapert moved "that the Arkansas State Library board stop any funding to the American Library Association and disaffiliate, and that we stop issuing funds to any Arkansas library that are using those funds for membership or support of the American Library Association." Bales objected to the motion as being "outside the purview of our powers as a board, and I suggest that the motion be withdrawn from the floor." The motion failed to receive a second.

A Knox moved to approve the list of recommended FY2025 State Aid First Quarter Payments [D2]. Bales seconded. The motion passed.

Scholarship applications [D3] were presented from Tyler Gale of Arkansas River Valley Regional Library, Taylor Genser of Rogers Public Library, and Riley Taurone of the Pope County Library. A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Rapert, to approve the applications. The motion passed.

An MLS Scholarship 12-hour Requirement Waiver Request was presented on behalf of Riley Taurone. Bales moved to approve the waiver request. Peña de Martínez seconded. The motion passed.

The Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance [D4] was presented, requesting reimbursement for thirteen recipients' coursework. A total of 123 hours were completed for a total cost of \$55,350. Peña de Martínez moved to approve the list. Campbell seconded. The motion passed.

The list of scholarship payments made from 1977 - 2024 [D5] was presented.

State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat gave her report [E1]. Chilcoat attended a meeting of the Library Statistics Working Group in June. Elements for consideration were being developed for the FY2026 survey. The board members have been assigned an ADE email address to use for conducting board business. A shared services model for HR has been adopted within the divisions of the Arkansas Department of Education. New employees of the agency will now receive their first day training with other ADE employees. Further improvements to our internal onboarding process are still pending.

Deputy Director Kristen Cooke began her report [E2]. The annual public library survey was due to the federal IMLS portal on July 19. After submission, the data will enter a multi-year data validation, imputation, and publication schedule before it appears in the publicly accessible IMLS Search and Compare tool. The 2022 public library data was utilized to contextualize the current state of broadband access and use at public libraries. Data has reinforced the idea that libraries need at least 1G to deliver services, irrespective of attendance. The Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator position has been offered to Taylor McKinney, who will begin August 19. Cooke attended the Arkansas State Broadband Office's BEAD Digital Opportunity Conference.

Jenn Wann, Manager of Library Development, began her report [E3] with an update on the Little Free Library Project. Twenty Little Free Library Kits will be awarded to public libraries in the state of Arkansas, and the deadline for public libraries to apply to receive a kit is on August 15. The Arkansas State Library will host a Public Library Directors Summit on September 25-27. There are currently 41 directors registered for this conference.

Wann covered [E4] on behalf of Karen O'Connell, Coordinator of the Arkansas Center for the Book. The 2024 National Book Festival will be held on August 24. This year's theme is Books Build Us Up. The Center applied for and has been awarded a participation stipend from IMLS to attend, and the Arkansas Gems project is on schedule for posters and bookmarks to be debuted and distributed at the Festival. On August 13, the coordinator will host the 2024 Great reads authors Eli Cranor and Cathy Melvin, and Et Alia Press owner and director Erin Wood, via Zoom.

Wann covered [E5] on behalf of Amber Gregory, Manager of E-Rate Services. For the E-Rate window of 2024, public libraries requested \$1,010,786 in funding. Of this number, \$903,803 has been approved, and \$106,983 is pending approval. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a three-year \$200 Million Cybersecurity Pilot Program to fund advanced cybersecurity tools for libraries and schools. On July 18, the FCC approved the use of E-Rate funding to loan Wi-Fi hotspots beginning in Funding Year 2025.

Wann covered [E6] on behalf of Ruth Hyatt, Coordinator of Youth Services. The Youth Services Fall Workshop will be held on November 15. Registration for the workshop will open in October and the fee for the workshop will remain at \$25 per participant. The 2025 Summer Reading Theme is Color Our World.

Wann covered [E7] on behalf of Janine Jamison-Miller, Coordinator of Training and Development. During this quarter, 25 Library Juice Academy Courses were requested, and 7 evaluations have been received. PCI webinars offered 9 live weekly webinars. There were 251 registrations for those sessions, and 1,123 views of archived webinar content during this quarter. Friends of the Library chapters in the state of Arkansas are required to file an annual report with the Secretary of State's office by August 1 of each year.

Cooke delivered the report [E8] for the Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator position, which is currently vacant. O'Connell met with the White County Library staff on piloting the circulation of book club kits in Mockingbird. Once the new coordinator has been onboarded, McKinney will follow up with determining which participating libraries overall would be interested in sharing book club kits across the state.

Cooke covered [E9] on behalf of Kristina Hancock, Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind. BPD is wrapping up the current braille recycling process for the current Xess Cycle. Hancock is working with Emily Powell Carpenter of ADE to create a logo for the Library for the Blind so that promotional materials can be created. This quarter, BPD circulated a total of 121,769 books. Of this figure, 89,255 were by direct mail circulation, 126 were direct mail circulation of braille books, and 32,514 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) program. There are 1,078 Library for the Blind readers registered with the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD Program.

Britini McGuire, Manager of Information Services, delivered her report [E10]. McGuire has been examining ASL's current services and usage patterns for growth opportunities in the department. In May, interlibrary loan article requests were shifted from the Library Support Assistant, Jeremye Hall, to Reference Librarian Joanna Delavan to improve workflow. At the end of June, approval was received to fill the vacant library technician position.

Katie Walton covered [E11] on behalf of Sarah Lipsey, Division Manager of Collection Management. The migration of ASL's digital repository from CONTENTdm to Preservica is complete. The subscription to CONTENTdm will cease in October. Following migration, the URL validation project will begin to ensure that all links to state and federal digital documents are accurate, functional, and accessible from the online catalog. After the contracts for the 2024 - 2027 subscription period were formally approved, Lipsey and Walton worked together to ensure all relevant information on the ASL website has been updated to reflect the new collection, promotional resources, and upcoming training opportunities.

Katie Walton covered [E12] on behalf of Jennifer Razer, Manager of Digital Services. Razer continues to organize the collection to enhance the user experience. Several new resources have been created for the website to help users understand the rules of the depository programs and record retention.

Katie Walton, Manager of Acquisitions, began her report [E13], with an update that Acquisitions staff were able to successfully close out the fiscal year, with several titles being cancelled at the beginning of the fiscal year to address rising costs. The BioOne Complete Archive is now available to state employees. It includes more than 20 years of environmental and biological research from over 100 scientific publishers. ADLC's OverDrive representative, Andy Bucher, will make a site visit in August to meet with ADLC member libraries.

Chilcoat briefly covered correspondence [E14], the current news clippings relating to the library community [E15], the map of the Arkansas Public Library Systems [F1], and the list of Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts [F2].

Chilcoat then reviewed the contact info for the State Library Board [G1] and other contacts in ADE, the Governor's Office, and the Attorney General's Office [G2].

The Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws were presented [G3], along with the Proposed Amendments to Article VI of the Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws [G4]. Bales moved to approve the Proposed Amendment to Article VI, Section 6 and add them to Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws, seconded by Meridith. The motion passed. Bales moved to approve the Proposed Amendment to Article VI, Section 7 and add them to Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws. The motion did not receive a second. Rapert made a motion to approve deleting and replacing language of Article XI Section 1, seconded by Campbell. The motion passed.

The section was completed with the ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments [G5], staff directory [G6] and the calendar of meetings for 2024 [G7].

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rapert, seconded by Peña de Martínez. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Approval Date

Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian

Administrative Services Manager - Brooke Crawford

Staff Information:

Authorized staff: 49 (+2 Shared Services positions = 51 total staff)

Budgeted staff: 43

Current staff @ 10/15/24: 39 Full-Time, 4 Vacant Positions, +2 Shared Services positions, 1 Extra Help.

Federal Closeout:

Federal closeout was September 30th for the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (10/1/23 - 9/30/24). Federal closing reports are due by December 31st, which we are working on currently.

IT:

Replacing staff desktops and laptops that are having issues and/or have gone past their warranties. Also replacing 2 printers that were broken. Expect to be deployed by mid-November, with work ongoing to prepare old units for M&R.. Working on updating backup and storage as well.

Attended the Cybersecurity Summit at the Statehouse Convention Center on Oct 7-8. The Summit was presented by the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

Session:

The Legislative Regular Session begins at noon on January 13, 2025. Pre-Session Budget Hearings are scheduled for October 7th - November 21st. Arkansas Dept. of Education's hearing is set for November 19th.

STATE GENERAL REVENUE
EPA0100 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2025
BY COMMITMENT ITEM
OCT 15, 2024

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	FY Blocks	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$1,750,087	\$62,633	\$1,687,454	46.2%	\$490,458	\$1,196,996	71%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	0.2%	\$4,549	\$4,451	49%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$668,326	\$44,999	\$623,327	17.1%	\$187,407	\$435,920	70%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$2,428,413	\$108,632	\$2,319,781	63.6%	\$682,414	\$1,637,367	71%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$1,125,091	\$30,318	\$1,094,773	30.0%	\$358,013	\$736,760	67%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$10,000		\$10,000	0.3%	\$110	\$9,890	99%
506:00:10	Prof. Fees & Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
	Total M & O	\$1,135,091	\$30,318	\$1,104,773	30.3%	\$358,123	\$746,650	68%
509:00:46	Books/Subscriptions	\$230,000	\$5,000	\$225,000	6.2%	\$33,454	\$191,546	85%
	TOTALS	\$3,793,504	\$143,950	\$3,649,554	100.0%	\$1,073,991	\$2,575,563	71%
	M&R paid to ASL account						\$0	100%

FEDERAL LSTA REVENUE
 FEL0100 FEL0200 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2025
 BY COMMITMENT ITEM
 OCT 15, 2024

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$502,646	\$502,646	15.3%	\$122,410	\$380,236	76%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$22,000	\$22,000	0.7%	\$6,083	\$15,917	72%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$208,221	\$208,221	6.4%	\$58,555	\$149,666	72%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$732,867	\$732,867	22.4%	\$187,047	\$545,820	74%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$2,357,700	\$2,357,700	72.0%	\$437,159	\$1,920,541	81%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$145,000	\$145,000	4.4%	\$40,379	\$104,621	72%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$40,000	\$40,000	1.2%	\$14,949	\$25,051	63%
	Total M & O	\$2,542,700	\$2,542,700	77.6%	\$492,488	\$2,050,212	81%
	TOTALS	\$3,275,567	\$3,275,567	100.0%	\$679,535	\$2,596,032	79%

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**ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY
900 WEST CAPITOL, STE 100
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3108**

STANDARDS FOR STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Authorized by Act 489, Acts of Arkansas, 1979

1.0 ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 All county libraries, including those in county or regional systems, shall be organized in accordance with Act 244 of 1927. All city libraries, including those in county or regional systems, shall be organized in accordance with Act 177 of 1931.**
- 1.2 County and city libraries shall provide evidence to the State Library Board of organization and operation as a department of county or municipal government.**
- 1.3 Public library systems composed of county and/or city libraries shall provide evidence to the State Library Board of organization and operation under the provisions of a formal interlocal agreement, as provided in Section 90, Act 742 of 1977.**

2.0 GOVERNANCE

- 2.1 Policies for city, county, and regional library systems shall be established by legally constituted administrative boards, comprised of trustees serving designated terms, conducting regularly scheduled meetings, preferably not less than quarterly, and functioning with recorded bylaws and policies which are on file with the State Library.**
- 2.2 The library shall comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and shall provide library service for all residents.**
- 2.3 The library director shall submit quarterly, annual, and special reports as required to the State Library and to local boards.**
- 2.4 City, county, and regional library systems shall provide the State Library with a copy of a current long range plan developed for the purpose of guiding the public library administration in the attainment of goals and future planning.**

3.0 FINANCE

- 3.1 The State Library Board supports the concept that libraries or library systems serving populations greater than 50,000, with budgets in excess of \$250,000, can render more efficient, effective library service, and preference of support shall be given to the development of such systems.**
- 3.2 All libraries shall maintain the one mill county or city library tax on real and personal property as authorized in Amendments 30 and 38 of the Arkansas Constitution.**
- 3.3 All cities and counties should restore the library tax to the maximum permitted by law by not later than July 1, 1991.**
- 3.4 Libraries should receive additional local support.**
- 3.5 The annual budget for city, county, and regional libraries shall be filed with the State Library. The budget should reflect an amount equal to the previous annual budget, plus growth, with the allocation for materials reflecting comparable growth.**

4.0 PERSONNEL

- 4.1 City, county, and regional library systems participating in the State Aid to Public Libraries program shall be administered by a qualified librarian. A Master's degree in Library Science awarded through a program accredited by the American Library Association is recognized as the minimum qualifying degree.**
- 4.2 Systems employing a new head librarian or director after September 1, 1988, must provide the State Library Board with evidence of a qualifying library degree in order to continue participation in the State Aid to Public Libraries program.**
- 4.3 Public library staff members should be well trained and qualified for their position. They should be encouraged to participate in continuing education and training programs to improve library skills.**
- 4.4 All libraries should have adequate support staff, with no employee receiving less than the current minimum wage.**

5.0 FACILITIES

- 5.1 The county or city government shall provide a suitable building for headquarters operation and adequate quarters for necessary branches.**

6.0 RESOURCES AND RESOURCE SHARING

- 6.1 The library shall maintain a current collection of materials to serve all citizens.**
- 6.2 The library shall agree to provide interlibrary loan service to other libraries in Arkansas.**
- 6.3 The library shall coordinate services for the blind and physically handicapped with the sections of the Arkansas State Library which administer these services.**

7.0 NOTIFICATION

- 7.1 If the State Library Board determines that a city, county, or regional library or system fails to qualify for participation in the State Aid to Public Libraries program, the State Librarian shall notify the board chairman and the library director via certified mail not later than fifteen working days following that determination.**

8.0 RIGHT OF APPEAL

- 8.1 Upon determination by the State Library Board that a city, county, or regional library or system fails to qualify for participation in the State Aid to Public Libraries program, the library or system shall have the right to appeal that decision at the next scheduled meeting of the State Library Board. Intent to appeal must be filed in writing with the State Librarian not more than thirty days following receipt of a notice of failure to meet the standards.**
- 8.2 All appeals shall be presented to the State Library Board in an open hearing, with the final determination to be made by the State Library Board.**
- 8.3 The State Library Board may provisionally approve a city, county, or regional library or system for a period of time they deem sufficient to rectify deficiencies. The Board may grant additional waivers upon acceptance of satisfactory evidence of progress.**

ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY
RULES GOVERNING DISTRIBUTION OF
SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE
Effective May 29, 2023

1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 1.01 These rules shall be known as Arkansas State Library Rules Governing the Distribution of Scholarship Assistance.
- 1.02 These rules are enacted pursuant to the Arkansas State Library's authority under Act 489, Acts of Arkansas 1979, Arkansas Code Anno. 13-2-201 et seq.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.01 It is the purpose of these rules to formalize a process already in existence and set reasonable guidelines to make scholarship assistance available to every public library in the state of Arkansas to address the education needs of public library staff working toward the ultimate goal of obtaining a master's degree in library and information science as defined in 3.03. These rules are specifically for the purpose of establishing standards for distributing funds available through the state aid to public library fund administered by the Arkansas State Library.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

- 3.01 ASL refers to the Arkansas State Library.
- 3.02 ALA refers to the American Library Association.
- 3.03 A master's degree refers to the educational award given by a library school whose program is accredited by the ALA.
- 3.04 State Aid refers to State Aid to Public Libraries

4.0 FOCUS AREA

- 4.01 To aid Arkansas public libraries in employing master's degree librarians by providing educational opportunities for public library staff members through traditional, on-campus or distance learning.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

- 5.01 Scholarship funds will be distributed to a public library that submits scholarship application to the ASL Board. Priority will be given as follows:
1. Public libraries eligible for State Aid whose personnel are employed as library directors.
 2. Public libraries eligible for State Aid whose personnel are employed positions other than library director.
 3. Public libraries not eligible for State Aid but recognized by the ASL as public libraries.

- 5.02 The applying institution (or its governing body) must be able to accept and administer the scholarship on behalf of the employee. Applying institutions may neither add to nor subtract from the scholarship eligibility requirements imposed on the employee.
- 5.03 Individuals upon whose behalf the library is applying must meet the following standards:
1. Unless employed as a library director and granted a waiver from the ASL Board, show evidence of completion of 12 semester hours toward the master's degree as evidenced by submitting an official transcript.
 2. Provide a copy of the agreement with the public library concerning employment in a public library for at least one year after completion of the master's degree.
 3. After each semester, furnish proof of completion of coursework which shows the individual received a minimum course grade (based upon an "A-F" grading scale), of "B", or if applicable, a "Credit" for a credit/no credit course. "Incompletes" do not qualify for reimbursement.
 4. Show evidence of conferral of degree by submitting an official transcript which indicates the date of conferral.
 5. Agree to remain employed by a public library in the state of Arkansas for a duration of one year upon completion of degree.
 6. Complete all required coursework and obtain the master's degree within three (3) years of acceptance to the scholarship program. This requirement may be waived by written appeal to, and approval by, the ASL Board.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 6.01 The scholarship will be administered by the ASL Board.

7.0 SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSALS

- 7.01 The proposals shall include an application from the applicant library. The ASL Board shall review the proposals for approval. Proposals shall be consistent with Arkansas Code and existing ASL rules regarding an ALA accredited library program.
- 7.02 Funding may include but is not limited to tuition, materials, travel, lodging, and other items associated with educational costs.
- 7.03. Funding shall not be provided for hours in excess of the required number for the degree, nor for required courses not completed within the set number of hours required for the degree.

8.0 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

- 8.01 The ASL Board will budget and distribute funds appropriated for each biennium from the Arkansas State Legislature according to the following:
1. The total amount of funds to be distributed will be determined by the ASL Board each year at a minimum of 1% of the appropriated State Aid to Public Libraries.
 2. Funds may provide as many scholarships as are requested each year. All monies not disbursed shall be returned to the State Aid fund for distribution.
 3. Funds may be disbursed to the applicant library at the completion of each semester.
 4. Funds will be distributed via scholarship for each individual as identified by the ASL Board in accordance with eligibility. Each scholarship will include a set of assurances and provisions required in the eligibility standards.
- 8.02 The ASL Board reserves the right to approve or deny any scholarship applications.

Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance Application

Instructions: Complete this form to apply for State Aid funds to underwrite a scholarship award from your library to an employee who has been admitted to the graduate program in an ALA-accredited library school. Attach to this form all appropriate documentation, such as a letter of admission from the library school, a letter of agreement from the employee who will benefit from the local scholarship award, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the local library board at which the application was approved.

APPLICANT

State Aid grant funds are requested to underwrite a scholarship award from this public library to an employee who has been admitted to a graduate program in an accredited library school. The applicant library agrees to award the full amount of the scholarship award to the employee. The employee has agreed to provide transcripts as evidence of credits earned each semester and to remain on the job for a period of one (1) year following grant of aid. If these conditions are not met, the applicant library agrees to refund to the State Library all grant funds paid under this award.

Applicant Library Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

Email Address

Phone Number

Fax Number

Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

Date

AGREEMENT

I have applied to my employer for a scholarship grant. I am enrolled in a graduate program in an accredited library school and have completed the first twelve (12) hours credit. Supporting documents are attached. I have agreed to furnish transcripts at the end of each semester as evidence of credits earned, to remain employed in an Arkansas public library for at least one year following grant of aid and to fulfill any local requirements. If I do not fulfill these agreed conditions, I understand that I must repay to the applicant library all funds paid to me from this award.

Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Participant's Signature

Date

RECOMMENDATION

I have reviewed this application and the supporting documents. I recommend that the State Library Board () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Librarian

Date

ACTION TAKEN

In a regular meeting of the State Library Board held on _____ the Board voted to () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Library Board Chairman

Date

Manager of Grants & Special Projects - Debbie Hall

Federal Grants to States Program (LSTA)

FY23 State Program Report

The FY23 State Program Report (SPR) is due to IMLS at the end of January 2025. This report covers expenditures from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. Project Directors are inputting project data, and the deadline is December 9.

The timely submission of this report is what allows us to receive the FY25 Grants to States allotment. Overviews, expenditures, and details such as target audiences and data collection methods are included for each project. Once approved, SPRs are published on the IMLS website and can be viewed by the public.

Acronyms

LSTA - Library Services and Technology Act

IMLS - Institute of Museum and Library Services

SPR - State Program Report (annual LSTA G2S report to IMLS)

G2S - Grants to States

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Member Jason Rapert has submitted the following language for a motion he intends to make during the November 8 meeting:

"I make a motion that the Arkansas State Library Board amend our policies to require that any library receiving funds through our board attest in writing that they are ensuring no sexually explicit books or materials are accessible by minor children under the age of 18 whether in print or digital format. If a library refuses to attest in writing that they are ensuring sexually explicit books or materials are being kept out of reach of minor children under the age of 18, their funding will be withheld until they are in compliance. If a library refuses to comply for a period of six months, they will be deemed ineligible for funding through the Arkansas State Library Board."

October 17, 2024

WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County Library

213 Walnut Street

Newport, AR 72112

Arkansas State Library

900 W. Capitol Ave, Suite 100

Little Rock, AR 72201

Jennifer Chilcoat:

Jennifer Ballard is currently serving as the MLS for the WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County Library while Lisa May, the current director, is pursuing her MLS at Louisiana State University.

Jennifer Ballard Jennifer Ballard

Dr. Mary Berry Dr. Mary Berry

Hanna Dickinson Hanna P. Dickinson

Margaret Berry Margaret Berry

Sarah Hardin Absent

Sally McLarty Sally McLarty

Lisa May Lisa May

Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, DIRECTOR, AND AREA SERVICED:	2022 Population Served	LIB. TAX UNITS *	QTRLY MLS AWARD
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 150,001 OR MORE :			
Central Arkansas Library System Nate Coulter, MLS - U of Wisconsin-Madison (Perry and Pulaski Counties, excluding North Little Rock)	344,581	4	YES
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library Clare Graham, MLS - UNT (Saline, Hot Spring, Grant, Dallas, and Cleveland Counties)	192,378	5	YES
Washington County Library System Glenda B. Audrain, MLS - U of AL (Washington County)	156,769	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	693,728		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 75,001 TO 150,000:			
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library John McGraw, MLIS - U of AL (Faulkner and Van Buren Counties)	143,767	2	YES
Crowley Ridge Regional Library Vanessa Adams, MLS - U of Missouri (Craighead and Poinsett Counties)	134,512	4	YES
Garland County Library Adam Webb, MLS - UNT (Garland County)	100,089	1	YES
Fort Smith Public Library Jennifer Goodson, MLIS-U of OK (Fort Smith District of Sebastian County)	89,992	1	YES
Fayetteville Public Library David Johnson, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (Fayetteville)	99,285	1	YES
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library Misty Hawkins, MLS - U of OK (Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Yell Counties)	84,654	4	YES
White River Regional Library Debra Sutterfield, MLS - U. of AL (Cleburne, Fulton, Izard, Sharp, and Stone Counties)	82,099	5	YES
White County Library Darla Ino, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (White County)	77,755	1	YES
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Mike Rogers, MLS - UNT (Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties)	79,550	3	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	891,703		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 50,001 TO 75,000:			
Lonoke County Library John McGraw, MLIS - U of AL (MLS of Record) (Lonoke County)	75,225	1	YES
Rogers Public Library Hannah Pearce, MLS - U of So. Florida (Rogers)	72,999	1	YES
Union County Library Michael O'Connell, MLIS - Catholic Univ of America (Union County and contracted with Ouachita County)	64,496	4	YES
Pine Bluff and Jefferson County Library Ricky Williams, MLS - U of So. Mississippi (Jefferson County)	64,246	2	YES
Texarkana Public Library (Total Population 65,974) Olivia Poulton (Arkansas only 29,657) (Texarkana, AR and TX)	29,306	1	YES
North Little Rock Public Library Crystal Gates, MLIS - LSU (North Little Rock)	64,627	1	YES
Mississippi-Crittenden Co. Regional Library Lowell Walters, MSL - Clarion (Mississippi and Crittenden Counties)	62,162	2	YES
Pope County Library Judy Mays, MLS - UNC/Chapel Hill (MLS of record) (Pope County)	64,065	1	YES
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Judy Calhoun, MLS - Florida State U (Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln Counties)	60,606	5	YES
Crawford County Library System Charlene McDonnough, MLS - U of So. Carolina (Crawford County)	61,075	1	YES

Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid

Scott-Sebastian Regional Library Rene Myers, MLIS - U of WI/Milwaukee (Scott County and Sebastian County, South District)	48,874	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	667,681		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 25,001 to 50,000:			
Carroll and Madison Library System April Griffith, MLS - Clarion U (Carroll and Madison Counties)	46,228	2	YES
Tri-County Library System Marilyn Archer, MLS - Emporia State U. (Howard, Little River and Sevier Counties)	40,064	3	YES
Baxter County Library Kim Crow-Sheaner, MLS - UNT (Baxter County)	42,435	1	YES
Independence County Library Laura Rumans, MLS - U of Texas (MLS of record) (Independence County)	37,945	1	YES
Boone County Library Ginger Schoenenberger - MLS - Clarion Univ (Boone County)	38,284	1	YES
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library VACANT 6/2002 (Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties)	30,232	3	NO
Columbia County Library Hollie Howard - UNT (Columbia County and contract with Lafayette County)	28,317	2	YES
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Traci Hostetler, MLS - U of Oklahoma (Montgomery and Polk Counties)	27,893	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	291,398		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX SERVING FEWER THAN 25,000:			
West Memphis Public Library Rebecca Bledsoe (West Memphis)	23,795	1	NO
East Central Arkansas Regional Library John Paul Myrick, MLS - U of Alabama (Cross and Woodruff Counties)	22,650	2	YES
Clark County Library Betsy Fisher, MLIS - Wayne State Univeristy (Clark County)	21,250	1	YES
Hempstead County Library Courtney McNeil, MLS - Florida State U. (Hempstead County)	19,453	1	YES
Conway County Library Jay Carter, MLIS - USF (Conway County)	21,046	1	YES
Ashley County Library David Anderson, MLS - TWU (Ashley County)	18,354	2	YES
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library Courtney McNeil, MLS - Florida State U. (Nevada and Pike Counties)	18,360	2	YES
Arkansas County Library Allie Stevens, MLIS - LSU (Interim) (Arkansas County)	16,512	2	YES
Jackson County Library Jennifer Ballard, MLIS - U of AL (MLS of Record) (Jackson County)	16,624	1	YES
Marion County Library Dana Scott, MLS - TWU (Marion County)	17,254	1	YES
Lawrence County Library Ashley Burris, MLIS - U of AL (Lawrence County)	16,205	1	YES
Forrest City Public Library Arlisa Price, MSLS - UNT (Forrest City)	12,676	1	YES
Newton County Library Kenya Windel, MLS - UNT (Newton County)	7,078	1	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	231,257		
TOTAL POPULATION SERVED	2,775,767		

FY2025 State Aid

Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2022 Est Population	Per Capita @ 1.52200240	\$12,000/co. in multi-co. region	MLS	Total FY2024	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
Arkansas Co. Lib.	Arkansas Co.	16,512	25,131		18,000	43,131	10,783	10,783	10,783	10,782
Ashley Co. Lib.	Ashley Co. less Crosssett	13,741	20,914							
Ashley Co. Lib.	Crossett (city) (Ashley Co.)	4,613	7,021							
Ashley Co. Lib. Total		18,354	27,935		18,000	45,935	11,484	11,484	11,484	11,483
Baxter Co. Lib.	Baxter Co.	42,435	64,586		18,000	82,586	20,647	20,647	20,647	20,645
Boone Co. Lib.	Boone Co.	38,284	58,268		18,000	76,268	19,067	19,067	19,067	19,067
Clark Co. Lib.	Clark Co.	21,250	32,343		18,000	50,343	12,586	12,586	12,586	12,585
Columbia Co. Lib.	Columbia Co.	22,216	33,813							
Columbia Co. Lib.	Lafayette Co. (contract)	6,101	9,286							
Columbia Co. Lib. Total		28,317	43,099		18,000	61,099	15,275	15,275	15,275	15,274
Conway Co. Lib.	Conway Co.	21,046	32,032		18,000	50,032	12,508	12,508	12,508	12,508
Crawford Co. Lib. System	Crawford Co.	61,075	92,956		18,000	110,956	27,739	27,739	27,739	27,739
Garland Co. Lib.	Garland Co.	100,089	152,336		18,000	170,336	42,584	42,584	42,584	42,584
Hempstead Co. Lib.	Hempstead Co.	19,453	29,608		18,000	47,608	11,902	11,902	11,902	11,902
Independence Co. Lib	Independence Co.	37,945	57,752		18,000	75,752	18,938	18,938	18,938	18,938
Jackson Co. Lib.	Jackson Co.	16,624	25,302		18,000	43,302	10,825	10,825	10,825	10,827
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Jefferson Co. Total less Pine Bluff	24,751	37,671							
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Pine Bluff (city) (Jefferson Co.)	39,495	60,111							
Jefferson Co. Lib. Total		64,246	97,783		18,000	115,783	28,946	28,946	28,946	28,945
Lawrence Co. Lib.	Lawrence Co.	16,205	24,664		18,000	42,664	10,666	10,666	10,666	10,666
Lonoke Co. Lib.	Lonoke Co.	75,225	114,493		18,000	132,493	33,123	33,123	33,123	33,124
Marion Co. Lib.	Marion Co.	17,254	26,261		18,000	44,261	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,066
Newton Co. Lib.	Newton Co.	7,078	10,773		18,000	28,773	7,193	7,193	7,193	7,194
Pope Co. Lib.	Pope Co.	64,065	97,507		18,000	115,507	28,877	28,877	28,877	28,876
Union Co. Lib.	El Dorado (city)	17,063	25,970							
Union Co. Lib.	Union Co. Total less El Dorado	20,689	31,489							
Union Co. Lib.	Calhoun County (contract)	4,695	7,146							
Union Co. Lib.	Camden (city) (Ouachita Co.)	10,298	15,674							
Union Co. Lib.	Ouachita Co. Total less Camden (contract)	11,751	17,885							
Union Co. Lib. Total		64,496	98,163		18,000	116,163	29,041	29,041	29,041	29,040
Washington Co. Lib.	Washington Co. (less Fayetteville)	156,769	238,603		18,000	256,603	64,151	64,151	64,151	64,150
White Co. Reg. Lib. System	White Co.	77,755	118,343		18,000	136,343	34,086	34,086	34,086	34,085
Total Single County Libraries		964,477	1,467,936	-	378,000	1,845,936	461,484	461,484	461,484	461,480
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Franklin Co.	17,271	26,287	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Johnson Co.	26,001	39,574	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Logan Co.	21,253	32,347	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Yell Co.	20,129	30,636	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib. Total		84,654	128,844	48,000	18,000	194,844	48,711	48,711	48,711	48,711
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Carroll Co.	28,742	43,745	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Madison Co.	17,486	26,614	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System Total		46,228	70,359	24,000	18,000	112,359	28,090	28,090	28,090	28,089
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Little Rock (city) (Pulaski Co.)	202,864	308,759							
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Perry Co.	10,063	15,316	12,000						

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Central Arkansas Lib. System	Pulaski Co. Total less LR & NLR	131,654	200,378	12,000						
Central Arkansas Lib. System Total		344,581	524,453	24,000	18,000	566,453	141,613	141,613	141,613	141,614
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Craighead Co. Total less Jonesboro	33,141	50,441	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Jonesboro (city) (Craighead Co.)	78,876	120,049							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Poinsett Co. Total less Trumann	15,190	23,119	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Trumann (city) (Poinsett Co.)	7,305	11,118							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib. Total		134,512	204,728	24,000	18,000	246,728	61,682	61,682	61,682	61,682
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Cross Co.	16,601	25,267	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Woodruff Co.	6,049	9,207	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		22,650	34,473	24,000	18,000	76,473	19,118	19,118	19,118	19,119
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Faulkner Co.	127,665	194,306	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Van Buren Co.	16,102	24,507	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib. Total		143,767	218,814	24,000	18,000	260,814	65,203	65,203	65,203	65,205
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Cleveland Co.	7,467	11,365	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Dallas Co.	6,191	9,423	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Grant Co.	18,160	27,640	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Hot Spring Co.	33,203	50,535	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Saline Co.	127,357	193,838	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library		192,378	292,800	60,000	18,000	370,800	92,700	92,700	92,700	92,700
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Blytheville (city) (Mississippi Co.)	12,706	19,339							
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Crittenden Co. Total less West Memphis	23,266	35,411	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Mississippi Co. Total less Blytheville	26,190	39,861	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib. Total		62,162	94,611	24,000	18,000	136,611	34,153	34,153	34,153	34,152
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Clay Co.	14,265	21,711	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Greene Co.	46,448	70,694	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Randolph Co.	18,837	28,670	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		79,550	121,075	36,000	18,000	175,075	43,769	43,769	43,769	43,768
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Montgomery Co.	8,556	13,022	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Polk Co.	19,337	29,431	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib Total		27,893	42,453	24,000	18,000	84,453	21,113	21,113	21,113	21,114
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Lee Co.	8,364	12,730	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Monroe Co.	6,564	9,990	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Phillips Co.	15,304	23,293	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib. Total		30,232	46,013	36,000		82,013	20,503	20,503	20,503	20,504
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Scott Co.	9,805	14,923	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Sebastian Co. Total less Fort Smith	39,067	59,460	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib. Total		48,872	74,383	24,000	18,000	116,383	29,096	29,096	29,096	29,095
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Bradley Co.	10,135	15,425	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Chicot Co.	9,873	15,027	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Desha Co.	10,771	16,393	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Drew Co.	16,911	25,739	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Lincoln Co.	12,916	19,658	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		60,606	92,242	60,000	18,000	170,242	42,561	42,561	42,561	42,559
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Nevada Co.	8,181	12,452	12,000						
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Pike Co.	10,179	15,492	12,000						

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Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		18,360	27,944	24,000	18,000	69,944	17,486	17,486	17,486	17,486
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Howard Co.	12,557	19,112	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Little River Co.	11,821	17,992	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Sevier Co.	15,686	23,874	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.		40,064	60,978	36,000	18,000	114,978	28,744	28,744	28,744	28,746
White River Reg. Lib.	Cleburne Co.	25,284	38,482	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Fulton Co.	12,382	18,845	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Izard Co.	14,048	21,381	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Sharp Co.	17,810	27,107	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Stone Co.	12,575	19,139	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib. Total		82,099	124,955	60,000	18,000	202,955	50,739	50,739	50,739	50,738
Total Regional Libraries		1,418,608	2,159,125	552,000	270,000	2,981,125	745,281	745,281	745,281	745,282
Fayetteville Public Library	Fayetteville (city)	99,285	151,112		18,000	169,112	42,278	42,278	42,278	42,278
Forrest City Public Lib.	Forrest City (city)	12,676	19,293		18,000	37,293	9,323	9,323	9,323	9,324
Fort Smith Public Lib.	Fort Smith (city)	89,992	136,968		18,000	154,968	38,742	38,742	38,742	38,742
North Little Rock Public Lib.	North Little Rock (city)	64,627	98,362		18,000	116,362	29,091	29,091	29,091	29,089
Rogers Public Lib.	Rogers (city)	72,999	111,105		18,000	129,105	32,276	32,276	32,276	32,277
Texarkana Public Lib.	Texarkana (city)	29,306	44,604	12,000	18,000	74,604	18,651	18,651	18,651	18,651
West Memphis Public Lib.	West Memphis (city)	23,795	36,216			36,216	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054
Total City Libraries		392,680	597,660	12,000	108,000	717,660	179,415	179,415	179,415	179,415
Grand Total		2,775,765	4,224,721	564,000	756,000	5,544,721	1,386,180	1,386,180	1,386,180	1,386,177

Counties Not Qualifying	Total Released for FY2025 State Aid	5,694,721		<i>Fifth Payment (optional) is the distribution of the remainder of the reserves held for scholarships, multi-county regionals and MLS awards. (Director discretion).</i>
Prairie	Reserved for Scholarships	(150,000)		
Searcy	Multi-County Regionals	(564,000)		
Benton	MLS Awards, 42 headquarters libraries	(756,000)		
Miller	Total Designated	(1,470,000)		
St. Francis	Balance for Per Capita Distribution	4,224,721		
Source:	4,224,721/2,775,765=	1.52200240		
https://arstatedatacenter.youraedi.com/scripts/subcountyestimates.php				
AR Data Center - 2022 estimates				
Multi-County Regionals & MLS Awards are based on July 1st status.				
Only positive changes to the payout amounts are permitted during the year due to recipient budget expectations.				

	As of:	10/15/2024
ACTUAL:	State Aid:	1,386,182
	Scholarships:	31,500
	Amt Paid Out	1,417,682
	Adjustments	-
	Balance	4,277,039

Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance Application

Instructions: Complete this form to apply for State Aid funds to underwrite a scholarship award from your library to an employee who has been admitted to the graduate program in an ALA-accredited library school. Attach to this form all appropriate documentation, such as a letter of admission from the library school, a letter of agreement from the employee who will benefit from the local scholarship award, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the local library board at which the application was approved.

APPLICANT

State Aid grant funds are requested to underwrite a scholarship award from this public library to an employee who has been admitted to a graduate program in an accredited library school. The applicant library agrees to award the full amount of the scholarship award to the employee. The employee has agreed to provide transcripts as evidence of credits earned each semester and to remain on the job for a period of one (1) year following grant of aid. If these conditions are not met, the applicant library agrees to refund to the State Library all grant funds paid under this award.

Ashley County Library
Applicant Library Name

211 E. Lincoln St.
Mailing Address

Hamburg, AR 71646-3217
City/State/Zip Code (4 digit extension)

ashcolib@gmail.com
Email Address

870-853-2078 Phone Number 1-870-853-2079 Fax Number

STANTON E. VEAZEY
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

[Signature] Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee 6/5/24 Date

AGREEMENT

I have applied to my employer for a scholarship grant. I am enrolled in a graduate program in an accredited library school and have completed the first twelve (12) hours credit. Supporting documents are attached. I have agreed to furnish transcripts at the end of each semester as evidence of credits earned, to remain employed in an Arkansas public library for at least one year following grant of aid and to fulfill any local requirements. If I do not fulfill these agreed conditions, I understand that I must repay to the applicant library all funds paid to me from this award.

Mary Cate Lamb
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

[Signature] Participant's Signature 6/13/24 Date

RECOMMENDATION

I have reviewed this application and the supporting documents. I recommend that the State Library Board () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Librarian Date

ACTION TAKEN

In a regular meeting of the State Library Board held on _____ the Board voted to () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Library Board Chairman Date



Ashley County Library

211 East Lincoln St.

Hamburg, AR 71646

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June 14, 20124

Director Chilcoat and ASL Board,

I would like to recommend Mary Cate Lamb for the Arkansas State Library Scholarship Program. Mary Cate was hired in August of 2020, and has been a valuable asset to our library since then. I am more than delighted she has decided to return to school to earn her MLIS degree.

Mary Cate shows a great deal of incentive when it comes to "library things." Not long after hiring her, she became our primary social media person. We are a small rural library, but nothing happens in our small town unless it happens on Facebook! She makes daily posts and I often receive compliments about the quality and frequency of her postings.

She has great customer service skills and many times, patrons will request her assistance over the phone or in-house. She reads a wide variety of genres and always has a recommendation for our patrons. It's been a delight to watch her grow into her position and I cannot wait to see how her MLIS program changes her already excellent skill set. She has the potential to be a great library director in the future and I want to assist her in achieving this goal in any way possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Holly A. Gillum, Director
Ashley County Library

June 14, 2024
Letter of Intent for MLIS Scholarship Assistance

Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian
Scholarship Assistance Program
Arkansas State Library
Little Rock, AR

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mary Cate Lamb and I am currently employed at the Ashley County Library in Hamburg as a library paraprofessional. I have been employed at the library in a full-time position since January 2021. I will begin the MLIS program at Louisiana State University (LSU) in July 2024 and by December I will have 15 hours. The goal is to finish the program by December 2025. I already have a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Public History, but after working at the library I believe that being a librarian is my calling. I plan on continuing working here at the library for many years and hopefully, one day taking over the role of director. This library has taught me so much about having patience with individuals and trying to help meet their needs.

I am an avid reader and read a lot of different genres so I can recommend books to our patrons. I enjoy nonfiction, thrillers, biographies, and mysteries. Currently, I am over social media, the website, and lead a children's program. I am eager to learn more about library practices in the MLIS program that can help further my career here at the library along with learning ways to better assist patrons and programs. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mary Cate Lamb, Library Paraprofessional
Ashley County Library
211 E. Lincoln St.
Hamburg, AR 71646-3217

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Saline County Library
Applicant Library Name
1800 Smithers Drive
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Benton, AR, 72015
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Phone Number, Fax Number
Marian Douglas
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)
Marian Douglas
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee
9/18/2024
Date

AGREEMENT

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Chelsea Simon
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)
Chelsea Simon
Participant's Signature
8/14/24
Date

RECOMMENDATION

I have reviewed this application and the supporting documents. I recommend that the State Library Board () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Librarian _____ Date _____

ACTION TAKEN

In a regular meeting of the State Library Board held on _____ the Board voted to () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Library Board Chairman _____ Date _____



12 August 2024

Arkansas State Library
Scholarship Assistance Program

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to recommend Chelsea Simon for the annual Arkansas Library Association scholarship. I have had the privilege to work with Chelsea for the last two years at the Saline County Library, and I can honestly say she has a passion for the library world especially in youth services. She began as a part-time Youth Services assistant, and with her dedication, excitement, and creativity, she was promoted to the full-time position of Teen Programmer at our main location.

Chelsea has led nearly 20 programs monthly since January 2023. She established the first teen D&D program for the library that has been at capacity since she launched it. She works so well with the teens and understands what the teens in our community need for successful library programs. Chelsea is always willing to collaborate and is a welcoming presence for the patrons of the Saline County Library.

Chelsea has the heart and work ethic of a librarian. She has a passion for public libraries and is always looking for new ways to serve our patrons. She has completed 12 hours toward her MLS and is rocking the program. She is dedicated to librarianship, and I cannot recommend her highly enough to be included in the Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance Program.

Sincerely

Leigh Espey
Library Director



Personal Statement

When I was five, I proudly posed in front of our public library, holding up my brand-new library card like a trophy. My stay-at-home mom and I practically lived at the library, going there several times a week. Whether it was summer reading, storytime, or special puppet shows, I was always there. The children's librarian, Mrs. Bradbury, knew both my mom and me by name and played a big role in shaping my early reading habits. She always asked about my piano lessons or summer plans and even gave me Christmas gifts. As I got older, Mrs. Bradbury still greeted me warmly, but she specialized in children's books and programs. Since the library had very little teen programming, and the book collection for teens were slim, there wasn't much she could offer me.

Despite my lifelong love for libraries, it took me a while to find my way into this career. I spent almost a decade working at DeGray Lake Resort State Park, where I discovered my passion for helping people and developed exceptional customer service skills. I also learned that the 24/7 hospitality field was not the right fit for me. So, I decided to explore education and started substitute teaching to get a feel for it. That's when I discovered how much I enjoy working with tweens and teens. After a semester of subbing, I took a part-time position as a Youth Services Assistant at Saline County Library, and everything clicked. I realized that the education system wasn't where I wanted to focus my time and energy, so I began exploring a career in librarianship.

In December 2022, I became the full-time Youth Services Programmer for Teens at Saline County Library. Since then, I've scheduled, promoted, prepared, and led over 200 programs for teens. On top of that, I'm involved in book clubs at two local schools, manage the Young Adult collection, and work at the Youth Services help desk. My daily motivation is to be the librarian I wish I had when I was a teen. As I continue to pursue my Master's in Library Science, I'm committed to filling in any gaps in my professional knowledge. So far, my job has provided me with hands-on training in our library's youth services department, but I'm excited to expand that knowledge through my studies. I'm looking forward to diving deeper into best practices, collection curation, and children's literacy.

**Arkansas State Library
Scholarship Assistance Application**

Instructions: Complete this form to apply for State Aid funds to underwrite a scholarship award from your library to an employee who has been admitted to the graduate program in an ALA-accredited library school. Attach to this form all appropriate documentation, such as a letter of admission from the library school, a letter of agreement from the employee who will benefit from the local scholarship award, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the local library board at which the application was approved.

APPLICANT

State Aid grant funds are requested to underwrite a scholarship award from this public library to an employee who has been admitted to a graduate program in an accredited library school. The applicant library agrees to award the full amount of the scholarship award to the employee. The employee has agreed to provide transcripts as evidence of credits earned each semester and to remain on the job for a period of one (1) year following grant of aid. If these conditions are not met, the applicant library agrees to refund to the State Library all grant funds paid under this award.

WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County library
Applicant Library Name
213 Walnut Street
Mailing Address
Newport AR 72112
City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension
lisa.may.director@gmail.com
Email Address
870-523-2952 Phone Number 870-523-5218 Fax Number
Hanna Dickinson
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)
Hanna P. Dickinson
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee
10-16-24
Date

AGREEMENT

I have applied to my employer for a scholarship grant. I am enrolled in a graduate program in an accredited library school and have completed the first twelve (12) hours credit. Supporting documents are attached. I have agreed to furnish transcripts at the end of each semester as evidence of credits earned, to remain employed in an Arkansas public library for at least one year following grant of aid and to fulfill any local requirements. If I do not fulfill these agreed conditions, I understand that I must repay to the applicant library all funds paid to me from this award.

Lisa May
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)
Lisa May
Participant's Signature
10-16-24
Date

RECOMMENDATION

I have reviewed this application and the supporting documents. I recommend that the State Library Board () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Librarian _____ Date _____

ACTION TAKEN

In a regular meeting of the State Library Board held on _____ the Board voted to () approve () deny this application.

Signature of State Library Board Chairman _____ Date _____



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October 16, 2024

RE: Letter of Recommendation

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to highly recommend that any and all help from the Arkansas State Library Board be provided to Lisa May. She is currently the Director of the Jackson County Library and I have known Lisa for years and actually attend Church with her and her family. She was a school teacher for the Newport School System for years and works great with our youth. She is doing a great job and needs her masters to continue her employment.

Again any and all help you can provide for her will be greatly appreciated. The scholarship she is needing will ensure Lisa's educational needs for her advancement to Librarian.

If I can assist in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeff Phillips

October 16, 2024

WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County Library

Lisa May, Director

213 Walnut Street

Newport, AR 72112

Arkansas State Library

900 W. Capitol, Suite 100

Little Rock, AR 72201

Arkansas State Library Board:

Currently, I am serving as the Director of the WA Billingsley Memorial Library. This library is a hub of communication and entertainment for the citizens of Jackson County. Everyday our building is open to serve in many avenues: copies, fax, internet, notary, books, magazines, reference materials, and newspapers. My job here is vibrant and engaging. It is rewarding to be on the staff.

To fulfill Arkansas's state requirements, I have an obligation to earn an MLS. I have been accepted by LSU to obtain this degree. I intend to employ my knowledge from this new education to function as a leader. By earning my MLS, I will be able to achieve my role of service to this library and its patrons.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa May". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Lisa May

October 16, 2024

WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County Library

Lisa May, Director

213 Walnut Street

Newport, AR 72112

Arkansas State Library

900 W. Capitol Ave, Suite 100

Little Rock, AR 72201

Arkansas State Library Board:

On July 22, 2024, I began working as the Director at WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County Library in Newport, Arkansas. I have been accepted into the MLS program at LSU. I will begin my education online with LSU starting October 21, 2024. I would like to request a waiver from the 12-hour coursework requirement for reimbursement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa May".

Lisa May

Director, WA Billingsley Memorial Jackson County Library

Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance

Library Name	Individual Name	Library School	# of Hours -- Fall 2024	Recommended Award
Ashley County Library	Mary Lamb	LSU	3	\$1,350
Jackson County Library	Lisa May	LSU	3	\$1,350
Saline County Library	Chelsea Simon	U of NT	6	\$2,700
Total			12	\$5,400

State Librarian – Jennifer Chilcoat

Grant to Provide Candid Access

Debbie Hall and I were approached last year by the Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation about a grant to provide access to the Candid online database to public libraries in the 32 Arkansas Delta counties served by the King Foundation. As we've discussed the possibilities over the past month, the King Foundation determined that the cost of providing Candid to the entire state was relatively small when compared with the cost of providing it to 32 counties. They are proposing to fund a statewide subscription for a period of three years, as well as to fully fund the production and distribution of promotional and informational materials associated with the database. The King Foundation Board approved a grant of up to \$75,000 over three years, and I am working with our ADE Legal team to approve the contract language. I have attached the Project Proposal that was approved by the King Foundation's Board of Directors to my report, as well as a sample data sheet from the Candid product so that you can see the kind of information it provides. I would like to get the general recommendation of the Board in order to proceed with our work on this grant.

NTIA Grant with UAMS

UAMS approached us about joining them in applying for a National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Digital Equity Competitive Grant. Our capacity is being stretched tightly in response to other changes in the broadband environment, including our collaboration with the State Broadband Office and the Cooperative Extension Service to create and disseminate a statewide digital skills curriculum. For that reason, I will serve in an advisory capacity, should their grant application be funded, to help identify potential challenges and opportunities in making telehealth opportunities available and accessible in the selected public libraries with which they partner.

Board Information on ASL Website

With the web expertise of Sarah Lipsey, we made some changes to how the information for the Board is reflected on our website. It is now much easier to find the link to the meeting, as well as to see how a member of the public would go about commenting on agenda items at the meeting.

LSTA Grants to States Conference

I was able to attend the Grants to States Conference in September in Debbie Hall's stead. There are a number of updates coming to the OMB Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance, the guidance that directs how our federal funds can be spent. These changes represent the largest update to the uniform guidance since its inception in 2014. Chief among the changes, which went into effect on October 1, 2024, but will not affect our award until October 1, 2025, are numerous "plain language" changes, an increase in the threshold amount for a purchased item to be considered "equipment" (from \$5,000 to \$10,000), and the addition of "veteran-owned business" to the types of businesses that recipients and subrecipients are encouraged to consider for procurement contracts under Federal awards.

Additionally, CFR 200.318(c)1 General Procurement Standards changed its conflict-of-interest language thusly, adding "board member" to the list of individuals covered by the regulation:

"Conflicts of interest. No employee, officer, agent, or board member with a real or apparent conflict of interest may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by the Federal award."

This additional text does not reflect a change, but rather a clarification of intent.

Additional Activities (*All meetings are online unless otherwise indicated*)

- Webinar: Decoding the 5th Circuit’s Decision on the Universal Service Fund, August 14
- Executive Team with ADE HR’s Chris Abshire and Ashley Morris, August 20
- NTIA Grant Discussion with UAMS, August 21
- COSLA Member Update, August 22
- E-Rate Hotspot Lending – Answering Your Questions Webinar, August 28
- Library Move Consultation with Ashley County, August 29
- ASL Managers Meeting, September 4, October 2, and November 6
- LSTA New Attendees Virtual Orientation, September 11
- Museum and Library Services Act, Reauthorization and Tribal Libraries, September 12
- First Floor Weeding and Shifting Discussion, September 13
- LSTA Conference, Milwaukee WI, September 18-19
- Public Library Directors Summit, ASL, September 25-27
- Microsoft Copilot FastStart Training, October 11
- COSLA Access and Engagement Group
- Planning Call for Arkansas Digital Government Summit Panel, October 15
- COSLA Data Think Tank Coordination, October 16
- Fall LSWG Meeting, October 17
- COSLA Annual Meeting, Huntsville AL, October 20-23
- Arkansas Digital Government Summit, October 29
- Bentonville Public Library Grand Re-Opening, October 30
- IMLS Open Forum on 2 C.F.R. Updates, November 7

Future meetings/events include:

- LDD I Meeting, Bentonville, November 22

Acronyms: AAAL – Advocates for All Arkansas Libraries; ADE – Arkansas Department of Education; ALA – American Library Association; ArLA – Arkansas Library Association; ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act; ARSL – Association for Rural and Small Libraries; CCPF – Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund; COSLA – Chief Officers of State Library Agencies; DESE – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; FDLP – Federal Depository Library Program; GPO – Government Publishing Office; IDHI – Institute for Digital Health and Innovation (UAMS); IMLS – Institute of Museum and Library Services; LDD – Library Development District; LSWG – Library Statistics Working Group; MEAC – Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment Committee (PLA); PLA – Public Library Association; SDC – State Data Coordinator

ARKANSAS

Arkansas State Library System

Little Rock, AR

Project Name:	program support for the Arkansas State Library Candid project
Request Amount:	None specified
Recommended Amount:	\$75,000 (up to)
Reviewers:	Michelle and Joyvin

REQUEST HISTORY (SINCE INCEPTION)

Requests Submitted: 0

Requests Granted: 0

Total Granted: \$0.00

REQUEST DETAIL (PAST FIVE YEARS ONLY)

	Project Name	Status	Granted
	program support for the Arkansas State Library System Candid project	Application submitted	\$0.00

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Arkansas State Library (ASL) system has a rich history. It was established in 1935. Initially created as part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the library was designed to enhance public library services and provide resources to state government agencies. Over the decades, the library expanded its services, evolving from a small collection of government documents to a comprehensive state library system. In the 1960s, ASL began offering interlibrary loan services and started developing statewide programs to support local libraries. The introduction of digital resources and databases in the 1990s marked a significant milestone, allowing greater access to information for all residents. Today, ASL continues to innovate, providing extensive resources, literacy programs, and professional development opportunities to ensure that the people of Arkansas have access to the information they need.

Additionally, it supports library staff with professional development opportunities and technical assistance. By fostering collaboration among local libraries and leveraging technology, the ASL system ensures that knowledge and information are accessible to all Arkansans, thereby enriching the cultural and intellectual fabric of the state. ASL is a central resource for the state and does not directly manage individual public libraries. Instead, it supports a network of public libraries across Arkansas through various programs and services. Arkansas has more than 230 public libraries and branches within 55 public library systems, including city and county libraries. These libraries are independently operated, but they benefit from the resources, training, and support provided by ASL.

CURRENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

ASL offers a variety of programs and services designed to meet the needs of public libraries, state government agencies, and the public. Some of the key programs and services include:

1. **Interlibrary Loan Services:** This service allows libraries across the state to borrow materials from each other, providing patrons access to a broader range of books, articles, and other resources.

2. **Statewide Databases:** ASL provides access to various online databases, offering everything from academic journals and research materials to genealogy resources and general reference materials. These databases are available to all Arkansas residents, often through local libraries.
3. **Library for the Blind and Print Disabled:** This service provides free access to braille and audiobooks for individuals who cannot read standard print materials due to visual or physical disabilities. The library also offers playback equipment and other assistive technology to support these patrons.
4. **Youth Services:** The library supports youth literacy and education through programs like the Arkansas Summer Reading Program, encouraging children to continue reading during the summer. It also provides resources and training for librarians working with children and young adults.
5. **Continuing Education and Training:** ASL offers professional development opportunities for library staff statewide. These include workshops, webinars, and conferences on topics relevant to library management, technology, and public service.
6. **State Documents Depository:** The library serves as a repository for state government publications, ensuring that these documents are preserved and accessible to the public. This includes legislative materials, reports, and other official publications.
7. **Arkansas Center for the Book:** This program promotes literacy, reading, and Arkansas's literary heritage through author visits, literary awards, and public readings.
8. **Technical Assistance and Consulting:** The library provides guidance and support to local libraries in technology, collection development, and library management. This helps ensure that libraries across the state can offer high-quality services to their communities.

These programs and services reflect ASL's commitment to enhancing access to information, promoting literacy, and supporting the state's network of public libraries.

PROGRAM OR PROJECT FOR WHICH FUNDING IS SOUGHT

Candid is a nonprofit organization connecting people with information about the social sector. It resulted from the 2019 merger of previously separate organizations, the Foundation Center and GuideStar.

Candid offers electronic resources and training on fundraising and the nonprofit world through libraries and organizations serving the public. It also has various free resources, including a virtual lending library of e-books and audiobooks about nonprofits, social entrepreneurship, and more. The Candid Learning site has self-paced video courses, podcasts, and articles, and the Candid blog covers news, trends, and ideas from the nonprofit world.

Candid now offers two main database products relevant to this grant: GuideStar and the Foundation Directory. Both are available only online. GuideStar contains information on all nonprofit organizations in the U.S. that have a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS. Listed organizations may supplement their basic listings with additional information, resulting in Gold, Silver, or Bronze Seals of Transparency. (King holds a Gold Seal.) GuideStar has a free subscription but limits access to some features like tax returns; the full subscription is almost \$3,000 per year.

The Foundation Directory contains information on more than 320,000 funders. The most extensive information is available only through their FDO Professional product, which costs \$1,600 per year. Small nonprofits with budgets under \$1 million can get a free subscription to a stripped down product if they reach the Gold level of transparency on GuideStar. But that version, FDO Essentials, has limited utility for prospect research.

Access to Candid products will benefit library patrons, particularly those in rural communities. Candid can empower rural library patrons by providing them with the tools and information they need to support local initiatives, access funding, and contribute to the development and sustainability of their communities.

1. **Access to Funding Opportunities:** For individuals or small nonprofits in rural areas, Candid offers valuable information on grant opportunities that might otherwise be difficult to discover. This can help local organizations secure funding for community projects, education, healthcare, and other essential services.
2. **Support for Local Nonprofits:** Rural communities often rely heavily on local nonprofits to address needs that might not be met by other means. Candid can help these organizations identify potential partners, funders, and resources to expand their impact, leading to more robust community support networks.
3. **Educational and Professional Development:** Candid provides information on scholarships, fellowships, and educational grants for educators, students, and entrepreneurs in rural areas. These can open doors to further education and training that might otherwise be inaccessible, helping to build local capacity and expertise. (Candid previously published a separate database called Foundation Grants to Individuals, but moved that information into the Foundation Directory in spring 2024.)
4. **Resource for Aspiring Entrepreneurs:** Individuals in rural communities looking to start social enterprises or businesses with a social impact focus can use Candid to find funding and support. This can be crucial in areas with limited economic opportunities, empowering locals to create jobs and stimulate economic growth.
5. **Enhancing Community Projects:** Rural libraries often serve as community hubs, and Candid can support initiatives like community gardens, arts programs, or literacy projects by connecting organizers with the necessary funding and resources. This can enhance the quality of life in rural areas by fostering cultural and educational activities.
6. **Broadening Access to Information:** The availability of Candid in rural libraries ensures that patrons in these areas have the same access to critical information as those in urban settings. This levels the playing field, allowing rural communities to compete more effectively for resources and opportunities.

REVIEWER ANALYSIS

After the Arkansas Black Philanthropy Collective (ABPC) delivered its report to the King board in September 2023, Michelle was surprised to learn of the listening tour's participants' low awareness of grantmaking foundations in general and the King Foundation in particular.

She researched the level of free public access to Candid's products in Arkansas, and learned that the only service locations were branches of the Central Arkansas Library System in and around Little Rock, and the public library in Fayetteville. Through a contact at Arkansas Impact Philanthropy (AIP), Michelle contacted Jennifer Chilcoat, the state director of ASL, who expressed great interest in getting broader access to Candid products.

Initial inquiries to Candid about subscription costs eventually led to two options: King could subscribe to the service for only our 32 service counties, at a cost of \$10,000 per year (based on population); or purchase a statewide subscription for all 75 counties for \$15,000. (Candid incentivizes state library systems to subscribe to its products by attractive pricing of the statewide service.) Because the incremental cost is low, but the state benefit is high, King staff recommend the statewide subscription.

ASL and King have jointly developed an initial plan to launch the new Candid service in six counties within King's service area in October 2024. After a four to six-month trial period, ASL will add more counties incrementally, with the goal of full statewide coverage by October 2025.

ASL does not expect any capital costs for this program. All patrons within range of a library's Wi-Fi network can log on using their own devices. But ASL does need help with publicity items like printing posters, bookmarks, and the like. It estimates those costs at \$10,000 per year.

We therefore recommend a grant of up to \$75,000 over three years to support the cost of Candid for the ASL System, which would cover the Candid subscription of \$15,000 a year and \$10,000 for incidental costs. Multiyear subscriptions are not available.

The project will continue after the first year only with the consent of both ASL and King. An "up to" authorization would enable King to renew the subscription in 2025 and 2026 if desired. We would work with ASL to track usage and other data during the pilot period and first year to determine whether to continue the program in 2025-26 and 2026-27 and finetune any incidental costs needing outside support.

Thereafter, we hope that either ASL will have enough evidence of benefit to work the costs into its annual budget, or that other funders will join the project. Because access will have been statewide for at least two years at that point, those funders will be able to see the impact of access in their service areas.

RATIONALE FOR FUNDING

Funding recommended:

- There is a lack of philanthropic support in the Arkansas Delta. One cause is that organizations do not apply for funding due to a lack of awareness of funding opportunities. Candid products can increase awareness of these opportunities.
- Anyone within the walls of the library can use the database; patrons do not have to be on a library computer.
- Candid offers a variety of professional development and training opportunities
- This is an innovative way to build capacity in rural communities. They can research best practices, grant writing tips, and more.
- Access to these research products dovetails with King's other planned capacity building work in the Delta.
- ASL can track usage data and critical outputs.
- Statewide availability may encourage other regional funders to support continuation of these services after the initial term proves up the concept.

Candid

Candid is a nonprofit that helps other nonprofits serve their communities.

Key tools include GuideStar and Foundation Directory.

- GuideStar can be used to research local nonprofits to support and find services.
 - Easily search 1.8 million IRS-recognized tax-exempt organizations and thousands of faith-based nonprofits.
 - Gather insights on financials, people/leadership, mission, and more.
 - Authoritative data derived from validated sources, including 990s and direct reporting – verified and updated daily.

- Foundation Directory can be used by nonprofits and individuals seeking funding, scholarships, and fellowships.
 - 307,000+ expanded grantmaker profiles
 - 2,100,000+ recipient profiles
 - 1,500,000+ key decision makers and leaders
 - Searchable 990s and 990-PFs
 - My FDO
 - 29.9 MILLION + grants
 - Maps and charts
 - Federal Grants

Roll out to public libraries will be in three phases:

Phase One: Pilot – two library systems – one multi-county and 1 independent city

Phase Two – public libraries in the remaining 32 counties the King Foundation serves

Phase Three – the remaining public libraries

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Professional Sample Profile


The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

FOUNDATION DIRECTORY ONLINE

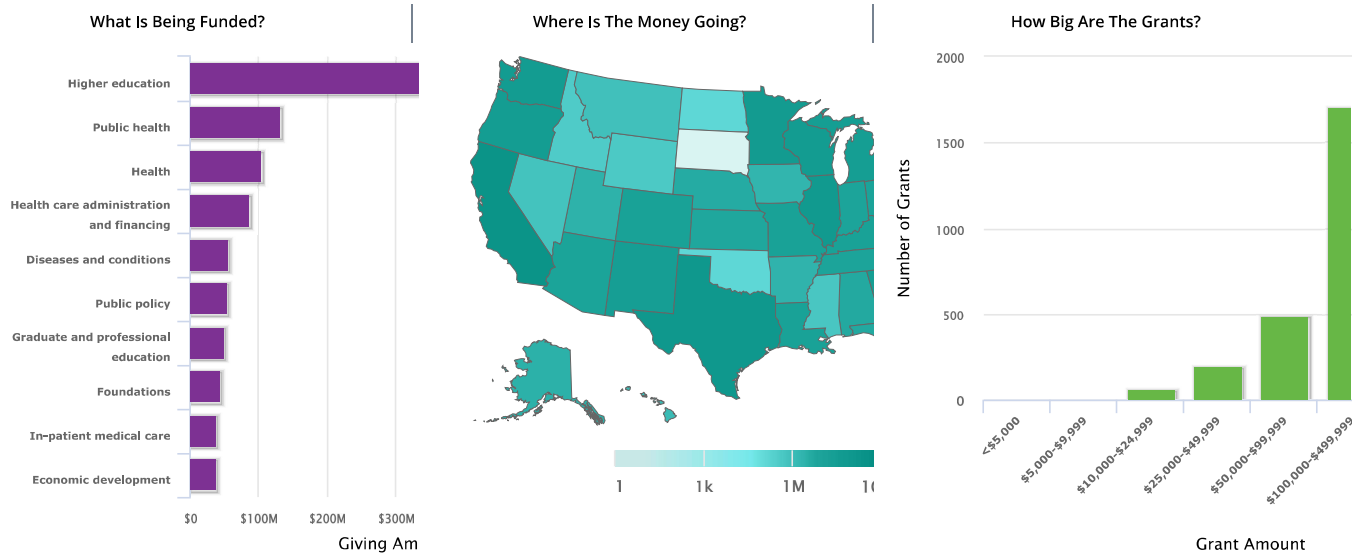
Princeton, NJ, United States | www.rwjf.org | 6096276000 | mail@rwjf.org

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Most Recent 5 Years At A Glance

They've funded 3,739 grants to 1,471 organizations totaling \$2,075,933,869

 New Profile Feature

Robust Summary for Each Funder: What, Where and Amount of Funding in 3 Easy to Read Charts



Grants

Most Common Grant Amount: \$50,000

 New Profile Feature

View Grants Histories Specific to Search Criteria

Recent Grants

Recipient	City	State	Country	Primary Subject	Year	Grant Amount
Coronavirus Disease 2019 - Multiple Recipients				Disaster relief	2020	\$50,000,000
Community Catalyst bronze	Boston	Massachusetts	United States	Health	2020	\$12,650,000
Trustees of Princeton University	Princeton	New Jersey	United States	Public health	2020	\$9,648,987
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy gold	Cambridge	Massachusetts	United States	Population studies	2020	\$8,014,811
Illinois Public Health Institute	Chicago	Illinois	United States	Open data	2020	\$7,702,861

Showing 1-5 of 21,571 Results

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Funding Interests

SUBJECTS

Addiction services, Antidiscrimination, Bullying, Child development, Child educational development, Child welfare, Economic development, Environmental health, Family services, Foundations, Graduate and professional education, Health, Health care administration and financing, Health care financing, Health insurance, Higher education, Homeless services, Hospital care, In-patient medical care, Leadership development, Medical education, Mental and behavioral disorders, Mental health care, Nonprofits, Nursing care, Obesity, Palliative care, Preventive care, Public health, Public policy, Senior services, Smoking, Voluntarism

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

National, New Jersey, California, Indonesia, New York, Puerto Rico, Canada, District of Columbia, Massachusetts

POPULATION GROUPS

Academics, Economically disadvantaged people, Low-income people

SUPPORT STRATEGIES

Participatory grantmaking, Program evaluations, Program support, Public engagement and education, Research, Research and evaluation, Seed money, Technical assistance

TRANSACTION TYPES

ORGANIZATION TYPES

Independent foundation

About

Purpose and Activities

The foundation's mission is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Its efforts focus on fostering environments that promote health and on improving how health care in America is delivered and paid for, and how well it does for patients and their families.

Background

Incorporated in 1936 in NJ; became a national philanthropy in 1972 - Founded by the late Robert Wood Johnson, who built the family firm, Johnson & Johnson, (which was founded by his father Robert Wood Johnson, I) into a worldwide health and medical care products company. Because of his service during World War II as a brigadier general in charge of the New York Ordnance District, people who knew him addressed him as the General. President Roosevelt appointed him as Vice Chairman of the War Production Board and Chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corporation. He endowed the foundation with a \$1.2 billion bequest from his personal fortune. In 2014 the foundation announced that it will continue to work on issues it believes are key to the well-being of all Americans, but within its organization it will no longer divide its efforts into the silos of health and health care. Rather, all that it does will serve one goal: building a culture of health. The grantmaker is a signatory to Philanthropy's Promise, an initiative of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP). By signing on, the grantmaker has committed to allocating the majority of its grantmaking dollars to marginalized communities and at least 25 percent to social justice strategies, such as advocacy, community organizing, and civic engagement.

Program Areas (11)

21st Century Leadership

The foundation identifies leaders who have the potential to transform our nation's health and providing them with the support they need to realize their promise. It is committed to investing in the development of health innovators and to develop new health-focused leadership programs that connect people across sectors as well as disciplines, capitalize on technology to promote networking and mentoring, and reach and help many more individuals.

Bridging Health and Health Care

The foundation believes that for too long being healthy has been defined as not being sick. It also believes that good health extends beyond the walls of medical offices to the places where people live, learn, work and play. As such, the foundation will continue to invest in programs that bridge health and health care, balancing treatment with prevention, community action and individual responsibility.

Cost, Quality, and Value

The foundation is committed to seeking the best possible outcomes and highest value from our national investments in health care, public health and population health. This includes reducing wasteful spending, increasing the reach and efficacy of fundamental health services, and investing in the identification and spread of strategies to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care and other health services.

Culture of Health Prize

The prize is awarded annually to honor outstanding community efforts and partnerships that are helping people live healthier lives. Winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their accomplishments celebrated and shared broadly with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally-driven change across the country. The prize is a place-based prize that honors whole U.S. communities; submissions representing the work of a single organization or initiative will not be considered. Each applicant community will be required to designate a local U.S. governmental or tax exempt public charity operating in its community to accept the \$25,000 prize on the community's behalf, should they win. Community partners can decide together how to use the funds to benefit the community; reports to RWJF or UWPHI on prize expenditures are not required. See foundation web site eligibility and selection criteria and online application process.

Equal Opportunity

The foundation works with other foundations, organizations, and businesses that have long worked to increase opportunities in education, housing, and community development to make the fruits of good health available to all. In 2013, it established Forward Promise, a \$9.5 million initiative focused on promoting opportunities for the health and success of middle school and high school-aged boys and young men of color. The foundation will continue to delve more deeply into the causes of the unacceptable gaps in opportunity for good health and identify additional areas that we believe call for immediate attention.

Health Care Coverage for All

For decades, the foundation has worked to improve access to affordable, high-quality coverage for all Americans. The Affordable Care Act has created new opportunities for more than 30 million uninsured Americans to acquire coverage. The foundation's objective is to ensure that all who are eligible for coverage know what is available to them and how to make the most of it.

Healthy Places and Practices

To help build public demand for a culture of health, the foundation will identify, support, and spread the word about individual and community actions that promote lifelong health for all Americans. It is committed to finding strong examples of places and practices reflecting a culture of health, and sharing the lessons they have to offer with others so Americans can link forces and build small victories into a national movement.

Healthy Weight for All Children

In 2007, the foundation announced that it would dedicate \$500 million to reversing the childhood obesity epidemic in America. The relentless rise in childhood obesity rates has abated, and in some areas has even decreased. Moving forward, the foundation will stress the importance of achieving a healthy weight for all of our nation's children, especially in poor communities and those of color.

Program-Related Investment

The foundation has made PRIs in the form of loans in a pooled PRI fund to improve economically disadvantaged urban communities and the lives of their residents and for an expansion of playworks to promote youth development in school. The foundation has made a PRI to provide a reserve for a loan fund serving women and minorities in medicine. In the following years, PRI support has included funding for organizations focused on the aging, the housing needs of the chronic mentally ill, and increasing the effectiveness of rural hospitals. Specifically, PRIs have supported facilities improvement and equipment acquisition, and capitalized earned income ventures and housing development projects.

Scholarship Program: Future of Nursing Scholars

"Through the Future of Nursing Scholars program, we will create a large and diverse cadre of PhD-prepared nurses who are committed to long-term leadership careers that advance science and discovery, strengthen nursing education, and bring transformational change to nursing and health care. The program will provide scholarships, mentoring, and leadership development activities, as well as postdoctoral research support, to build the capacity of this select group of future nurse leaders." In regards to the Clinical Scholars, "As of July 2014, the program had produced 1,262 scholars. In 2014, 52 Scholars are participating in the program (27 first years and 25 second years). The impact of the program can be tracked, in part, by the ascendancy of Scholars to positions of leadership, their impact on health services and health policy research, including community-based participatory research, and their influence within specialty areas of health care, including pediatrics and emergency medicine." Average Scholarship: \$35,000-\$125,000 What Scholarship Covers: Tuition or other educational expenses; research-related expenses Degree Program: Graduate Degree Geographic Scope of Student: USA Host Countries: USA Population Served: Diverse health care leaders Program Model: Traditional; project based Additional Resources: 1) https://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/program_results_reports/2013/rwjf70030_2 https://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/program_results_reports/2012/rwjf401104_3 https://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/program_results_reports/2010/rwjf403883.

Vulnerable Populations

The foundation supports finding innovative and effective ways of addressing the many factors that influence the health of our nation's most vulnerable people. Its work in this area will focus on mental wellness and violence prevention, particularly in early childhood. The foundation believes we cannot call ourselves a healthy nation if we continue to be a violent one. The foundation has chosen to address how health is diminished by all forms of violence—child abuse, bullying, post-traumatic stress, domestic abuse, street violence—and how the cycle can be broken.

Other Funders to Consider

Based on similar patterns of giving (subject area, geographic area served and grant amounts)

◆ New Profile Feature

Explore Other Funders with Similar Giving Histories

- [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#) New York City, NY - Mental Health/Crisis Services, Education, Health Organizations, Recreation, Medical Research
- [The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation](#) Omaha, NE - Health, Education, Civil/Human Rights, Philanthropy/Voluntarism, Community Development
- [The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations](#) Jacksonville, FL - Education, Human Services, Medical Research, Mental Health/Crisis Services, Health
- [Bob Woodruff Family Foundation](#) New York City, NY - Community Development, Agriculture/Food, Health, Education, Recreation
- [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) Seattle, WA - Health, Philanthropy/Voluntarism, Education, Medical Research, Recreation

Applications/RFPs

◆ New Profile Feature

See funder's programs, giving limitations & RFPs

The foundation awards most grants through calls for proposals connected with its areas of focus. It accepts unsolicited proposals for projects that suggest new and creative approaches to solving health and health care problems. RWJF will continue to accept unsolicited proposals for the Pioneer Portfolio. Pioneer welcomes proposals for unsolicited grants at any time and issues awards throughout the year. There are no deadlines. Check web site for Open Calls for Proposals.

Application form required.

Applicants should submit the following:

1. Listing of additional sources and amount of support
2. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget
3. Contact person
4. How project's results will be evaluated or measured
5. Brief history of organization and description of its mission
6. Population served
7. Statement of problem project will address
8. Qualifications of key personnel
9. Results expected from proposed grant
10. How project will be sustained once grantmaker support is completed
11. Timetable for implementation and evaluation of project
12. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested

Initial Approach: Electronic brief proposal

Board meeting date(s): Quarterly

Deadline(s): None

Final notification: 6 to 12 months

Additional information: If the foundation requests a full proposal, instructions will be provided regarding what information to include and how to present it. If applying for an unsolicited grant from the Pioneer Portfolio, submit a brief proposal online.

Sort by date: [Deadline](#) | [Posted](#)

Current RFPs

[Health Data for Action: \(Data Access Award\)](#)
Deadline: December 17, 2020
Posted: November 13, 2020

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Proposals for Health Data for Action Program](#)
Deadline: December 17, 2020
Posted: November 17, 2020

GIVING LIMITATIONS

Giving primarily in the U.S.

No support for political organizations, international activities, programs or institutions concerned solely with specific chronic conditions or basic biomedical research.

No grants to individuals, or for ongoing general operating expenses, endowment funds, capital costs, including construction, renovation, or equipment, or research on unapproved drug therapies or devices, end-of-life care, long-term care or for physical activity for adults age 50 or older.

Financials

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED 2018-12-31

\$11,143,011,446
TOTAL ASSETS

\$409,604,886
TOTAL GIVING

Gifts Received: \$21

Expenditures: \$626,585,075

Qualifying Distributions: \$523,798,459

Giving Activities include:

\$409,604,886 for grants

990 FORMS

[2017](#) [2016](#) [2015](#) [2014](#) [2013](#) [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#)
[2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)

[Learn more](#) about the information displayed in Forms 990 and 990-PF, as well as processing errors announced by the IRS.

Who's Who

See who can introduce you to someone at The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

🔗 [New Profile Feature](#)

Use your Network to Access More Funders

Deputy Director - Kristen Cooke

Public Library Data

The 2024 Survey is currently in the build phase and state-level revisions are being considered for addition. Additions to the instrument at the state level will be considered based on whether or not the elements require annual or daily collection. Additions that fulfill the current or anticipated information needs related to BEAD funding or other broadband initiatives will be prioritized. Data may be collected on the 2024 survey that supports the development of a service map.

AIR/ IMLS Survey Development Subcommittee

I have been asked by the AIR (American Institutes of Research) and IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) to serve on the Survey Development Subcommittee. The committee has yet to convene. Work will begin in the coming months.

2026 PLS Proposal

As the Arkansas State Data Coordinator for the PLS, I submitted a proposal for the revision of the data element regarding Bookmobiles. The intent of the proposal was to refine the element's definition to reflect the changing usage of outreach vehicles while retaining the original intention of the element and continue the historic count of traditional bookmobiles that is currently being utilized in interdisciplinary research. The current definition for this element is restrictive and does not allow for the representation of outreach vehicles that contain a varying collection of materials, are driven by volunteers, or serve another library purpose such as providing mobile internet /computer labs or mobile workforce centers. The proposal will undergo a comment period before being refined and considered for addition to the State and Territory revision ballot. If the measure fails, the element will be added at the state-level in Arkansas.

BEAD Digital Skills Project Group

Work has continued with the BEAD Digital Skills Project Group. As part of the work, potential data collection strategies outside of the PLS are being considered in addition to revisions of the current survey elements.

Library Directors Summit

The Arkansas State Library's Library Development Department hosted a Library Director's Summit. As part of this summit, I presented a session on the usage of public data sets and their interaction with the Public Library Survey. The session also briefly covered data ethics in publication. Afterward, I remained on-hand to answer questions about the use and application of the Public Library Survey.

First-Floor Reconfiguration

As usage patterns change and materials storage needs evolve, it becomes important for the physical library space to adjust to reflect current needs. Fulfilling this need required a reconfiguration of the first-floor working spaces for both the Information Services department and the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. This reconfiguration will increase employee safety and materials retention by shifting more ASL staff into the main reading room. It will free up space for a private meeting area for first-floor staff, as well as an area for them to complete assigned training and deliver remote training to libraries. As

the Collection Management division continues with weeding projects, the first-floor spaces are likely to evolve again. The guiding goals are to design the space to work in coordination with the needs of the agency and preserve public use spaces to create a welcoming environment.

Outreach and Engagement

On September 18 I attended the opening of the Janette and Larry Crain Memorial Library. The library had enormous community support during its capital campaigns and was fully operational to patrons as soon as the ribbon was cut. The director of that library was given a key to the city to acknowledge her efforts to build the much-needed new library. The facility boasts a Small Business Center, Computer Lab, Teen and Children's areas, an in-library 'Friends' Store, meeting rooms, a local history room, cafe, and a beautiful memorial butterfly garden. The facility is adjoined by public park space that provides room for outdoor programming and a trail system.

I am working with staff within our Statewide Sharing and Engagement department, Information Services, Acquisitions, and Library for the Blind and Print Disabled to create an inventory of existing programs and presentations of the Arkansas State Library. These programs and presentations will be compiled and offered by the Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator to promote to stakeholders.

Special Projects

Batesville correctional library materials support

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book, selection committee member

Upcoming Events:

October 30 Bentonville Public Library Site Visit, Library Grand Re-opening

January 2 East Central Arkansas Library System, Research Training for Front Line Staff

Manager of Library Development – Jennifer Wann

On-Going Projects:

Library Consulting Services

Consulting topics included, but were not limited to: changes to FLSA; renewing interlocal agreements; bidding requirements; placement of highway library signs; canvassing in public libraries; library board of trustee appointment process; best-practices for recording public comment in minutes; use of public library by registered sex offenders; checking out library materials on someone else's library card; administration of Naloxone; transferring administration of library branch from county library service to municipality; nepotism in library administration; difference between regional board bylaws and county board bylaws; and how to hire an attorney.

Field Questions:

- September 6: Employer provided health insurance

Libraries Visited: Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library (Searcy); Garland County Library

Little Free Library Project

Ten Little Free Libraries have been awarded to public libraries in a competitive application process to support public libraries' role of sharing reading activities with all members of the community. Recipient libraries are:

- Calhoun County Library
- Clark County Library in partnership with the Housing Authority of the City of Arkadelphia to be placed at Carpenter Hill Apartments
- Donald W. Reynolds Library (Baxter County) to be placed in the city of Norfolk (population less than 500)
- Forrest City Public Library
- Gentry Public Library
- Northeast Arkansas Regional Library to be placed at the Corning Public Library
- Ouachita Mountains Regional Library to be placed in the city of Hatfield (population less than 400)
- Pea Ridge Community Library
- Prescott-Nevada County Library
- Scott-Sebastian Regional Library in partnership with the Fort Smith Public Library and the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System to be placed at the Fort Smith Regional Airport

Public Library Directors Summit

Thirty-eight public library directors from across the state of Arkansas attended a Directors Summit at the Arkansas State Library, September 25-27. Topics included: local government structure; Public Library Survey (PLS); parliamentary procedure; Arkansas State Library services; Traveler statewide resources, HumanitiesAR Grant Programs; and a Town Hall / Q&A session with ASL staff.

Nineteen evaluations were returned with 14 (74%) of participants indicating that the sessions presented were Extremely Relevant to the work of being a public library director and 5 (26%) indicating sessions

were Very Relevant. Sixteen (84%) respondents indicated that the length of the workshop was about right while 2 (11%) indicated it was too long and 1 (5%) indicated it was too short. All respondents indicated they would attend another Directors Summit in the future.

Comments about what participants found valuable about the workshop included:

I really appreciated the information about local government structures and Robert's Rules, and the chance to hear about everything the state library offers. It was also really, really restorative and educational to be in a room with so many Arkansas peers.
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I came home with a two-page "To Do" list. There are a number of things that I need to further investigate and likely rectify on our administrative structure, and possibly some processes. The sessions on local government and Roberts Rules were extremely helpful and have been greatly needed.
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Every single thing! The attention to detail, the thought and preparation with the workshop notebooks, the knowledge provided by the presenters, the conversation with my peers, the topics and openness about relative themes, the access to parking, etc.
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Circulating Kits

As a part of Library Development's role, as outlined in § 13-2-207 of the Arkansas Code Annotated, to provide support for the development of local public library services, the department is in the process of expanding access to circulating kits to public libraries so that they can experiment with new services before investing significant local resources in projects that are untested. Kits are designed to foster best practices in the delivery of library services and to develop community focused library services. Borrowers are responsible for pick-up and drop-off at the Arkansas State Library.

New circulating kits include:

- Birding Club Kit – birding clubs provide opportunities for the enjoyment of birds by individuals from all walks of life, age groups, and knowledge levels. The kit includes ten bird-watching bundles for the library's patrons to borrow. Each bundle includes binoculars, two field guides and a waterproof field chart. Birding club kits check out for six months at a time.
- Pop-Up Library Kit – pop-up libraries bring library services and programs to community events such as festivals, job fairs, art walks, and more. A Pop-Up Library might offer library card sign-up, materials check out, early literacy activities, and activities for teens. The kit includes a 10'x10' canopy tent, 6' folding table, two camp chairs, folding bookshelf, blue tooth barcode scanner and receipt printer, power bank, bubble machine, wheeled storage bin, handheld tally counter, and more. Libraries can check out all pieces of the kit or only a few, with a check out period of up to one month.

Upcoming Events:

October 17	Calhoun County Library, Consulting Visit
October 30	Gentry Public Library, Consulting Visit
October 30	Bentonville Public Library, Reopening
November 14	ALL-In 2024 Fall Workshop

Coordinator of the Arkansas Center for the Book – Karen O’Connell

On-Going Projects:

Library of Congress Center for the Book Updates

The National Book Festival took place on August 24, 2024, and estimates indicate that there were more than 7,000 visitors to the Arkansas Booth. *The Library of Congress Center for the Book Affiliate Program: FY2024-2028 Strategic Plan* is a published document, and implementation objectives and tactics for the first two years have been identified. Lastly, the Coordinator will be a panelist and moderator at the Louisiana Book Festival on November 2, 2024.

Book Club Project

Attendance reports indicate 950 book club readers from July through October (to date), with October statistics still being submitted to the Center. From July through October, 161 book club kits went out, with 1,932 books provided.

Arkansas Gems

The 2024 Arkansas Gems posters and bookmarks debuted at the National Book Festival. Posters and bookmarks are in the process of being mailed to Arkansas libraries. New title considerations accumulate, and the project is on schedule for 2025.

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book

The final If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event took place on August 8 at the Independence County Library in Batesville. This hybrid in-person and virtual event featured a virtual visit from Patti Callahan Henry, author of *The Secret Book of Flora Lea*, and a collaboration with the Alabama Center for the Book, as Alabama is Patti’s home state. For the entire tour, approximately 200 people attended in person and virtually. Readers enjoyed the novel as well as the opportunity to engage with Patti. The If All Arkansas Read the Same Book committee members are currently reviewing titles for the 2025 program.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

Aug 15, Sept 27	Center for the Book Affiliates Network monthly meetings
August 8	IAARTSB Gathering of the Book Clubs event, Batesville
August 13	Books Build Us Up: 2024 Great Reads from Arkansas program
August 24	National Book Festival, Washington, D.C.
September 13	Network of the National Library of Medicine meeting at UAMS
September 18	Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library opening, Searcy, AR
September 25	Center for the Book Strategic Plan – implementation meeting

Upcoming Events:

November 2	Louisiana Book Festival, Baton Rouge
November 15	Youth Services Workshop

Manager of E-Rate Services - Amber Gregory

On-Going Projects:

E-Rate Update

- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a 3-year \$200 Million Cybersecurity Pilot Program to fund advanced cybersecurity tools for libraries and schools. The Cybersecurity application filing window is open September 17 – November 1, 2024.
- The FCC approved the addition of hot spots to the E-Rate program for Funding Year 2025 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). The FY 2025 E-Rate Eligible Services List and Form 470 were updated to reflect the addition of hot spots. An online training on hot spot E-Rate eligibility will be offered November 20, 2024.
- E-Rate applicant training for Arkansas public libraries will be offered in-person on December 12, 2024, at the Arkansas State Library. Virtual training will be offered via Zoom on December 18, 2024. Additional in-person training dates will be announced, and information will be available via the Arkansas State Library website and emailed directly to Arkansas public libraries.
- E-Rate Funding Year 2025 Form 471 application filing window has not yet been announced by the FCC, but it is expected to open in January 2025 and close in March 2025.

Virtual E-Rate Consultations with Arkansas Public Libraries

Between July 13 – October 15, 2024, 13 virtual E-Rate consultations were held with 11 Arkansas public libraries. Assistance was given with E-Rate Forms 472, 486, 500, Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) review questions, modification requests, and a waiver request with the FCC.

Chicot County Library

Clark County Library

Craighead County/Jonesboro Public Library

Crittenden County Library

East Central Arkansas Regional Library

Grant County Library

Lonoke County Library

Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library

Prairie County Library

Prescott/Nevada County Library

Van Buren County Public Library

Broadband and Digital Skills

The Arkansas State Library (ASL) is collaborating with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Research & Extension (Extension) and the Arkansas State Broadband Office (ARSBO) regarding the Arkansas Digital Skills and Opportunity Plan and efforts to include libraries in the implementation of the plan. ASL staff from Information Services and Library Development met to plan future digital skills outreach to libraries. Additionally, discussions were held with Arkansas public libraries and other digital skills stakeholders regarding Digital Equity Act (DEA) Competitive Grant applications.

Training/Meetings/Conferences:

July 29 - 30

USAC Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, Virtual

September 16 - 18

USAC Annual E-Rate Applicant Training, Dallas, TX

October 2 - 4

Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Conference, Washington, DC

Upcoming Events:

October 28 - 29

USAC Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC

November 5 - 8

COSLA E-Rate Forum, Nashville, TN

Coordinator of Youth Services – Ruth Hyatt

On-Going Projects:

Sensory Storytime/Sensory Recovery Kit

A new circulating kit has been assembled for public libraries to use for one calendar quarter. This kit will assist staff in providing a story time for those young patrons that might need a few adaptations from the traditional program. The kit includes materials to engage the senses but also provides tools to help with sensory overload.

Youth Services Fall Workshop

Registration is open for the fall workshop. One hundred and seventeen participants have been registered as of the writing of this report. The limit for the event is two hundred. This full day workshop will focus on recharging the creative spark in the morning with presenters Noah and Mica Scalin. A working lunch will focus on Take and Make activities. In the afternoon, the first half will focus on exploring the Summer Reading 2025 theme of Color Our World. The second half of the afternoon will be spent exploring how to use the ideas and materials from CSLP all year round and how changes to school schedules affect how libraries will be offering programming to school age patrons. Registration closes on October 31st or when the workshop is full.

Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World Summer Reading Program Workshop

The Youth Services Fall Workshop will not have the traditional set of breakout sessions but there will be six half day workshops offered throughout the state in December. These sessions are designed to combine break out session learning on relevant topics to prepare for Summer Reading, with hands on activities and the creation of decorative items to set the scene for Summer Reading. These sessions are free, and materials are provided. The limit for each session is twenty participants. Host sites are in all five Library Development Districts and the Arkansas State Library. Registration opens on November 15th and closes on November 30th or when all sessions are full.

Arkansas Choice Book Awards

The Arkansas Teen Book Award committee met on October 16th to make the final selection of nominees for the 2024-2025 award cycle. Work begins on the consideration list for the 2025-2026 cycle.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 15	Youth Services Fall Workshop, Little Rock
Dec. 04	Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World SRP Workshop, Jonesboro
Dec. 09	Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World SRP Workshop, Camden
Dec. 11	Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World SRP Workshop, Benton
Dec. 13	Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World SRP Workshop, Monticello
Dec. 17	Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World SRP Workshop, Fayetteville
Dec. 19	Craftstravaganza: 2025 Color Our World SRP Workshop, Little Rock

Coordinator of Training and Development – Janine Jamison-Miller

On Going Projects

Library Consulting Services

Consulting topics included, but were not limited to: Professional Development opportunities, Friends of the Library compliance with reporting regulations with the Arkansas Secretary of State

Libraries Visited: Pope County Library System; Janett and Larry Crain Memorial Library (Searcy)

The Coordinator of Training and Development facilitated 2 Customer Service presentations for the Pope County Library. Additionally, the Coordinator conducted a presentation at the Library Directors Summit on both Friends of the Library and Continuing Education.

Continuing Education

Since the last board meeting, PCI Webinars has offered 10 live weekly webinars. There were 200 registrations received, 92 live weekly participants, 1,133 views of recorded archived webinar content, and 30 evaluations received.

In comparison to FFY22-23, there has been a 69% increase of registrations and 103% increase of archived webinar content views.

Friends of the Library

The Coordinator of Training & Development has continued to support Friends of the Library groups around the state. Information that was shared with Friends to remain in compliance with the Secretary of State's Office yielded some positive feedback. One library director shared the following feedback in her Friends of the Library group status going from Statutorily Dissolved to Good Standing:

“I just wanted to update you on our Friends of the Library's status with the State. Our Friends of the Library officers are in contact with the Secretary of State's Office. The Friends of the Library status has been changed from 'Statutorily Dissolved' to 'Not Current,' while our officer completed the previous 3 years of reporting. Once completed, our Friends status will be updated to 'Good Standing.' We are so glad that we don't have to go through the whole process to become a 501c3 again. Thank you for the heads up about this situation. I have been trying to notify other organizations in our county that appear to also have not known about the state reporting requirement. I wouldn't have known to help them if it hadn't been for you. Thank you for all that you do.”

Professional Development

The COSLA Continuing Education Forum, designed for those who work in Continuing Education at State Libraries, was held August 18-21 in Billings, MO. The Forum took a deep dive into how to best facilitate training, best practices in data utilization, and best practices in sharing data collection.

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference was held September 11-14 in Springfield, MA. The Coordinator of Training and Development has been elected to serve as the Regional Representative, South, and also serves on the ARSL Leadership Institute Advisory Committee.



Arkansas Libraries Learn

Continuing Education results from
October 2023-September 2024



1,113+

Public Library
Employees



2,000

Total Arkansas
Library Employees



963

Registrations
Received



4,633

Views of Archived
Content

Top 5 PCI Webinars

1. After Care: How Employees Can Care For Themselves & Their Co-Workers After Difficult Patron Interactions
1. Teen Behavior in the Library: Managing This Developmental Stage
2. Setting Boundaries with Patrons
3. Speak Up! Be A Strong Introverted Leader
4. Level Up Your Library with AI: Practical Uses for Library Staff and Patrons



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Arkansas Libraries Learn

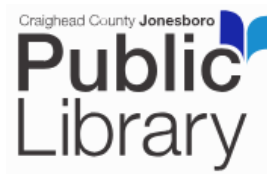
Continuing Education results from
October 2023-September 2024

Top 5 Users of PCI Webinars by Library Development Districts

LDD1



LDD2



LDD3



CENTRAL
ARKANSAS
LIBRARY
SYSTEM



LDD4



LDD5



Top 5 Users of PCI Webinars Archived Content



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BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind – Kristina Hancock

The Library for the Blind is closing out the fiscal year with a decrease in title checkouts compared to last year. This decline is attributed to both an increase in patron mortality rate and the prior year's spike in usage driven by the launch of the new braille eReader. Looking ahead, we have identified several outreach opportunities to address the drop in patron numbers. We plan to expand our efforts with professional organizations, such as optometric associations and veterans' programs, to connect with potential new patrons. Additionally, we will continue promoting innovative National Library Service programs, including the Alexa "My Talking Books" Skill, which offers a more accessible way for patrons to interact with BARD. To further enhance the patron experience, we are also reconfiguring our office to provide a more accessible environment for walk-in visits. With these efforts, we are confident in our ability to not only regain momentum but also better serve our community's evolving needs.

CIRCULATION

In the Federal fiscal year from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, the Arkansas State Library's Library for the Blind program circulated a total of 166,962 books. Of this figure 124,311 were by direct mail circulation, 161 were direct mail circulation of Braille books, 42,651 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD). Patron downloads accounted for around 25% of total circulation.

READER INTERACTION STATISTICS

For the Federal fiscal year, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, our Reader Advisors had a total of 28,380 patron interactions. 9,595 of those interactions were phone calls received. 1,765 emails received and responded to. 1,995 voicemails received and responded to. 2,234 were new patron outreach calls and 12,899 were work follow up interactions. Work follow-up includes curating a book order for a patron and searching for and providing reference information.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) READERSHIP

There are 1,107 Library for the Blind readers registered with the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD program. Of those patrons, 432 actively download digital audio and braille books and magazines. In FY 24, those patrons downloaded 42,651 BARD books and read them on 1,829 registered Apple and Android mobile devices. The free Apple App enables BARD books to be downloaded easily to an Apple iPhone, iPad, or other mobile Apple device. The free Android App enables users to download books directly to any Android device with an OS of 4.1 or higher.

OUTSOURCING BRAILLE

On July 1 of 2018 the Library entered into a contract with the Utah State Library for the Blind in Salt Lake City Utah to provide circulation of Braille books to Arkansas patrons. ASL continues to provide limited Braille service directly from its holdings as available, but with declining circulation, only 161 Braille books have been circulated since FY24 began.

TRAVEL

November 7-9

Natalie Marlin and Kristina Hancock will be exhibiting at the Arkansas Optometric Conference in Hot Springs, AR

Information Services Manager – Britni McGuire

Departmental Changes

As of September 3, Information Services is now fully staffed. Our new Library Technician, Olivia Ewing, has joined us after being an elementary school teacher for about 10 years. We are very excited to have her join the team, and she is already providing value to the department with her skills and experience. Being fully staffed has allowed us to provide the department with more structure and to begin working on some new projects and services. Staff are also dividing tasks that have previously fallen to one person in order to create a better distribution of work and allow staff to become experienced in different areas.

Projects and Services

The primary project that Information Services is undertaking is library shelf reading. This has not been completed in quite some time. Each IS staff member has been given a section of the library that they will be responsible for, and the sections will rotate quarterly. Each person is responsible for ensuring that the items on the shelves in their section are in the correct order and are dusted regularly to better preserve the materials. They are also responsible for keeping the section tidy and neat for patrons to browse.

Information Services staff are also now required to participate in regularly scheduled professional development. Staff are being given opportunities to develop their skills in different areas pertaining to their positions.

In addition to new projects, we are offering new services to public libraries across Arkansas. During the Public Library Directors Summit, hosted by Library Development in September, the Information Services Manager presented on the services being offered by IS to public libraries. These new services are reference consultations for public library staff and a Basic Reference Training for Frontline Staff Workshop. Regarding reference consultations, public library staff will refer their questions to the IS Manager to receive assistance in a one-on-one consultation. This allows the public library to remain in direct contact with their patrons to continue to develop that relationship.

The Basic Reference Training for Frontline Staff Workshop is also requested through the IS Manager. The IS Manager will work with the public library to organize the workshops and provide their staff with this valuable training. The workshop will be used to provide frontline staff with some of the fundamental skills in providing reference services to increase their confidence when providing services to library patrons. After these workshops, frontline staff will be able to answer some of the more basic reference questions, providing more seamless service to library patrons as well as freeing up time for librarians to work on more in-depth reference assistance and other projects. At the time this report was written, the first workshop is scheduled for January 2 in Cross County.

Current 2024 Usage

CIRCULATION	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
In-Person Attendance	158	153	152	129	138	141	142	143	137
Public Computer Use	22	36	36	32	27	19	35	33	36
Circulation Phone Calls	85	95	93	91	74	71	76	69	45
Reference Referrals Phone Calls	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	4	0
Walk-In Reference	4	4	1	3	3	1	1	2	0
REFERENCE / RESEARCH									
Total Reference Research Requests	0	4	4	6	15	11	19	22	3

REFERENCE REQUEST RECEIVED VIA									
Online form (Wufoo)	0	1	0	5	3	1	3	5	0
Phone	0	2	4	0	8	6	12	10	2
Email	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	1
In Person	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
Mail	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0
PATRON LOCATION									
In-state	0	4	4	3	15	8	12	20	3
Out-of-state	0	0	0	3	0	2	6	2	0
PATRON TYPE									
Public Library	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
State Agency	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	8	0
Higher Education	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
K-12	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Public	0	4	3	5	12	8	15	12	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CATEGORY/MATERIALS USED									
Arkansas Rules & Regulations	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	0
Other State Documents	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
Federal Documents	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Library catalog / Other physical library materials	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1
Genealogy / Obituary	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
USPTO Resources (Federal Patents and Trademarks)	0	4	4	1	3	2	1	3	0
Copyright (Library of Congress)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas Secretary of State (State Trademark and Business Resources)		0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Other Government website	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Database	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	0
Referral	0	0	0	1	3	2	7	3	0
Internet	0	0	0	1	2	2	5	5	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
AVERAGE TIME SPENT PER REQUEST					21	246	24	20	63
INTERLIBRARY LENDING									
ILL requests for state employees	12	11	8	8	11	10	11	10	8
ILL requests for public libraries	89	74	20	28	19	8	39	42	36

Events/Meetings/Trainings

August 28	PTRC Overview with USPTO - <i>virtual</i>
September 13	Network of the National Library of Medicine at UAMS
September 17	State Employee Benefits Fair
September 25-27	Public Library Directors Summit

Upcoming Events

January 2	Basic Reference Training for Frontline Staff Workshop at Cross County Library
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Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator – Taylor McKinney

On-Going Projects:

Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog (Statewide Resource Sharing)

Sharing and Engagement Coordinator Taylor McKinney was hired and onboarded with the first day of work being August 19. She received training for Mockingbird soon thereafter and began working with the Mockingbird participant libraries. Ashley County Libraries reached out about being brought onboard as a new member, and McKinney worked with the Arkansas Center for the Book Coordinator Karen O’Connell to complete implementation. McKinney has begun coordinating Mockingbird training for the new library, as well as initiating refresher training for current Mockingbird libraries. McKinney has also been invited to participate in the Arkansas Digital Skills Initiative Project and If All Arkansas Read the Same Book.

Prior to the start date for the new Sharing and Engagement Coordinator, O’Connell met with White County Library staff on piloting the circulation of book club kits in Mockingbird. We established what elements would be important to include in the descriptive metadata and also which participating libraries already have records for book club kits. With the new Coordinator on board, we will begin following up to determine which participating libraries overall would be interested in sharing book club kits throughout the state.

McKinney is working with Mockingbird’s vendor to arrange an in-person training session for libraries new to the lending network. Details will be published once sites and dates are finalized.

	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024*	Quarter Total*
Vendor Tickets	6	3	1	10
Questions	9	8	1	18
Consults	2	1	1	4
Unique ILL Requests	472	254	121	847
Loans Made	393	189	87	669

* as of 10/14/2024

Outreach & Engagement

The Sharing and Engagement Coordinator ran a table at the State Employee Benefits Fair with the Information Services Manager and the Manager of Acquisitions where they spoke to 148 state employees.

BEAD Project Team

After the launch of the Arkansas Digital Skills Initiative Project, led by Amber Gregory, work has been focused on orienting to the Digital Skills and Federal broadband funding landscape.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

September 3	Broadband Digital Skills Initiative Project meeting
September 17	Employee Benefits Fair

September 18
September 19
October 11

Mockingbird monthly vendor meeting with Auto-Graphics
Broadband Digital Skills Initiative Project meeting
Mockingbird monthly vendor meeting with Auto-Graphics

Division Manager of Collection Management - Sarah Lipsey

On-Going Projects:

Collection Maintenance

The completion of several major projects last quarter allowed us to initiate some needed, albeit humbler, maintenance projects.

Multiple shifting and weeding projects are underway across the collections. The Library Science collection is currently being weeded. Upon completion, Library Science will be shifted forward and the book award collection relocated to that space from closed stacks.

The general Periodicals are being actively weeded per our retention policy. We are discarding a number of print issues from titles that are now available only in digital format and updating our holdings in the catalog. Arkansas periodicals, which are considered depository materials and not discarded, are currently interfiled with this collection. I am considering how to separate or better distinguish these titles. I am also surveying these titles for preservation issues, as many are in newsprint.

After the Library Science collection is weeded, we will begin culling the Reference section. Most of the titles in this collection will be discarded, as they are outdated or otherwise not of use. We will retain materials we deem still of value that supplement our depository collections. These materials will be either reclassified to Stacks and made circulating or stay non-circulating in the small collection we anticipate will remain of Reference.

As the weeding projects are completed, we will shift the affected collections to close shelving gaps and provide more space to other collections, including the Arkansas and Oversize collections.

Federal Documents

The Government Publishing Office (GPO) has ceased its Cataloging and Records Distribution Program, of which ASL was a participant. Through the program, ASL received free bibliographic records from GPO's contracted vendor Marcive. Marcive, which also supplied catalog records of commercially available materials and has historically been one of our vendors for those records in the past, subsequently decided to cease all business operations at the end of this year.

On average we received over ten thousand digital document catalog records every year from Marcive, and it's not feasible for our staff to manually harvest that volume. The other commercial options we looked at are prohibitively expensive, so we are investigating some free records sources as an alternative. If we can't find a solution we can incorporate into our current budget and staffing levels, we may opt to cease adding digital records to the catalog. While encouraged, including records for digital documents is not strictly required by the FDLP program guidelines, and numerous other opportunities exist for discovery of these materials.

SirsiDynix ILS Administration

I've been working with vendor support to correct several minor issues. One such bug caused our holdings statement for serial titles to display a raw URL in the online catalog, instead of indicating which issues we held for those titles. Those URLs have been stripped out and the display issue corrected.

I'm also implementing some of the new features available in the latest version of Symphony. One of the most welcome is the addition of Boolean search operators to our online catalog. This will greatly assist staff and patrons alike in refining their searches, especially with the documents collections.

Finally, as of our last system upgrade, I was able to configure and redeploy MobileStaff. MobileStaff is a Bluetooth application that allows staff to connect to Symphony and conduct inventory procedures directly in the stacks.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

August 20 Onboarding Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Meeting to discuss new ADE processes for hiring and onboarding new employees. State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Administrative Services Manager Brooke Crawford and Manager of Grants and Special Projects Debbie Hall.

August 21& 28 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

September 4, 11, 18 and 25 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

October 2, 9, 16 23 & 30 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

October 22 -24 SirsiDynix Connections Conference, Virtual.
Annual conference hosted by ILS provider SirsiDynix. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

Manager of Digital Services – Jennifer Razer

Ongoing Projects

Digital Services

During the migration of our digital collection to our new repository, Preservica, we noticed that documents that had been imported from CONTENTdm had indiscernible file names and incorrectly formatted date fields, and this has a negative impact on user experience. The date formatting is particularly troublesome for titles that have multiple issues such as meeting minutes. Our top priority during the migration was to update and replace the URL links in our catalog to redirect the user to the new digital collection in Preservica. With that project completed, Razer is reviewing the Arkansas Documents collection and updating the metadata fields primarily for serial records to reflect the correct date format, as well as performing maintenance on serial titles that don't have complete holdings. Digital Services staff will use this data when requesting the missing documents from the publishing agency.

State Documents Depository and Clearinghouse

The State Documents staff continues to process physical and digital submissions to the program.

Statistics for this reporting period are as follows:

Arkansas Documents Publications				Arkansas Rules Digital Publications	
New digital titles	Total digital titles	New print titles	Total print titles	New titles processed	Total titles processed
98	3,837	38	227	144	454

Digital Services staff continue to be available to external state agency staff who have questions regarding their document submissions, and we provide liaison training upon request. Staff also reach out to agencies to request that our gov-docs email account be subscribed to distribution lists for news releases and other applicable documents for inclusion into the State Documents collection.

[Shipping list 417](#) was sent out to depository libraries. Staff highlighted documents submitted by the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education which falls under the Arkansas Department of Education. Their mission is to provide “leadership, support, and service to schools, districts, and communities so every student graduates prepared for college, career, and community engagement”. A selection of documents that were added to the digital collection are included below:

- OCLC#: 1439220481 [Python basics / Computer Science Initiative \(Ark.\)](#)
- OCLC#: 1450576791 [Student success plan](#)
- OCLC#: 1437546349 [Report of the status of the Public Charter School Program to the House Interim Committee on the Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education](#)
- OCLC: 1450318161 [HIPAA or FERPA?: a primer on sharing school health information in Arkansas](#)

Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)

Marcive, the vendor who supplies our federal document bibliographic and authority records, is going out of business in December 2024. On average, we receive over 10k records for digital documents a year. Federal Documents Coordinator, Wendy Etchison, is exploring options that would allow us to continue to include digital records into our catalog. If we cannot find a solution that can be absorbed into our current budget and staffing levels, then we may opt out of including digital content into our library catalog. While it is encouraged, we are not required to include digital records in our catalog holdings per the FDLP program guidelines.

The microfiche inventory is complete and has already proven to be beneficial to library staff and users. Staff have moved forward with retrospective cataloging of the older donated materials in the collection. These documents are being reviewed to determine their eligibility for inclusion into the collection and if added they will be shelved in the Fed Docs collection.

Statistics for this reporting period are as follows:

Federal Documents		
New print titles	Retrospective Cataloging	New digital titles
40	1,926	1,861

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

August 6 Federal Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various unit projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Federal Depository Library Coordinator Wendy Etchison.

August 13, 22, 29 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various unit projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Senior Librarian Lanette Meyer.

August 28 Federal Documents Library Program (FDLP) Update, Virtual.
Meeting to touch base on issues arising from the digital transition of the FDLP and to discuss how the Arkansas State Library is adjusting to the changes being made on the federal level. Discussed challenges amongst regional libraries, successes, and addressed questions. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer, Federal Depository Library Coordinator Wendy Etchison, and Government Publishing Office (GPO) Outreach Librarian Ashley Dahlen.

August 29 Digital Services Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

September 11 Digital Services Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

September 12 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various unit projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Senior Librarian Lanette Meyer.

September 13 Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) meeting, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
Cohosted by staff from NNLM and the UAMS Library, this meeting discussed various resources and services offered through the NNLM and discussed potential collaborations via projects and/or grants to reach the broader community. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

September 26 Public Library Director's Summit, Arkansas State Library
Presented training on the Arkansas Documents Depository Program and encouraged participants to join the depository library program. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Digital Services Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various unit projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Senior Librarian Lanette Meyer.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Federal Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
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Manager of Acquisitions -Katie Walton

On-Going Projects:

Acquisitions

Acquisitions staff have resumed weeding in the General Periodicals and Library Science collections in preparation for upcoming shifting projects. The first plan is to move the award-winning books out of the closed storage where they are largely inaccessible to the public and onto the shelves near the Library Science collection. Acquisitions staff are also working on weeding the General Periodicals collection with plans to separate the Arkansas Periodicals out of the General Periodicals which are currently interfiled. Eventually we will get to the Reference collection, but that will be a much more aggressive discarding process, and we will probably want to wait until we have some seasonal help.

The State Library as an agency is not tax-exempt, but many of the items we purchase for the collection are tax-exempt. In 2018, Carolyn Ashcraft requested an opinion from the Department of Finance and Administration regarding whether the taxability of 1) service charges for periodicals and 2) digital subscriptions to serials, journals, and databases. Opinion 20180720 determined that these were tax exempt items; however, the opinion expired in August of 2021. We have been trying to get this opinion renewed for almost four years, but we have continued to hit roadblocks. I am elated to report that Jennifer Chilcoat and I recently had a phone call with DFA, and they plan on renewing this opinion. This will be a huge help in instances when vendors ask for a tax-exempt form or attempt to charge sales tax for items that are not taxable pursuant to Arkansas State Gross Receipts Tax Rule GR-48.

Arkansas Digital Library Consortium

There are currently 105,193 titles in the shared collection- 73,033 eBooks, 26,492 audiobooks, and 5,668 magazine titles. As of October 14, there have been 361,042 checkouts during the last quarter by 39,712 users. ADLC has already surpassed 1 million checkouts for the year.

ADLC's OverDrive representative, Andy Bucher, made a site visit in August to meet with ADLC member libraries. During this meeting, Andy presented a comparison of our collection and usage statistics against similar sized libraries and offered suggestions to better serve our patrons. This visit gave member libraries an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions.

In September, we collected the funds to renew our magazine subscription. OverDrive has been adding other Simultaneous Use packages. The newest additions include a comics package and titles for elementary and middle grades. There have also been reports that OverDrive is working on genre packages for Romance and Mystery titles. The consortia members have discussed adding one of these packages, but most libraries reported they didn't have it in their budget to contribute right now. We will continue to assess the new packages for possible inclusion in the collection.

Arkansas Traveler Statewide Resources

It has been a very busy quarter for the Traveler resources. Onboarding the new resources required several meetings with BiblioBoard and the vendors to make sure authentication and gathering usage statistics would all run smoothly. The new subscription period started on August 1, 2024. For various reasons, a few of the links were not working on the first day, but everything was quickly resolved and posted to the State Library's webpage by August 2nd. A detailed e-mail was sent out to the state's school, public, and academic library listservs providing the full list of geo-located Traveler URLs, summarizing changes to

the collection, and promoting future trainings. I have continued to send updates and training opportunities onto the listservs as this information becomes available.

The State Library offered 12 Professional Development opportunities this quarter- four Traveler Overviews presented by Katie Walton and eight webinars presented by Traveler vendors on individual resources. Recordings of these webinars are available on the State Library's webpage. ProQuest's trainer Lori Hetrick has been offering monthly webinars on various topics since June. ProQuest's resources make up the bulk of the Traveler collection, so there are a lot of options as far as topics. These sessions have been very successful, and interest has not waned, so we plan to continue those monthly trainings into 2025. The other Traveler vendors will continue to offer trainings upon request.

Presentations Given

July 24 Presented Traveler Overview
Two-hour Traveler overview presented virtually to school co-ops and wider library community by Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

August 8 Presented Traveler Overview
Two-hour Traveler overview presented virtually to school co-ops and wider library community by Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

August 13 Hosted ProQuest Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted "Discovering Your NEWEST Traveler Statewide Resources," a webinar presented by ProQuest's Trainer, Lori Hetrick.

August 15 Pope County Library Presentation
Traveler overview presented in-person to Pope County Library staff by Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

August 20 Hosted Pronunciator Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted a Pronunciator webinar presented by Pronunciator's Robert Savage.

August 22 Hosted World Book Online Webinar
Manger of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted "World Book Online Overview" presented by World Book's Shea Thayer.

August 27 Hosted Infobase Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted a webinar covering Science Online and Today's Science presented by Infobase's Carter Cook.

September 10 Hosted ProQuest Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted "Discovering Your Traveler Statewide Resources: eBook Central," a webinar presented by ProQuest's Trainer, Lori Hetrick.

September 18 Hosted ABC-Clio Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted "ABC-Clio Best Practices and More," a webinar presented by Bloomsbury's Trainer, Alice Bryant.

September 27 Presented Traveler Overview
Two-hour Traveler overview presented in-person to Arkansas Library Directors by Katie Walton during the State Library's Directors Summit.

October 1 Hosted ProQuest Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted "Discovering Your Traveler Statewide Resources: News and Newspapers," a webinar presented by ProQuest's Trainer, Lori Hetrick.

October 8 Hosted ProQuest Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted "Discovering Your Traveler Statewide Resources: Genealogy," a webinar presented by ProQuest's Trainer, Lori Hetrick.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

July 24 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher and Tori Casper of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

July 30 ADE HR Hiring Training
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended a training with Christopher Abshire covering the Position Justification process in AR Careers.

August 1 Bloomsbury Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation to discuss institutional accounts and login methods for the ABC-Clio databases. Participants: Chris Ciccocelli of Bloomsbury and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

August 6 Attended Booklist Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Booklist's webinar, "Fall Adult Faves."

August 6 Infobase Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation to discuss onboarding new libraries and upcoming training opportunities. Participants: Carter Cook of Infobase and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

August 8 Attended Booklist Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter and Acquisitions Librarian Reba Driver attended Booklist's webinar, "DK School & Library Preview Event."

August 9 ADLC Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted a meeting for ADLC members and OverDrive's Andy Bucher to discuss usage, upcoming changes in Marketplace, and lending models to keep wait-times down.

August 12 Attended ACRL/ALA Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended ACRL and ALA's webinar, "Project Outcome 101: Measuring the True Impact of Libraries."

August 13 Attended Booklist Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Booklist's webinar, "YA All Day: Upcoming Titles for Fall, Winter & Beyond."

August 14 Attended Booklist Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Booklist's webinar, "MacKids School & Library Fall 2024 Preview Event."

August 20 Attended Booklist Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Booklist's webinar, "Amazing Picture Books."

August 20 Attended Library Journal Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Library Journal's webinar, "The Best in Fall Nonfiction- Part 1."

August 21 Attended PLA/ALA Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended PLA and ALA's webinar, "Yoga and Mindfulness Techniques for Calm Kids (and Librarians)."

August 26 Attended School Library Journal Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended School Library Journal's webinar, "Winning Back-to-School Activities for Every Age."

August 27 Attended Library Journal Webinar
Acquisitions Librarian Reba Driver attended Library Journal's Professional Development Course, "Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace."

August 27 Attended Booklist Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Booklist's webinar, "Graphic Novels & Manga Showcase."

August 27 Bloomsbury Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation to schedule and plan upcoming training. Participants: Chris Ciccocelli of Bloomsbury and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

August 28 Attended Library Journal Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Library Journal's webinar, "Using Emotional Intelligence to Build Effective Work Relationships: A Development."

August 28 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher, Saliha Muttalib, and Tori Casper of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

September 4 Attended PLA/ALA Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended PLA and ALA's webinar, "Expand Library Digital Equity Services with New Funds Now!"

September 4 Pronunciator Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation to discuss login instructions for Bluebird Languages App. Participants: Robert Savage of Pronunciator and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

September 5 BiblioBoard Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation to discuss Traveler authentication and recap the launch of new Traveler resources. Participants: Roy Serrao of BiblioBoard and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

September 9 Attended Library Journal Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Library Journal's webinar, "Library Love Fest Presents Winter/Spring 2025 Titles to Highlight."

September 11 Attended Library Journal Webinar

Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Library Journal's webinar, "AV Primary Sources in Your Library: A Valuable but Underutilized Tool."

October 23 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher, Saliha Muttalib, and Tori Casper of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

October 23 Attended Hein Online Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Hein Online's webinar, "All About UK Parliamentary & Government Publications."

October 24 Attended Library Journal Webinar
Acquisitions Senior Librarian Toshona Carter attended Library Journal's webinar, "Library Journal Day of Dialog Fall 2024."

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Subject: Public Library Directors Summit

Jenn,

Thank you for an information-packed, extremely well-coordinated Public Library Directors Summit last week. There was not a single presentation that was not helpful and worthwhile. I have come back with lots of information and ideas to share with my staff. I know what a tremendous amount of work went into planning and executing the program. You did an outstanding job! Thank you, and please extend my thanks to all State Library staff who had a part in it.

Kim

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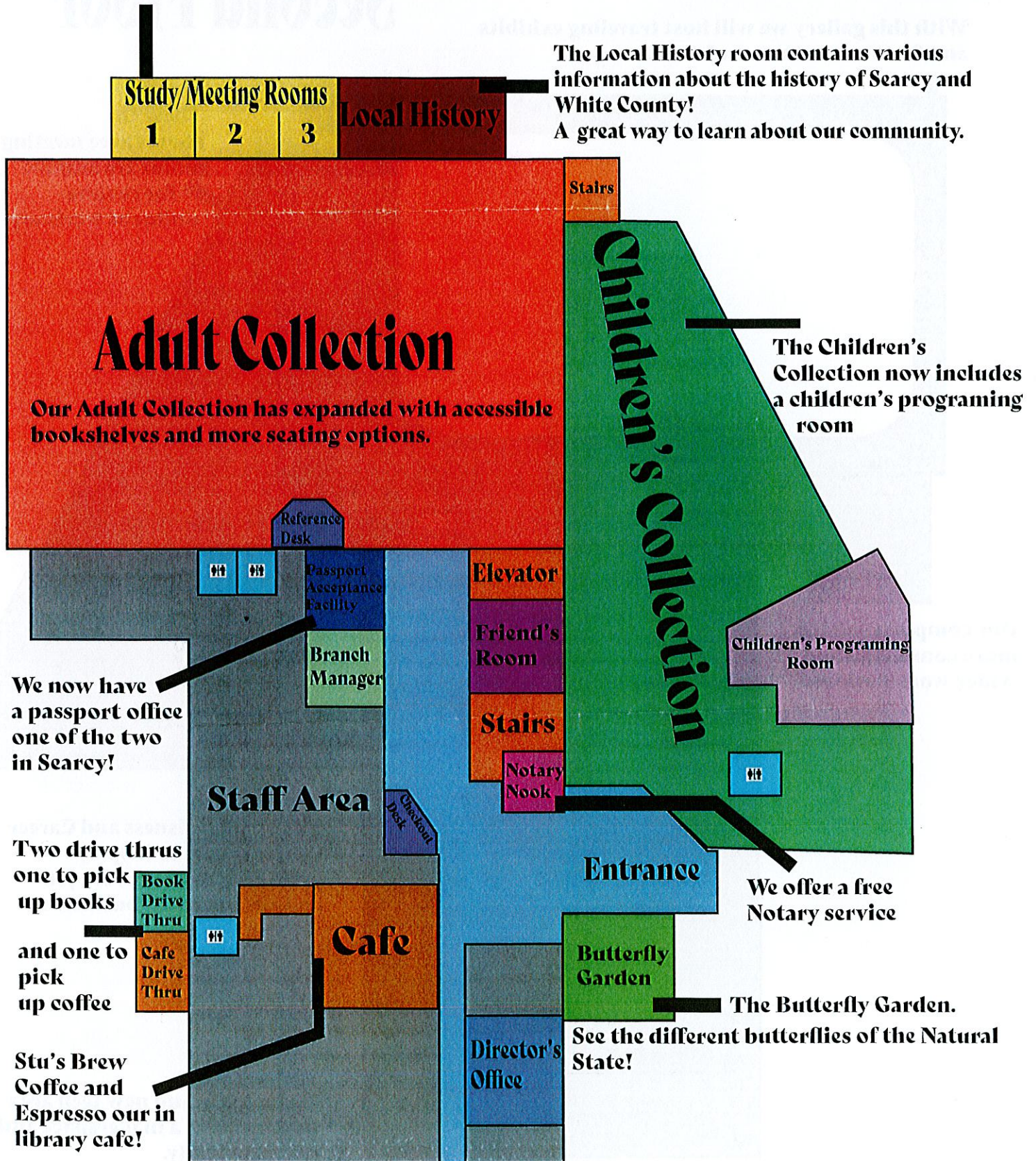


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These three meeting rooms are available for reserve online at werls.org.



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October 30 at 5:00 p.m. - Main Street Veranda

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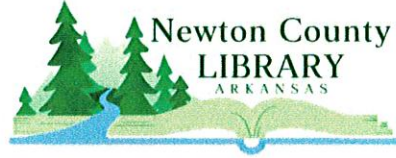
**Bentonville Public Library and the
Bentonville Library Foundation**
cordially invite you to join us for the
opening of our long-awaited expansion
on **October 30 at 5:00 p.m.**

We will meet on the new Main Street Veranda
for the Ribbon Cutting then head inside for
refreshments and goodies.



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Please join us for our

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Anniversary

Open House Celebration

November

Wednesday **20** *10 AM- 4 PM*

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*Presented by
the Friends of the Library*

Celebration Schedule

10:00 A.M.

Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase

Join us for cookies & a photo op!

10:30 A.M.

Children's Craft: Nature Crowns

led by Outdoor Explorers Nature Class

10:30 A.M.

Face Painting

by TNT Entertainment

11:00 A.M.

Calligraphy Demonstration

by Gina Booth

2:00 P.M.

Local Author Book Reading

by Gary Weibye

4:00 P.M.

Children's Craft: Nature Crowns

with Outdoor Explorers Nature Class

4:00 P.M.

Face Painting

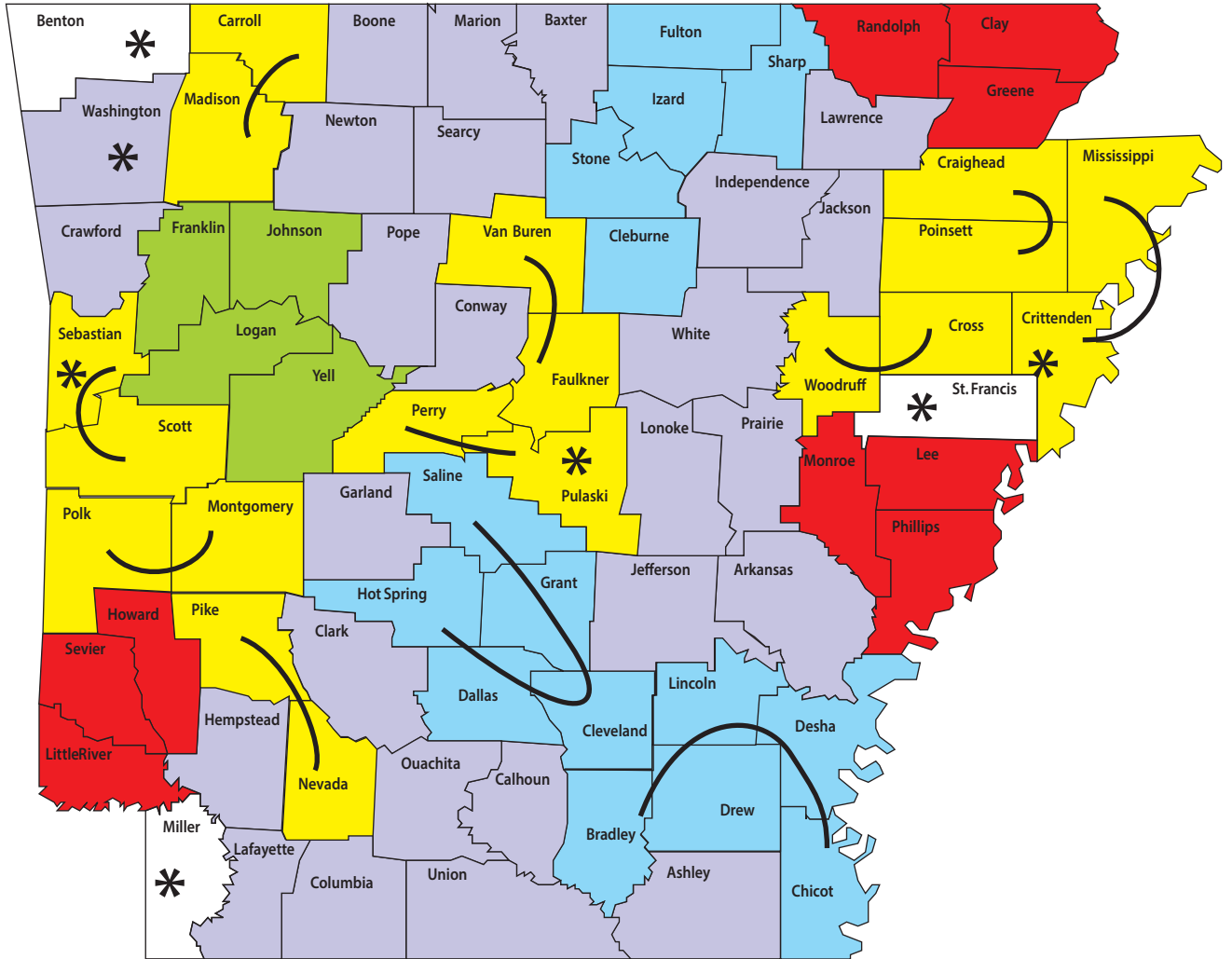
by TNT Entertainment



There will be door prizes, presentations,
displays, snacks, and drinks
throughout the day.



Arkansas Public Library Systems



- 26 One-County System
 - 9 Two-County System
 - 3 Three-County System
 - 1 Four-County System
 - 3 Five-County System
 - 3 No Countywide Library Tax
- 7 - * Independent City Library**

Library Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
LDD I			
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library	501 North Front Street	Dardanelle	72834-3507
Donald W. Reynolds Library	300 Library Hill	Mountain Home	72653
Bella Vista Public Library	11 Dickens Place	Bella Vista	72714-4603
Bentonville Public Library	405 South Main Street	Bentonville	72712-5298
Boone County Library	221 West Stephenson Avenue	Harrison	72601-4225
Carroll & Madison Library System	44 Kingshighway A-3	Eureka Springs	72632
Crawford County Library	1409 Main Street	Van Buren	72956-4503
Fayetteville Public Library	401 West Mountain Street	Fayetteville	72701-5819
Fort Smith Public Library	3201 Rogers Avenue	Fort Smith	72903-2953
Gentry Public Library	105 East Main Street	Gentry	72734-0803
Gravette Public Library	119 Main Street NE	Gravette	72736-9363
Iva Jane Peek Public Library	P. O. Box 247	Decatur	72722-0247
Marion County Library	P. O.Box 554	Yellville	72687-0554
Newton County Library	HCR 31, Box 8	Jasper	72641-9401
Pea Ridge Library	P. O. Box 9	Pea Ridge	72751-0009
Pope County Library	116 East Third Street	Russellville	72801-5198
Rogers Public Library	711 South Dixieland Road	Rogers	72758-4513
Scott-Sebastian Regional Library	P. O. Box 400	Greenwood	72936-0400
Searcy County Library	202 East Main	Marshall	72950-9502
Siloam Springs Public Library	205 East Jefferson Street	Siloam Springs	72761-2677
Sulphur Springs Public Library	P. O. Box 275	Sulphur Springs	72768-0275
Washington County Library System	1080 West Clydesdale Drive	Fayetteville	72701-8211
LDD II			
Ash Flat Library	11 Arnhart Drive	Ash Flat	72513
East Central Arkansas Regional Library	410 East Merriman	Wynne	72396-2947
Independence County Library	267 East Main Street	Batesville	72501-5605
Lawrence County Library	115 West Walnut Street	Walnut Ridge	72476
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library	120 North Twelfth Street	Paragould	72450-4103
West Memphis Public Library	500 East Broadway	West Memphis	72301
Woolfolk Library	100 North Currie Street	Marion	72364-1858
Crowley Ridge Regional Library	315 West Oak Avenue	Jonesboro	72401-3594
Forrest City Public Library	421 South Washington	Forrest City	72335-3839
Jackson County Library	P. O. Box 748	Newport	72112-0748
Mississippi/Crittenden County Library	200 North Fifth Street	Blytheville	72315-2712
Trumann Public Library	P. O. Box 73	Trumann	72472-0073
White River Regional Library	P. O. Box 1107	Mountain View	72560

Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts

Library Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
LDD III			
Central Arkansas Library System	100 Rock Street	Little Rock	72201-1624
Conway County Library	101 West Church	Morrilton	72110-3399
Fairfield Bay Library	369 Dave Creek Pkwy.	Fairfield Bay	72088-1183
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library	1900 Tyler	Conway	72032-3240
Lonoke County Library	204 East 2nd Street	Lonoke	72086-2858
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library	202 East Third Street	Malvern	72104-3910
North Little Rock Library Public System	2801 Orange	North Little Rock	72114-2296
Saline County Library	1800 Smithers Drive	Benton	72015-3108
White County Library System	1609 West Beebe Capps Expy.	Searcy	72143-5168
LDD IV			
Calhoun County Library	P. O. Box 1162	Hampton	71744-1162
Clark County Library	609 Caddo Street	Arkadelphia	71923-0609
Columbia County Library	2057 North Jackson Street	Magnolia	71753
Garland County Library	1427 Malvern Avenue	Hot Springs	71901-6316
Hempstead County Library	500 South Elm Street	Hope	71801-5222
Lafayette County Library	219 East 3rd Street	Lewisville	71845-8075
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library	P. O. Box 189	Mount Ida	71957-0189
Polk County Library	410 8th Street	Mena	71953
Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County	120 Harrison Avenue	Camden	71701-3968
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library	129 Meadow Ridge Lane	Hope	71801
Texarkana Public Library	600 West Third Street	Texarkana, TX	75501-5054
Tri-County Regional Library System	200 W. Stillwell	DeQueen	71832
Union County Library System	200 East Fifth	El Dorado	71730-3897
LDD V			
Arkansas County Library	2002 South Buerkle Street	Stuttgart	72160-6508
Ashley County Library	211 East Lincoln	Hamburg	71646-3217
Crossett Public Library	1700 Main Street	Crossett	71635-2962
DeWitt Public Library	205 West Maxwell Street	DeWitt	72042-1942
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library	702 Porter	Helena	72342-3142
Public Library of Pine Bluff & Jefferson County	600 S. Main St.	Pine Bluff	71601
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library System	114 West Jefferson	Monticello	71655-4933

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				LDD I
479-229-4418	479-229-2595	arvls.director@gmail.com	Misty Hawkins	Arkansas River Valley Regional Library
870-580-0987	870-580-0935	kim.c@baxtercountylibrary.org	Kim Crow Sheaner	Donald W. Reynolds Library
479-855-1753	479-855-4475	sadams@bellavistaar.gov	Suzanne Adams	Bella Vista Public Library
479-271-3192	479-271-9051	Hdudley@bentonvillear.com	Hadi Dudley	Bentonville Public Library
870-741-5913	870-741-5913	ginger@boonecountylibrary.org	Ginger Schoenenberger	Boone County Library
870-423-5300	870-423-7117	agriffith@camals.org	April Griffith	Carroll & Madison Library System
479-471-3226	479-471-3226	cmcdonnough@crawfordcountylib.org	Charlene McDonnough	Crawford County Library
479-856-7000	479-571-0222	djohnson@faylib.org	David Johnson	Fayetteville Public Library
479-783-0229	479-782-8571	jgoodson@fortsmithlibrary.org	Jennifer Goodson	Fort Smith Public Library
479-736-2054	479-736-8567	jboston@gentrylibrary.us	Jaymey Boston	Gentry Public Library
479-787-6955	479-787-6955	lcarrier@gravettear.com	Lamarise Carrier	Gravette Public Library
479-752-7323	479-752-8366	ijppublib121@yahoo.com	Karen Taylor	Iva Jane Peek Public Library
870-449-6015	870-449-5808	dana.librarydirector@gmail.com	Dana Scott	Marion County Library
870-446-2983	870-446-2983	director@newtoncountylibrary.org	Kenya Windel	Newton County Library
479-451-8442		pearidgecommunitylibrary@gmail.com	Wendy Martin	Pea Ridge Library
479-968-4368	479-968-3222	rtaurone@popelibrary.org	Riley Taurone	Pope County Library
479-621-1152	479-621-1165	hpearce@rogersar.gov	Hannah Pearce	Rogers Public Library
479-996-2856	479-996-2236	rmyers@co.sebastian.ar.us	Rene Myers	Scott-Sebastian Regional Library
870-448-2420	870-448-5453	tammiebridwell0920@gmail.com	Tammie Bridwell	Jim G. Ferguson/Searcy County Library
479-524-4236	479-524-3908	sfreedle@siloamsprings.com	Stephanie Freedle	Siloam Springs Public Library
479-298-3753	479-298-3515	sulphurspringslibrary2021@gmail.com	Melinda Griffin	Sulphur Springs Public Library
479-442-6253	479-442-6812	glendaa@wcls.lib.ar.us	Glenda Audrain	Washington County Library System
				LDD II
870-994-2658	870-994-2857	ashflatlibrary@gmail.com	Susan Funnell	Ash Flat Library
870-238-3850	870-238-5434	jpaul@ecarls.org	John Paul Myrick	East Central Arkansas Regional Library
870-793-8814	870-793-8896	carlene@indcolib.com	Carlene Morrison	Independence County Library
870-886-3222	870-886-9520	akburris@hotmail.com	Ashley Burris	Lawrence County Library
870-236-8711	870-236-1442	pdpcomposing@yahoo.com	Mike Rogers	Northeast Arkansas Regional Library
870-732-7590	870-732-7636	osfrank1969@gmail.com	Rebecca Bledsoe	West Memphis Public Library
870-739-3238	870-739-4624	casseywoolfolklib@gmail.com	Cassey Clayman	Woolfolk Library
870-935-5133	870-935-7987	vanessa@libraryinjonesboro.org	Vanessa Adams	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
870-633-5646	870-633-5647	fcpl@forrestcitylibrary.org	Arlisa Price Harris	Forrest City Public Library
870-523-2952	870-523-5218	director@jacksoncolibrary.net	Lisa May	Jackson County Library
870-762-2431	870-762-2442	lwalters@mclibrary.net	Lowell Walters	Mississippi/Crittenden County Library
870-483-7744	870-483-6833	trumannpubliclibrary@gmail.com	Janie Teague	Trumann Public Library
870-269-4682		wrrlibrary@yahoo.com	Debra Sutterfield	White River Regional Library

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LDD III				
501-918-3000	501-375-7451	ncoulter@cals.org	Nate Coulter	Central Arkansas Library System
501-354-5204	501-354-5206	jay.carter@conwaycountylibrary.org	Jay Carter	Conway County Library
501-884-4930		ffblibrary@live.com	Karen Tangen	Fairfield Bay Library
501-327-7482	501-327-9098	john@fcl.org	John McGraw	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
501-676-6635	501-676-0557	sbarker@lonokecountylibrary.org	Stacy Barker	Lonoke County Library
501-332-5441	501-332-6679	clare.graham@arkansas.gov	Clare Graham	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
501-758-1720	501-753-0524	crystal.gates@lamanlibrary.org	Crystal Gates	North Little Rock Library Public System
501-778-4766	501-778-0536	leighe@salinecountylibrary.org	Leigh Espey	Saline County Library
501-279-2870	501-268-5682	darla.ino@arkansas.gov	Darla Ino	White County Library System
LDD IV				
870-798-4492	870-798-4492	calcolib@gmail.com	Allie Stevens	Calhoun County Library
870-246-2271	870-246-4189	Clarkcountylibrary@gmail.com	Betsy Fisher	Clark County Library
870-234-1991	870-234-5077	holli@cocolib.org	Holli Howard	Columbia County Library
501-623-4161	501-623-5647	gcl@gclibrary.com	Adam Webb	Garland County Library
870-777-4564	870-777-2915	hempcolib@gmail.com	Courtney McNiel	Hempstead County Library
870-921-4757	870-921-4756	lafcolibrary@gmail.com	Michael Strange	Lafayette County Library
479-394-2314	479-394-2314	tracihostetler.polklibrary@gmail.com	Traci Hostetler	Ouachita Mountains Regional Library
479-394-2314	479-394-2314	polkcountylibrary@yahoo.com	Mary Renick	Polk County Library
870-836-5083	870-836-0163	lrpickett@hotmail.com	Lisa Pickett	Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County
		swarlib@gmail.com	Courtney McNiel	Southwest Arkansas Regional Library
903-794-2149	903-794-2139	director@txklibrary.org	Olivia Poulton	Texarkana Public Library
870-584-4364	870-642-8319	tri-countyreglibsystem@hotmail.com	Marilyn Archer	Tri-County Regional Library System
870-863-5447	870-862-3944	moconnell@bartonlibrary.org	Michael O'Connell	Union County Library System
LDD V				
870-673-1966	870-673-4295	asst.director.arco@gmail.com	Clara Jane Timmerman	Arkansas County Library
870-853-2078	870-853-2079	ashcolib@gmail.com	Holly Gillum	Ashley County Library
870-364-2230	870-364-2231	david@crossett.lib.ar.us	David Anderson	Crossett Public Library
870-946-1151	870-946-1151	dewittpl@yahoo.com	Sarah Beth Cole	DeWitt Public Library
870-338-7732	870-338-8855	ral72342@yahoo.com	Linda Bennett	Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library
870-534-4802	870-534-8707	rwilliams@pineblufflibrary.org	Ricky Williams	Public Library of Pine Bluff & Jefferson County
870-367-8584	870-367-5166	director@searlibrary.org	Judy Calhoun	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library System
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**ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD as created by Act 489, Acts of Arkansas, 1979.

Section 2. The organization shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Board.”

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. The Board shall name the State Librarian.

Section 2. The Board shall act as the policy-making and responsible body for the Arkansas State Library and its functions as defined by Act 489 of 1979.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Arkansas Senate, for their interest in libraries and statewide library development.

Section 2. Appointments made from congressional districts and at-large shall be made in accordance with Ark. Code Ann §13-2-205 (3) or other controlling statutes. **

*** Approved 02-09-2018 by Arkansas State Library Board*

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The State Librarian shall serve as executive secretary.

Section 2. Nomination and election of officers, with the exception of executive secretary, shall take place at the annual meeting.

Section 2a. Officers shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee of members named by the Chairman. Opportunity shall be given for additional nominations to be made from the floor.

Section 2b. Consent of all nominees shall be procured prior to nomination.

Section 2c. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. No officer shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2d. Election of officers shall be by written ballot, show of hands, voice vote, or acclamation and counted by the executive secretary. **

Section 3. Duties of the officers shall be defined by members as need arises.

Section 3a. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and perform the duties generally assigned to this office.

Section 3b. The Vice Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall preside over meetings and perform other duties as assigned.

Section 3c. The State Librarian, serving as executive secretary, shall keep the minutes of the Board meetings, attend all committee meetings, and perform duties generally assigned to this office. The executive secretary shall serve without vote in meetings of the Board or committees.

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Section 4a. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside over the meeting and perform other duties as assigned.

Section 4b. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, when a quorum is present, the members shall elect a temporary chairman to preside at the meeting and perform other duties as assigned.

Section 4c. When the office of Chairman is vacated during the year, the Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4d. When the office of Vice Chairman is vacated during the year, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a replacement who shall be duly elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Chairman shall name members of the following STANDING COMMITTEES at the annual meeting.

Section 1a. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the executive secretary. This committee shall prepare the agenda for all meetings, call special meetings when deemed necessary, and perform interim duties as assigned by the Board.

Section 1b. The NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall be composed of two members appointed by the Chairman by September 1 each year. (The Chairman shall be excluded from membership.) The Committee shall prepare a slate of officers who have consented to serve if elected. **

***Section 1c.** the POLICIES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE shall be composed of the Vice Chairman and two members named by the Chairman. This Committee shall review all policies and bylaws each year and recommend changes or additions where needed.

Section 1d. The GOVERNMENTAL LIASON COMMITTEE shall be composed of the Chairman and two members named by the Chairman. The duty of this Committee shall be to work with the State Librarian on all matters concerning local, state, and federal legislation and funding.

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Section 1e. The PERSONNEL COMMITTEE shall be composed of two members named by the Chairman to serve with the Chairman to solicit and review applications and make recommendations to the Board for consideration for the position of State Librarian when a vacancy exists and to serve with the State Librarian to solicit and review applications and make recommendations to the Board for consideration for the managerial positions of associate or deputy directors when a vacancy exists.

Section 2. The Chairman shall name such AD HOC COMMITTEES as needed to carry out the functions of the Board.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Arkansas State Library Board shall be held on the second Friday of February, May, August, and November.

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Section 3. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Committee. Upon written request from three members of the Board, the Executive Committee shall be required to call a special meeting. The notices of such special meetings shall state the specific business to be transacted and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call.

Section 4. Notices of all regular meetings and special meetings, when possible, shall be mailed by the State Librarian at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 5. The order of business for regular meetings shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes
3. Unfinished business
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6. Adjournment

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ARTICLE VII

QUORUM, VOTE

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AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the members at any regular meeting of the Board provided the amendment was stated in the call for the meeting or had been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX

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ARTICLE X

STATE LIBRARIAN

The State Librarian shall be responsible to the Arkansas State Library Board for the proper management of the Arkansas State Library, for the administration of the policies to carry out the functions of the agency, for the preservation and care of its properties, and for the efficiency of its services.

ARTICLE XI

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. Except when in conflict with the provisions of Act 489 of 1979 or these Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings of this Board.

Section 2. Act 489 of 1979, is the authority for these bylaws.

“**Section 1.** ... The State Librarian shall serve as executive secretary of the State Library Board, but without vote thereon, and shall attend all of the Board meetings and keep records thereof. The State Librarian shall have charge of the work of the State Library, and shall perform such other duties as the State Library Board may prescribe...”

“Section 2. (a) There is hereby created the State Library Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, to consist of seven (7.) members to be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Arkansas Senate ...

(b) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor for reason of their interest in libraries and statewide library development.”

“Section 3. ... The Board shall meet at such place or places and shall keep such records as it may deem to be appropriate. The Board shall select annually a Chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary and shall adopt policies and bylaws governing its meetings, the conduct of its business, and the business of the State Library. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all business transacted by the Board shall be by majority vote of its members.”

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Section 1. Except when in conflict with the provisions of Act 489 of 1979 or these Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of this Board.

Section 2. Act 489 of 1979, is the authority for these bylaws.

“**Section 1.** ... The State Librarian shall serve as executive secretary of the State Library Board, but without vote thereon, and shall attend all of the Board meetings and keep records thereof. The State Librarian shall have charge of the work of the State Library, and shall perform such other duties as the State Library Board may prescribe...”

“**Section 2. (a)** There is hereby created the State Library Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, to consist of seven (7.) members to be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Arkansas Senate ...

(b) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor for reason of their interest in libraries and statewide library development.”

“**Section 3.** ... The Board shall meet at such place or places and shall keep such records as it may deem to be appropriate. The Board shall select

annually a Chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary and shall adopt policies and bylaws governing its meetings, the conduct of its business, and the business of the State Library. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all business transacted by the Board shall be by majority vote of its members.”

ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments -- 2024

Executive Committee: Chair; Vice Chair, and Chilcoat

Nominating Committee: Peña de Martínez and Meridith

Policies & By-Laws Committee: Vice Chair; Bales and Smith

Government Liaison Committee: Chair; Meridith and Campbell

Personnel Committee: Chair; Rapert and Campbell

[In accordance with the By-Laws, the Chair shall name members of these standing committees at the annual meeting held in November.]

2025 Officer Elections

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10/15/2024

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		LIBRARY SUPPORT ASSISTANT	VACANT	
		LIBRARY SUPPORT ASSISTANT	VACANT	
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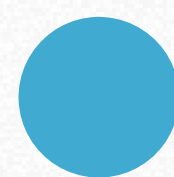
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STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS , AS SCHEDULED



STATE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

JAN 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY (OBSERVED); JAN 20- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY (OBSERVED); FEB 17 - GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AND DAISY GATSON BATES DAY (OBSERVED); MAY 26 - MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED); JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY; SEPT 1 - LABOR DAY; NOV 11- VETERANS DAY (OBSERVED); NOV 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY; DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE (OBSERVED); DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (OBSERVED)