

STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Fourth Quarter 2015-2016  
August 12, 2016

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: JoAnn Campbell, Chairperson

A. Approval of Minutes [May 13, 2016]

Unfinished Business

B. Administration Report/FY2017 Agency Funding/Organizational Chart

C. State Aid and Scholarships

D. Grants and Special Projects

Other Unfinished Business

New Business

E. State Aid FY2017/Scholarships

F. Reports/Travel and Correspondence

Other New Business

G. Board Information

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STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES  
Third Quarter 2015-2016  
May 13, 2016

The State Library Board convened on May 13, 2016, in the Bessie B. Moore Conference Room at the Arkansas State Library at 900 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas. Members present were JoAnn Campbell (Chair), Deborah Knox (Vice-Chair), Dr. Josephine Bell, Martine Ferguson and Deborah Kirby. Board members Ellis and Cooper were absent. Staff present included State Librarian Carolyn Ashcraft and Deputy Director Dwain Gordon. Phyllis Bell (liaison from the Governor's office) and Julie Chavis and Reid Adkins (liaisons from the Attorney General's office) were present.

Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Campbell asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the Feb. 12 regular meeting. A motion was made by Bell to approve the minutes, Knox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board proceeded to Tab B and Ashcraft deferred to Brooke Crawford, who received a promotion to Manager of Administration Services since the February meeting. Crawford referred to her report (B1) and discussed the open positions in the agency. Ken Giesbrecht (the new Information Services Coordinator) and Sarah Lipsey (promoted to State Library Division Manager) were introduced.

Crawford reported that 5 requested positions remain frozen indefinitely. The agency has prepared the necessary paperwork to request the positions be unfrozen. With the in-house promotions, there are several positions which will need to be filled in order to maintain our level of work. Crawford distributed the April 27 letter from DFA Director Walther announcing the performance merit bonuses will be awarded for FY2016. The letter also mentioned an order from Governor Hutchinson to DFA – OPM to conduct a comprehensive review of current pay plans and personnel policies. The review will result in the development of new, more competitive pay plans and streamlined policies which will be implemented by July 2017 for FY2018.

Ashcraft presented the ASL Computer and Electronic Solid Waste Management Policy. This policy addressed the agency's efforts concerning computer and electronic solid waste management. Giesbrecht addressed the document and the method of implementing the policy. The major change from previous policy is the ability for computer or electronic equipment to be offered for sale to agency employees. No action was required by the board.

The executive team has been working on the FY2017 budget proposals, in preparation for the annual operations plan submission to DFA. Ashcraft reported that the appropriation bill was signed into law as Act 255 of 2016 (see B4). In addition, an amendment to the agency bill would delete the phrase 'for grants and aid' from the State Aid portion of the language. This was done in an effort to keep the funds from being the first cut when reductions are needed.

Ashcraft commented on the effort of the public library community to reach out to the members of the Legislature and the Governor's office in order to seek restoration of the cut in State Aid. She reminded the public libraries they should continue to document the results of the cut in State Aid. She presented two documents that were provided to Legislative staff: (B5) reflecting the impact of the cuts and (B6) showing Arkansas public library use. There were also a couple of news clippings (B7) which referenced the cuts and the effort to restore funding. She reported the Advocates for Arkansas Public Libraries (AAPL) acquired the services of Tim Summers (former State legislator) and he was instrumental in guiding the

efforts of the libraries as they reached out to the Governor's office and the members of the State Legislature.

Crawford reviewed the financial update on State (B2) and Federal LSTA (B3) revenue. She stated the fiscal year end is drawing near and all deadlines have been met and we are on target with our projected budget.

Ashcraft reported that Tab C contained the '*Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries*' (C1), the '*Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance*' (C2), and the '*Scholarship Assistance Application*' (C3).

Debbie Hall, Manager of Grants and Special Projects, reported (D1) on the federal Grants to States Program meeting she recently attended in Kentucky. Attendees were introduced to the draft guidelines for the evaluation of the current 5-year plan due March 30, 2017, and for the new 5-year plan due June 30, 2017. An evaluator will be hired to complete the evaluation and the report will be used to help formulate the new 5-year plan.

Hall provided a draft copy of the annual report taken from the Federal FY15 State Program Report. She also presented a graphic to reflect the use of federal funds for statewide library projects (D3). This handout was prepared for the recent visit to the Congressional delegation in DC.

Hall concluded her report with the information that IMLS is using the preferred phrase 'federal Grants to States Program' instead of LSTA. The grant award for FY16 (D2) reflects an increase of \$14,858.

Sarah Lipsey, Division Manager of Collection Management, announced to the board the recent award of a grant in the amount of \$24,000 from the Arkansas Natural Resources Council. The funds will be used to purchase a Konica Minolta ScanDIVA face-up book scanner. The scanner will be used to expand an existing project at the State Library where historical state documents are digitized in order to preserve the original volumes and expand access to the content therein. A copy of the grant proposal was distributed.

Ashcraft reminded the board of the recent letter from the Governor in which he instructed state agencies to collaborate with the Arkansas History Commission. Some of the items the AHC wants to collect are already collected at the State Library. Ashcraft stated there would be further discussion in order to continue the history of collaboration established between the AHC and the State Library. As recently announced, the AHC is going to be renamed the Arkansas State Archives and will be moved July 1 from AR Parks and Tourism to the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

Ashcraft reported on Tab E, beginning with the list of '*Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid*' (E1). A few changes that she noted included: Nate Coulter is now the director at CALS, Jill Martin is the interim director at the Saline County Library and Taylor Eubank is the interim director at Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library. The White River Regional Library will be undergoing a change in this quarter as Independence County has voted to withdraw from the regional system. Ashcraft distributed a letter from WRRL asking that the 4th quarter funds be split and sent separately to the two entities. Ashcraft stated this would not happen as: (1) Independence County Library was a part of the WRRL System during this quarter and (2) Independence County Library is not set up in the AASIS program. Ginger Schoenenberger at Boone County Library is completing her Master's degree and graduating on this day. Kirby made a motion to approve the list, with a second by Knox. Motion carried.

Ashcraft presented an updated *FY2016 State Aid* document (E2) and reported the ability to fully fund the fourth quarter payment. She reminded the board that the fourth quarter payment would be made after the funding is made available to the agency in June. Knox made a motion to approve the fourth quarter payments of FY2016 State Aid as presented, Kirby seconded. Motion carried.

Ashcraft presented an updated 'library millage report by taxing unit (2015 Collections)' (E3) in order to reflect the status of the library millage rates across the state. An updated map of the Arkansas public library systems (E4) was presented. This map reflects the change in the structure of the White River Regional Library System that occurred during this quarter.

Ashcraft presented one scholarship assistance application for the Board's consideration (E6) from the Central AR Library System on behalf of their employee, Des Agginie. After discussion, a motion was made by Bell to approve the application, Kirby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ashcraft presented the '*Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance*' (E5) and reported on the efforts of the recipients to earn additional hours toward the Master's degree. A motion was made to approve the award of these scholarship funds by Kirby, seconded by Knox. Motion carried.

Ashcraft proceeded to Tab F and the reports and correspondence. Her report (F1) contained travel and meetings. In addition to the discussion earlier in the meeting on the library changes and the efforts to restore the State Aid funding, she reported on the annual National Library Legislative Day event in Washington, DC.

As the board members were going to be extending their time together in order to receive an overview of the board member handbook from Julie Chavis, the Attorney General liaison, Ashcraft provided a condensed review of the reports from staff (F2-10) and encouraged the board to ask questions about any of the reports. Ashcraft pointed out the handout on E-rate and broadband that was prepared by Amber Gregory (F6).

Ashcraft reviewed F11 which contained an announcement of the graduation of Loretta Crenshaw at Florida State University on April 30 and information from Independence County Library concerning their efforts to meet the standards for state aid. Ashcraft referenced the list of *Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts* (F12).

With no further items of travel, reports or correspondence, Ashcraft moved to Tab G and referenced the Board contact information (G1), liaison information (G2), and the Board by-laws (G3). Updates were noted for contact information for Campbell and Knox. Chavis introduced Reid Adkins as the new liaison for the State Library from the AG's office. The ASL Staff Directory (G4) was provided. She reminded the Board that their next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on August 12 in the Bessie B. Moore Conference Room at the State Library.

There being no further items of business, Kirby made a motion to adjourn. Knox seconded the motion. Campbell adjourned the meeting at 11:35.

Following a short break, the board members returned to the Conference Room where Julie Chavis provided an overview of the Board Member Handbook which was compiled by the Attorney General's office in order to inform the board on the general operations of state agencies, the duties of the board, the obligations under the Freedom of Information Act and the Administrative Procedure Act, and the relationship with the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the agency. The handbook is available as a .pdf and Ashcraft noted that she would provide a copy to each board member at the August board meeting. This was an open forum and there was a lot of information provided in a short time frame. Campbell expressed thanks to Chavis for providing the overview and thanked her for her assistance to the agency.

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Approval Date

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Carolyn Ashcraft, State Librarian

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## **Administrative Services Manager – Brooke Crawford**

### Human Resources:

7 positions remain frozen indefinitely awaiting the Governor's approval. We have 56 budgeted positions but we currently only have 42 employees. Most open positions are remaining that way due to the Governor sending out the directive to OPM at the end of April to come up with a new, more competitive pay plan to be implemented at the beginning of FY18.

Preparations for the Benefits Open Enrollment period will begin soon. The open enrollment period for State Employees will be September 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

### Budget/Closing:

Annual & Biennial Budgets were submitted in May & June. The SEFA report, required by all agencies who receive federal funds to show activity of federal funds on the state fiscal year timeframe. The report was submitted in July. I am currently working on the FY16 Closing Book for state funds. Our Biennial Budget hearing is set for mid-November. As approved in the November 2015 Board Meeting, the law changes regarding board composition to reflect the current congressional districts, repealing any laws to the contrary and revisions to other laws relevant to state documents collection, will be proposed hopefully during the Regular Session.

### Audit of FY15 Books:

Jeff Crittenden from Legislative Audit was in the agency to audit FY15 from June 21<sup>st</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>. In his preliminary report, we had one reportable finding regarding an overpayment of Sick Leave and some verbal findings regarding IT issues. A follow-up letter was delivered to Roger Norman, Director of Legislative Audit, regarding the changes or current status of those findings on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We are awaiting the final report.

### IT:

The IT department is nearing the end of this year's annual rollout, which keeps our computers and software updated for State compliance. This year we have updated nearly half of the computers in the agency and migrated from 3 old servers to 2 brand new physical servers, increasing performance across the board and reducing consumption of resources. Plans are underway to replace faulty backup power supplies for the servers and to develop a redundant system for emergency preparedness compliance. IT is also looking at expanding the current storage array to prepare for Sarah Lipsey's team to scan massive amounts of information into the system.

STATE GENERAL REVENUE  
EPA0100 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2017  
BY COMMITMENT ITEM  
July 30, 2016

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$1,681,462	\$1,665,684	46.2%	\$111,749	\$1,553,935	93%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.1%	\$1,174	\$3,826	77%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$574,627	\$574,627	16.0%	\$42,262	\$532,365	93%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$2,261,089	\$2,245,311	62.3%	\$155,185	\$2,090,126	93%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$1,128,409	\$1,128,409	31.3%	\$1,003,409	\$125,000	11%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$7,760	\$7,760	0.2%	\$0	\$7,760	100%
506:00:10	Prof. Fees & Services	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
	Total M & O	\$1,136,169	\$1,136,169	31.5%	\$1,003,409	\$132,760	12%
509:00:46	Books/Subscriptions	\$237,940	\$220,243	6.1%	\$63,964	\$156,279	71%
	TOTALS	\$3,635,198	\$3,601,723	100.0%	\$1,222,558	\$2,379,165	66%
	M&R paid to ASL account	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	100%

FEDERAL LSTA REVENUE  
 FEL0100 FEL0200 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2017  
 BY COMMITMENT ITEM  
 July 30, 2016

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$470,066	\$397,911	12.5%	\$18,444	\$379,467	95%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$14,625	\$14,625	0.5%	\$2,580	\$12,045	82%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$192,429	\$166,218	5.2%	\$10,994	\$155,224	93%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$677,120	\$578,754	18.2%	\$32,018	\$546,736	94%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$2,438,239	\$2,438,239	76.6%	\$48,013	\$2,390,226	98%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$42,161	\$42,161	1.3%	\$1,497	\$40,664	96%
506:00:10	Prof. Fees & Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.8%	\$0	\$25,000	100%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$100,000	\$100,000	3.1%	\$0	\$100,000	100%
	Total M & O	\$2,605,400	\$2,605,400	81.8%	\$49,510	\$2,555,890	98%
	TOTALS	\$3,282,520	\$3,184,154	100.0%	\$81,528	\$3,102,626	97%



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
ASA HUTCHINSON  
GOVERNOR

May 19, 2016

Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair  
Representative David L. Branscum, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
315 State Capitol  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, as required by Section 3(a)(11) of Act 1147 of 2015, to transfer set-aside Rainy Day Funds from the 90th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund to the following fund authorized by the General Assembly:

Department of Education - Arkansas State Library

Library Public School Fund - \$1,000,000

This release will be used to provide aid to public libraries.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a white background.

Asa Hutchinson

AH:db;jh

cc: Ms. Carolyn Ashcraft, State Librarian  
Department of Education - Arkansas State Library



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
**Department of Finance  
and Administration**

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June 3, 2016

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair  
Representative David Meeks, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY17 Set-aside Funding Release Requests

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by Section 3(a)(11) of Act 1147 of 2015, the attached request by the Governor for a transfer of the following from the Rainy Day set-aside funds in the 90th Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund. This transfer has my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services	\$1,000,000
Arkansas Agriculture Department	\$350,000
Department of Education -Arkansas State Library	\$1,000,000

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry W. Walther".  
Larry W. Walther  
Director

LWW:es  
Attachment (s)



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH**

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for Legal Services  
Richard Wilson, Assistant Director  
for Research Services

June 3, 2016

Ms. Carolyn Ashcraft, State Librarian  
Education-State Library  
900 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 100  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Ashcraft:

As in previous years, your agency will have a hearing before the Legislative Council and the Joint Budget Committee on your budget request for the 2017-19 biennium. Your presentation is scheduled during the afternoon of Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in Committee Room A of the Big MAC Building. Hearings begin that afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Because of the limited space that will be available for the public during these hearings, we request that only personnel from your agency necessary for your presentation attend the hearing. Please wait in the lobby outside Committee Room A until called upon to make your presentation. We feel that this procedure will allow the hearings to progress in a more effective manner.

Please mark the date of your hearing on your calendar so that conflicts can be avoided. If your hearing is rescheduled by the committee, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. Anderson".

Kevin Anderson, Assistant Director for  
Fiscal Services

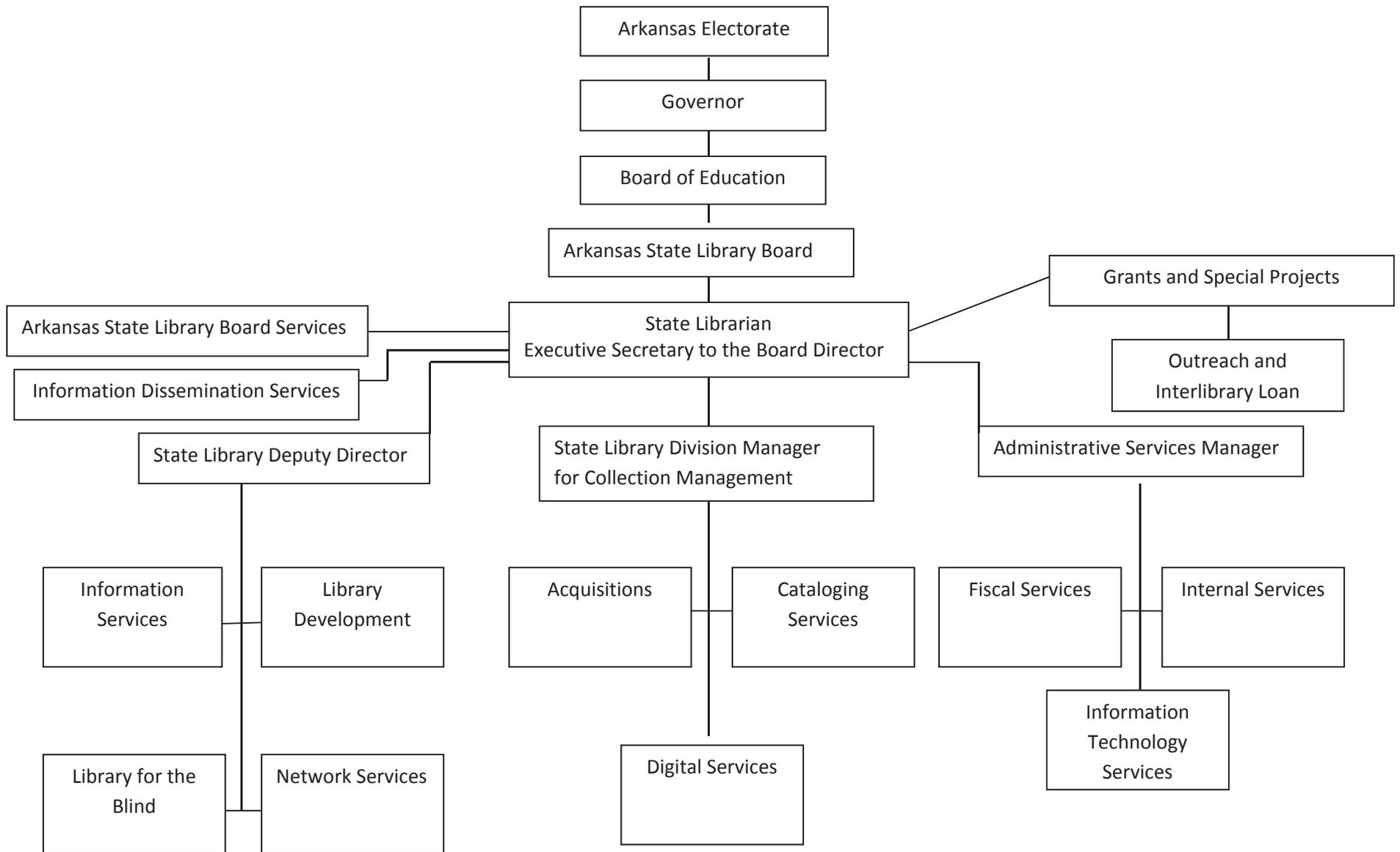
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900 WEST CAPITOL, STE 100  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3108

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

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 3.04. 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 For the purpose of these rules and regulations the applying institution must be a "public library" located in Arkansas which is duly established and recognized pursuant to Arkansas Code 13-2-401, 13-2-501, 13-2-901 and those libraries which have been determined by the Arkansas State Library to be functioning as a "public library."
- 3.02 ASL refers to the Arkansas State Library.
- 3.03 ALA refers to the American Library Association.
- 3.04 A master's degree refers to the educational award given by a library school whose program is accredited by the ALA.
- 3.05 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.
- 5.03 Individuals upon whose behalf the library is applying must meet the following standards:
1. Show evidence of completion of 12 semester hours toward the master's degree.
  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. Furnish official transcript 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. Agree to remain employed by a public library in the state of Arkansas for a duration of one year upon completion of degree.

## 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.

## 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 and/or deny any scholarship applications.

-- Approved by the State Library Board, August 12, 2005

## 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.

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### APPLICANT

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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.

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Applicant Library Name

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Mailing Address

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City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

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Phone Number

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Fax Number

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Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

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Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

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Date

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### AGREEMENT

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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.

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Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Participant's Signature

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Date

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### RECOMMENDATION

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

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Signature of State Librarian

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Date

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### ACTION TAKEN

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

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Signature of State Library Board Chairman

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Date

**Manager of Grants & Special Projects - Debbie Hall**

**No report**

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ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, DIRECTOR, AND AREA SERVICED:	2013 Population Served	LIB. TAX UNITS *	QTRLY MLS AWARD
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 150,001 OR MORE :</b>			
Central Arkansas Library System Nate Coulter (Perry and Pulaski Counties, excluding North Little Rock)	335,554	3	<b>NO</b>
SUBTOTAL SERVED	335,554		
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 75,001 TO 150,000:</b>			
Washington County Library System Glenda B. Audrain, MLS - U of AL (Washington County)	137,450	1	YES
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library John McGraw, MLIS - U of AL (Faulkner and Van Buren Counties)	136,512	2	YES
Crowley Ridge Regional Library David Eckert, MLS - Kent State U (Craighead and Poinsett Counties)	125,633	4	YES
Saline County Library Patty Hector, MLS - UNT (Saline County)	114,404	1	YES
Garland County Library John Wells, MLS - U. of MO (Garland County)	97,173	1	YES
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library Donna McDonald, MLIS - U of OK (Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Yell Counties)	87,855	4	YES
Fort Smith Public Library Jennifer Goodson, MLIS-U of OK (Fort Smith District of Sebastian County)	87,650	1	YES
White River Regional Library Debra Sutterfield, MLS - U. of AL (Cleburne, Fulton, Izzard, Sharp, and Stone Counties)	80,988	5	YES
Fayetteville Public Library David Johnson, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (Fayetteville)	78,960	1	YES
White County Library Darla Ino, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (White County)	78,483	1	YES
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Mike Rogers, MLS - UNT (Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties)	76,191	3	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	1,101,299		
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 50,001 TO 75,000:</b>			
Pine Bluff and Jefferson County Library Taylor Eubank (Interim Director) (Jefferson County)	73,191	2	<b>NO</b>
Union County Library Laura Cleveland, MSLS - UNT (Union County and contracted with Ouachita County and Calhoun County)	70,937	5	YES
Lonoke County Library Leroy Gattin, MLS - U of MO, Columbia (Lonoke County)	70,753	1	YES
Mississippi-Crittenden Co. Regional Library Kevin Barron, MLS - U of MO - Columbia (Mississippi and Crittenden Counties)	68,966	3	YES
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library Amy Ketzer, MSLS - U of KY (Interim Director) (Hot Spring, Grant, Dallas, and Cleveland Counties)	68,105	4	YES
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Judy Calhoun, MLS - Florida State U (Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln Counties)	67,905	5	YES
Texarkana Public Library Jennifer Strayhorn, MSLS - UNT (Texarkana, AR and TX)	(Total Population 67,491) (Arkansas only 30,016) 30,016	1	YES
North Little Rock Public Library Crystal Gates, MLIS - LSU (North Little Rock)	66,075	1	YES
Pope County Library Shawn Pierce, MLS - TWU (Pope County)	62,547	1	YES
Crawford County Library System Eva White, MLS - TWU (Crawford County)	61,640	1	YES

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS QUALIFYING FOR STATE AID

Rogers Public Library Judy Casey, MLS - U of AL (Rogers)	60,112	1	YES
Scott-Sebastian Regional Library Judy Beth Clevenger, MLS - U. of OK (Scott County and Sebastian County, South District)	50,642	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED		750,889	
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 25,001 to 50,000:</b>			
Tri-County Library System Marilyn Archer, MLS - Emporia State U. (Howard, Little River and Sevier Counties)	43,677	3	YES
Carroll and Madison Library System Johnice Dominick, MLIS - LSU (Carroll and Madison Counties)	43,509	2	YES
Baxter County Library Kim Crow-Sheaner, MLS - UNT (Baxter County)	40,957	1	YES
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library <b>VACANT 6/2002</b> (Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties)	38,096	3	<b>NO</b>
Boone County Library Ginger Schoenenberger - MLS - Clarion Univ (Boone County)	37,396	1	YES
Independence County Library Vanessa Adams, MLS - U of Missouri (Independence County)	36,997	1	YES
Columbia County Library Rhonda Rolen, MLIS - LSU (Columbia County and contract with Lafayette County)	31,416	2	YES
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Brenda Miner (MLS - U of OK) (Montgomery and Polk Counties)	29,632	2	YES
West Memphis Public Library Caroline Redfean, MSL - Drexel (West Memphis)	25,545	1	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED		327,225	
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX SERVING LESS THAN 25,000:</b>			
East Central Arkansas Regional Library John Paul Myrick, MLS - U of Alabama (Cross and Woodruff Counties)	24,620	2	YES
Hempstead County Library Courtney McNeil, MLS - Florida State U. (Hempstead County)	22,474	1	YES
Ashley County Library David Anderson, MLS - TWU (Ashley County)	21,283	2	YES
Conway County Library Jay Carter, MLIS - USF (Conway County)	21,245	1	YES
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library Courtney McNeil, MLS - Florida State U. (Nevada and Pike Counties)	19,976	2	YES
Arkansas County Library Anna Bates, MLIS - FSU (Arkansas County)	18,777	2	YES
Jackson County Library Tonya Ryals, MSI - U of Michigan (Jackson County)	17,615	1	YES
Lawrence County Library Ashley Burris, MLIS - U of AL (Lawrence County)	17,011	1	YES
Marion County Library Judy Mays, MLS - UNC/Chapel Hill (Marion County)	16,430	1	YES
Forrest City Public Library Arlisa Price, MSL - UNT (Forrest City)	15,016	1	YES
Newton County Library Teresa Hayes, MLS - Case Western R. U. (Newton County)	8,064	1	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED		202,511	
Total Arkansas Population		2,717,478	

### State Aid 2017 Distribution Recommendation Summary

Scholarships	\$ 85,500
MLS Awards	\$ 774,000
Multi-county Regional	\$ 552,000
Per Capita Distribution	\$4,249,620
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TOTAL	\$5,661,120

#### Funding:

The total amount to be distributed:

\$4,641,919	Public School Fund 2017 Distribution
\$1,000,000	Governor's Rainy Day Fund
<u>\$19,201</u>	<u>Balance from FY2016</u>
\$5,661,120	TOTAL

Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2013 Population	Per Capita @ 1.56381027	\$12,000/co. in multi-co. region	MLS	Total FY2017	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
Arkansas Co. Lib.	Arkansas Co.	18,777	29,364		18,000	47,364	11,841	11,841	11,841	11,841
Ashley Co. Lib.	Ashley Co. less Crossett	15,912	24,883							
Ashley Co. Lib.	Crossett (city) (Ashley Co.)	5,371	8,399							
<b>Ashley Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>21,283</b>	<b>33,283</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>51,283</b>	<b>12,821</b>	<b>12,821</b>	<b>12,821</b>	<b>12,821</b>
Baxter Co. Lib.	Baxter Co.	40,957	64,049		18,000	82,049	20,512	20,512	20,512	20,512
Boone Co. Lib.	Boone Co.	37,396	58,480		18,000	76,480	19,120	19,120	19,120	19,120
Columbia Co. Lib.	Columbia Co.	24,164	37,788							
Columbia Co. Lib.	Lafayette Co. (contract)	7,252	11,341							
<b>Columbia Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>31,416</b>	<b>49,129</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>67,129</b>	<b>16,782</b>	<b>16,782</b>	<b>16,782</b>	<b>16,782</b>
Conway Co. Lib.	Conway Co.	21,245	33,223		18,000	51,223	12,806	12,806	12,806	12,806
Crawford Co. Lib. System	Crawford Co.	96,640	96,393		18,000	114,393	28,598	28,598	28,598	28,598
Garland Co. Lib.	Garland Co.	97,173	151,960		18,000	169,960	42,490	42,490	42,490	42,490
Hempstead Co. Lib.	Hempstead Co.	22,474	35,145		18,000	53,145	13,286	13,286	13,286	13,286
Independence Co. Lib	Independence Co.	36,997	57,856		18,000	75,856	18,964	18,964	18,964	18,964
Jackson Co. Lib.	Jackson Co.	17,615	27,547		18,000	45,547	11,387	11,387	11,387	11,387
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Jefferson Co. Total less Pine Bluff	27,097	42,375							
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Pine Bluff (city) (Jefferson Co.)	46,094	72,082							
<b>Jefferson Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>73,191</b>	<b>114,457</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>114,457</b>	<b>28,614</b>	<b>28,614</b>	<b>28,614</b>	<b>28,614</b>
Lawrence Co. Lib.	Lawrence Co.	17,011	26,602		18,000	44,602	11,150	11,150	11,150	11,150
Lonoke Co. Lib.	Lonoke Co.	70,753	110,644		18,000	128,644	32,161	32,161	32,161	32,161
Marion Co. Lib.	Marion Co.	16,430	25,693		18,000	43,693	10,923	10,923	10,923	10,923
Newton Co. Lib.	Newton Co.	8,064	12,611		18,000	30,611	7,653	7,653	7,653	7,653
Pope Co. Lib.	Pope Co.	62,547	97,812		18,000	115,812	28,953	28,953	28,953	28,953
Saline Co. Lib.	Saline Co.	114,404	178,906		18,000	196,906	49,227	49,227	49,227	49,227
Union Co. Lib.	El Dorado (city)	18,539	28,991							
Union Co. Lib.	Union Co. Total less El Dorado	22,155	34,646							
Union Co. Lib.	Calhoun County (contract)	5,241	8,196							
Union Co. Lib.	Camden (city) (Ouachita Co.)	11,674	18,256							
Union Co. Lib.	Ouachita Co. Total less Camden (contract)	13,328	20,842							
<b>Union Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>70,937</b>	<b>110,932</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>128,932</b>	<b>32,233</b>	<b>32,233</b>	<b>32,233</b>	<b>32,233</b>
Washington Co. Lib.	Washington Co. (less Fayetteville)	137,450	214,946		18,000	232,946	58,236	58,236	58,236	58,236
White Co. Reg. Lib. System	White Co.	78,483	122,733		18,000	140,733	35,183	35,183	35,183	35,183
<b>Total Single County Libraries</b>		<b>1,056,243</b>	<b>1,593,907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>2,011,764</b>	<b>502,941</b>	<b>502,941</b>	<b>502,941</b>	<b>502,941</b>
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Franklin Co.	18,034	28,202	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Johnson Co.	25,846	40,418	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Logan Co.	22,082	34,532	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Yell Co.	21,893	34,236	12,000						
<b>Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>87,855</b>	<b>137,389</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>203,389</b>	<b>50,847</b>	<b>50,847</b>	<b>50,847</b>	<b>50,847</b>
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Carroll Co.	27,808	43,486	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Madison Co.	15,701	24,553	12,000						
<b>Carroll &amp; Madison Co. Lib. System Total</b>		<b>43,509</b>	<b>68,040</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>110,040</b>	<b>27,510</b>	<b>27,510</b>	<b>27,510</b>	<b>27,510</b>
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Little Rock (city) (Pulaski Co.)	197,357	308,629							
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Perry Co.	10,345	16,178	12,000						
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Pulaski Co. Total less LR & NLR	127,852	199,936	12,000						
<b>Central Arkansas Lib. System Total</b>		<b>335,554</b>	<b>524,743</b>	<b>24,000</b>		<b>548,743</b>	<b>\$ 137,186</b>	<b>\$ 137,186</b>	<b>\$ 137,186</b>	<b>\$ 137,186</b>

Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2013 Population	Per Capita @ 1.56381027	\$12,000/co. in multi-co. region	MLS	Total FY2017	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Craighead Co. Total less Jonesboro	29,937	46,816	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Jonesboro (city) (Craighead Co.)	71,551	111,892							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Poinsett Co. Total less Trumann	16,990	26,569	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Trumann (city) (Poinsett Co.)	7,155	11,189							
<b>Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>125,633</b>	<b>196,466</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>238,466</b>	<b>59,617</b>	<b>59,617</b>	<b>59,617</b>	<b>59,617</b>
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Cross Co.	17,548	27,442	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Woodruff Co.	7,072	11,059	12,000						
<b>East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>24,620</b>	<b>38,501</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>80,501</b>	<b>20,125</b>	<b>20,125</b>	<b>20,125</b>	<b>20,125</b>
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Faulkner Co.	119,580	187,000	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Van Buren Co.	16,932	26,478	12,000						
<b>Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>136,512</b>	<b>213,479</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>255,479</b>	<b>63,870</b>	<b>63,870</b>	<b>63,870</b>	<b>63,870</b>
Mid-Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Cleveland Co.	8,593	13,438	12,000						
Mid-Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Dallas Co.	7,993	12,500	12,000						
Mid-Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Grant Co.	18,019	28,178	12,000						
Mid-Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Hot Spring Co.	33,500	52,388	12,000						
<b>Mid-Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>68,105</b>	<b>106,503</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>172,503</b>	<b>43,126</b>	<b>43,126</b>	<b>43,126</b>	<b>43,126</b>
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Blytheville (city) (Mississippi Co.)	15,120	23,645							
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Crittenden Co. Total less West Memphis	24,201	37,846	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Mississippi Co. Total less Blytheville	29,645	46,359	12,000						
<b>Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>68,966</b>	<b>107,850</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>149,850</b>	<b>37,462</b>	<b>37,462</b>	<b>37,462</b>	<b>37,462</b>
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Clay Co.	15,402	24,086	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Greene Co.	43,097	67,396	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Randolph Co.	17,692	27,667	12,000						
<b>Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>76,191</b>	<b>119,148</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>173,148</b>	<b>43,287</b>	<b>43,287</b>	<b>43,287</b>	<b>43,287</b>
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Montgomery Co.	9,226	14,428	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Polk Co.	20,406	31,911	12,000						
<b>Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib Total</b>		<b>29,632</b>	<b>46,339</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>88,339</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>22,085</b>
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Lee Co.	10,015	15,662	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Monroe Co.	7,682	12,013	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Phillips Co.	20,399	31,900	12,000						
<b>Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>38,096</b>	<b>59,575</b>	<b>36,000</b>		<b>95,575</b>	<b>23,894</b>	<b>23,894</b>	<b>23,894</b>	<b>23,894</b>
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Scott Co.	10,950	17,124	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Sebastian Co. Total less Fort Smith	39,692	62,071	12,000						
<b>Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>50,642</b>	<b>79,194</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>121,194</b>	<b>30,299</b>	<b>30,299</b>	<b>30,299</b>	<b>30,299</b>
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Bradley Co.	11,249	17,591	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Chicot Co.	11,335	17,726	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Desha Co.	12,505	19,555	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Drew Co.	18,785	29,376	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Lincoln Co.	14,031	21,942	12,000						
<b>Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>67,905</b>	<b>106,191</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>184,191</b>	<b>46,048</b>	<b>46,048</b>	<b>46,048</b>	<b>46,048</b>
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Nevada Co.	8,799	13,760	12,000						
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Pike Co.	11,177	17,479	12,000						
<b>Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>19,976</b>	<b>31,239</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>73,239</b>	<b>18,310</b>	<b>18,310</b>	<b>18,310</b>	<b>18,310</b>
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Howard Co.	13,581	21,238	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Little River Co.	12,730	19,907	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Sevier Co.	17,366	27,157	12,000						
<b>Tri-County Reg. Lib.</b>		<b>43,677</b>	<b>68,303</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>122,303</b>	<b>30,576</b>	<b>30,576</b>	<b>30,576</b>	<b>30,576</b>

Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2013 Population	Per Capita @ 1.56381027	\$12,000/co. in multi-co. region	MLS	Total FY2017	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
White River Reg. Lib.	Cleburne Co.	25,686	40,168	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Fulton Co.	12,304	19,241	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Izard Co.	13,368	20,905	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Sharp Co.	17,049	26,661	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Stone Co.	12,581	19,674	12,000						
<b>White River Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>80,988</b>	<b>126,650</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>204,650</b>	<b>51,162</b>	<b>51,162</b>	<b>51,162</b>	<b>51,162</b>
<b>Total Regional Libraries</b>		<b>1,297,861</b>	<b>2,029,608</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>252,000</b>	<b>2,821,608</b>	<b>705,402</b>	<b>705,402</b>	<b>705,402</b>	<b>705,402</b>
Fayetteville Public Library	Fayetteville (city)	78,960	123,478		18,000	141,478	35,370	35,370	35,370	35,370
Forrest City Public Lib.	Forrest City (city)	15,016	23,482		18,000	41,482	10,371	10,371	10,371	10,371
Fort Smith Public Lib.	Fort Smith (city)	87,650	137,068		18,000	155,068	38,767	38,767	38,767	38,767
North Little Rock Public Lib.	North Little Rock (city)	66,075	103,329		18,000	121,329	30,332	30,332	30,332	30,332
Rogers Public Lib.	Rogers (city)	60,112	94,004		18,000	112,004	28,001	28,001	28,001	28,001
Texarkana Public Lib.	Texarkana (city)	30,016	46,939	12,000	18,000	76,939	19,235	19,235	19,235	19,235
West Memphis Public Lib.	West Memphis (city)	25,545	39,948		18,000	57,948	14,487	14,487	14,487	14,487
<b>Total City Libraries</b>		<b>363,374</b>	<b>568,248</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>126,000</b>	<b>706,248</b>	<b>176,562</b>	<b>176,562</b>	<b>176,562</b>	<b>176,562</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,717,478</b>	<b>4,191,764</b>	<b>552,000</b>	<b>738,000</b>	<b>5,539,620</b>	<b>1,384,905</b>	<b>1,384,905</b>	<b>1,384,905</b>	<b>1,384,905</b>

Counties Not Qualifying

Clark	Total Released for FY2017 State Aid	5,661,120	Fifth Payment (optional) is the distribution of the remainder of the reserves held for scholarships, multi-county regionals and MLS awards.
Searcy	Reserved for Scholarships	(85,500)	
Benton	Multi-County Regionals	(552,000)	
Miller	MLS Awards, 44 headquarters libraries*	(774,000)	*Includes reserve for vacancies
St. Francis	Total Designated	(1,411,500)	
Prairie	Balance for Per Capita Distribution	4,249,620	

Source: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)  
 Fact Finder 2 database of 2013 official census estimates

4,249,620/2,717,478= 1.56381027

### 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.

Ouachita Mountains Regional Library  
Applicant Library Name  
145 A Whittington Street, Civic Center  
Mailing Address  
Mount Ida, AR 71953  
City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension  
(870) 867-3812 Phone Number      (870) 867-3812 Fax Number

June E. Davis  
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)  
June E. Davis      4-19-2016  
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.

Brenda Miner  
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)  
Brenda Miner      5/13/16  
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.

Carly Ashcraft      8/3/16  
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

# Ouachita Mountains Regional Library

145A Whittington Street

Civic Center

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Mount Ida, Arkansas 71957

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May 12, 2016

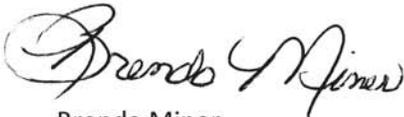
Dear Scholarship Committee:

Please accept this application for the Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance. I am currently serving as liaison for the Ouachita Mountain Region Library (OMRL) which includes the Polk County Library and the Montgomery County Library. Currently, neither library has a librarian who has completed an American Library Association (ALA) approved program.

I have been enrolled in the University of Oklahoma's Master of Library and Information Studies program for the last two years. I have completed 33 hours and will complete my last class for this ALA approved program this summer. After completion, I plan to continue my employment with OMRL for at least one year. By signing this letter, I agree that if my employment should end before the contract period expires, I will refund the amount awarded.

Thank you in advance for considering my application. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 479.243.8787.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Miner".

Brenda Miner  
Director of OMRL



Scholarship Payments Made  
1977-2016

Year Awarded	Total Paid	Name	Library
1977	3,000.00	Shaver, Lolly	Cross County Library
1977	3,000.00	Allen, Debra	White River Regional Library
1979	750.00	Williams, Wynelle	Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library
1980	3,840.00	Clements, Anne	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
1980	3,465.00	Buffaloe, Anne	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
1985	4,500.00	Boyett, Harriett (Susie)	White County Library
1985	4,500.00	Drew, K. C. (Chris)	Chicot County Library
1986	6,000.00	Beets, Cathy	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
1990	6,000.00	Thomas, Sharon	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
1990	5,000.00	Khayat, Gwen	North Arkansas Regional Library
1990	6,000.00	Warren, Mary M.	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
1990	6,000.00	Ashcraft, Carolyn	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
1991	6,000.00	Voss, Ruth	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
1991	3,000.00	Witt, John	Arkansas River Valley Regional Library
1993	6,000.00	Hunt, Mary Kathleen	Fort Smith Public Library
1994	6,000.00	Butler, Zoe	Conway County Library
1998	6,000.00	Burriss, Ashley	Lawrence County Library
1998	6,000.00	McDonald, Donna	Arkansas River Valley Regional Library
1999	6,000.00	Griggs, Mary Ann	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
2001	3,000.00	Lott, Diana	Jefferson County Library
2001	3,000.00	Kopper, Virginia (Ginny)	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
2002	2,250.00	Lott, Diana	Jefferson County Library
2002	3,000.00	Kopper, Virginia (Ginny)	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
2006	7,413.00	Cortez, Regina	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
2006	4,236.00	Rogers, Michael	Northeast AR Regional Library
2006	4,236.00	Bates, Anna	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
2006	3,177.00	Calhoun, Judy	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
2006	4,236.00	Mahon, Renee	Fayetteville Public Library
2006	2,118.00	Dudley, Hadi	Bentonville Public Library
2007	4,236.00	Rogers, Michael	Northeast AR Regional Library
2007	2,471.00	Eskridge, Randi	Saline County Library
2007	2,118.00	Calhoun, Judy	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
2007	2,118.00	Heaney, Paula	Fayetteville Public Library
2007	1,059.00	Hancock, Willow	Fayetteville Public Library
2008	2,160.00	Parker, Ashley	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
2008	4,320.00	Pekel, Sue Ann	Bentonville Public Library
2008	2,160.00	Calhoun, Judy	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
2008	2,160.00	Eskridge, Randi	Saline County Library
2008	8,640.00	Hancock, Willow	Fayetteville Public Library
2008	3,240.00	Young, Audra	Farmington Public Library

Scholarship Payments Made  
1977-2016

2008	1,080.00	McGraw, John	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2008	8,640.00	Heaney, Paula	Fayetteville Public Library
2009	2,400.00	Bailey, Robert	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2009	2,400.00	Donovan, Lisa	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2009	2,400.00	Hamlin, Kelly	Fort Smith Public Library
2009	2,400.00	Price, Arlisa	Forrest City Public Library
2009	4,800.00	John Clark "Hotspur" Closser	Fayetteville Public Library
2009	4,800.00	Walsh, Caitlyn Spaulding	Fayetteville Public Library
2009	3,600.00	Young, Audra	Farmington Public Library
2010	2,700.00	Bailey, Robert	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2010	1,350.00	Donovan, Lisa	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2010	4,050.00	McCleod, Tara	Crawford County Library
2010	5,400.00	John Clark "Hotspur" Closser	Fayetteville Public Library
2010	4,050.00	Hamlin, Kelly	Fort Smith Public Library
2010	9,450.00	Wallace, Darby	Jackson County Library
2010	5,400.00	Walsh, Caitlyn Spaulding	Fayetteville Public Library
2011	6,750.00	McCleod, Tara	Crawford County Library
2011	2,700.00	Wallace, Darby	Jackson County Library
2011	6,750.00	Ino, Darla	White County Regional Library
2011	4,050.00	Kramer, Kelly Hamlin	Fort Smith Public Library
2011	8,550.00	Rugger, Haley	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2011	4,050.00	Donovan, Lisa	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2011	9,450.00	Carnahan, Sarah Razer	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2011	2,700.00	Bailey, Robert	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2011	4,050.00	Webb, Adam	Garland County Library
2011	2,700.00	Bell, Audra	Farmington Public Library
2011	5,400.00	Drittler, Lauren	Arkansas River Valley Regional Library
2011	2,700.00	Sheaner, Kim Crow	Baxter County Library
2012	6,750.00	Drittler, Lauren	Arkansas River Valley Regional Library
2012	6,750.00	Sheaner, Kim Crow	Baxter County Library
2012	10,800.00	Garrison, Amanda	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	2,700.00	Rugger, Haley	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	2,700.00	Donovan, Lisa	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	2,700.00	Bailey, Robert	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	10,800.00	Owen, Sarah	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	1,350.00	Bell, Audra	Farmington Public Library
2012	5,400.00	Webb, Adam	Garland County Library
2012	6,750.00	Ino, Darla	White County Regional Library
2012	6,300.00	Schuster, Mark	Carroll & Madison Library System
2012	6,750.00	Anderson, David	Crossett Public Library
2012	1,350.00	Kramer, Kelly Hamlin	Fort Smith Public Library
2012	5,400.00	Allen, Katie Elbe	Garland County Library

Scholarship Payments Made  
1977-2016

2012	5,400.00	Chavez, Brittany Hennessee	Garland County Library
2012	8,100.00	Miller, Kristen	Pope County Regional Library System
2012	4,050.00	Zchiegner-Bleich, Fallon	Bentonville Public Library
2012	4,050.00	Cruise, Kristen	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	10,800.00	Carpenter, Ronica	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2012	2,700.00	Gowdy, Sarah	Bentonville Public Library
2013	1,350.00	Crow-Sheaner, Kim	Baxter County Library
2013	1,350.00	Gowdy, Sarah	Bentonville Public Library
2013	8,100.00	Zchiegner-Bleich, Fallon	Bentonville Public Library
2013	6,750.00	Cruise, Kristen	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2013	4,050.00	Anderson, David	Crossett Public Library
2013	12,600.00	Rasnic, Rebecca	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
2013	5,400.00	Allen, Katie Elbe	Garland County Library
2013	5,400.00	Chavez, Brittany Hennessee	Garland County Library
2013	10,800.00	McNiel, Courtney	Hempstead County Library
2013	2,700.00	Miller, Kristen	Pope County Regional Library System
2013	2,700.00	Crenshaw, Loretta	Carroll & Madison Library System
2013	5,400.00	Gowdy, Sarah	Bentonville Public Library
2013	1,350.00	Blakeney, Jeannie	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2014	5,400.00	Blakeney, Jeannie	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2014	6,750.00	Bennett, Adrienne	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2014	4,050.00	Cook, Connie	Jackson County Library
2014	2,700.00	Crenshaw, Loretta	Carroll & Madison Library System
2014	5,400.00	Hancock, Kristina	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2014	5,400.00	Bailey, Kena	Fayetteville Public Library
2014	6,750.00	Wright, Roxie	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
2014	2,700.00	Price-Harris, Arlisa	Forrest City Public Library
2015	4,050.00	Wright, Roxie	Bella Vista Public Library
2015	4,050.00	Bennett, Adrienne	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2015	4,050.00	Blakeney, Jeannie	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2015	10,350.00	Green, Linda	Conway County Library
2015	10,800.00	Fell, Devin	Fayetteville Public Library
2015	4,050.00	Jelinek, Gwyneth	Fayetteville Public Library
2015	5,400.00	Bailey, Kena	Fayetteville Public Library
2015	9,450.00	Price-Harris, Arlisa	Forrest City Public Library
2015	4,050.00	Wallace, Greg	Garland County Library
2015	1,350.00	Cook, Connie	Jackson County Library
2015	2,700.00	Crenshaw, Loretta	Carroll & Madison Library System
2015	5,400.00	Cothren, Zac	Cleburne County Library
2015	6,750.00	Chase, Victoria	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
2015	5,400.00	Wells, Kimberly	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
2015	8,100.00	Friedan, Leah	Fayetteville Public Library

Scholarship Payments Made  
1977-2016

2015	5,400.00	Dennis, Carlye	Fayetteville Public Library
2015	5,400.00	Vanlandingham, Taylor	Springdale Public Library
2015	5,400.00	Dedmon, Laquita	Texarkana Public Library
2015	4,050.00	Rawls, Maria Tess	Cross County Library
2015	5,400.00	Nelson-Lamont, Amy	Fayetteville Public Library
2015	5,400.00	Christy, Wendy	Saline County Library
2015	5,400.00	Watson, Jennifer	Saline County Library
2015	(5,400.00)	Cook, Connie	Jackson County Library - Repayment
2015	(4,050.00)	Rawls, Maria Tess	Cross County Library - Repayment
2016	5,400.00	Chase, Victoria	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
2016	5,400.00	Wells, Kimberly	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
2016	5,400.00	Cothren, Zac	Cleburne County Library
2016	4,050.00	Green, Linda	Conway County Library
2016	5,400.00	Dennis, Carlye	Fayetteville Public Library
2016	2,700.00	Friedan, Leah	Fayetteville Public Library
2016	5,400.00	Nelson-Lamont, Amy	Fayetteville Public Library
2016	4,050.00	Price-Harris, Arlisa	Forrest City Public Library
2016	5,400.00	Williams, Corinne	Garland County Library
2016	10,800.00	Leeper, Gladys	Pike County Library
2016	6,750.00	Christy, Wendy	Saline County Library
2016	5,400.00	Watson, Jennifer	Saline County Library
2016	5,400.00	Vanlandingham, Taylor	Springdale Public Library
2016	5,400.00	Renollet, Erin	Springdale Public Library
2016	5,400.00	Dedmon, Laquita	Texarkana Public Library
2016	9,450.00	Stine, Dara	Marion County Public Library
2016	10,800.00	Chance, Morgan	Columbia County Library
2016	1,350.00	Blakeney, Jeannie	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2016	2,700.00	Crenshaw, Loretta	Carroll & Madison Library System
2016	5,400.00	Brady, Erin	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)
2016	2,700.00	Jelinek, Gwyneth	Fayetteville Public Library
2016	1,350.00	Wallace, Greg	Garland County Library
2016	1,350.00	Fitzgerald, Courtney	Bentonville Public Library
2016	12,150.00	Schoenenberger, Ginger	Boone County Library
2016	2,700.00	Agginie, Dessalines	Central AR Regional Library (CALs)

**751,123.00** Total Paid Out in Scholarships

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## State Librarian – Carolyn Ashcraft

Since the May 13, 2016, board meeting I have participated in the following events:

- ALPS annual conference, Hot Springs, May 18-20
- Library Development District I meeting, Mtn. Home, May 20
- Western Council annual meeting, Tacoma, WA, June 12-14
- Library Statistics Working Group, Washington, DC, July 7
- Create-It Con at the Rogers Public Library, July 16
- Consultation with Board at Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library, July 25
- Welcome reception for Patty Hector at Saline County Library, July 26
- Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee meeting at the Arkansas National Guard Museum on Camp Robinson, July 27

With the assistance of the executive team, I provided information to Phyllis Bell, liaison at the Governor's office, concerning the agency budget request. A few of the topics addressed included: strategic direction over the next 5 years, new programs and staffing needs, etc. Our budget hearing before the Joint Budget Committee will be Nov. 16 at 1:30 in Big-MAC, Committee Room A.

At the request of Ken Wiggins, President of COSLA, I am now serving as the liaison between COSLA and the Government Publishing Office (GPO). The United States Government is the largest publisher in the world. It distributes materials in a variety of formats, including electronic, CD, microfiche, and paper. As part of its publishing program, the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) distributes certain classes of Government documents free of cost to designated libraries throughout the United States and its territories. These libraries are known as Federal depository libraries. The Arkansas State Library is the Federal depository library for Arkansas. I have relinquished my position on the Library Statistics Working Group.

Future meetings/events include:

- Dedication of Sandra Campbell Room at UA-Monticello, Sep. 22
- COSLA annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 23-26
- ARSL annual conference, Fargo, ND, Oct. 26-29
- ArLA annual conference, Little Rock, Nov. 13-15
- Southern Council of State Libraries Library Development Forum, Charleston, SC, Nov. 28-30

**Acronyms:** IMLS – Institute of Museum and Library Services; LSWG – Library Statistics Working Group; GPO – Government Publishing Office (formerly the Government Printing Office); ALA – American Library Association; COSLA – Chief Officers of State Library Agencies; ALPS – Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals; ARSL – Association for Rural and Small Libraries; ArLA – Arkansas Library Association

## Deputy Director - Dwain Gordon

### Meetings/Presentations

May 7	State Awards for the Letters about Literature Program, Old State House
May 23	Arkansas Library Association Conference Committee Meeting, ASL
June 17	Arkansas Library Association Board Meeting and Conference Committee Meeting, Laman Library, North Little Rock
July 19	Arkansas Library Association Conference Committee, ASL

### Training

May 26	OPM, Inter-Personal Communications
June 7	OPM, Discipline and Grievance Handling

### Continuing Education

An interests and resources survey was sent to the Headquarters Libraries and over twenty libraries have completed the survey. Individuals from throughout the state from a variety of libraries will be recruited to serve on a Continuing Education Advisory Committee.

### Weeding Project

Six shelves of items pulled from ASL collection for reassignment to other libraries.

## Outreach Services

### State Agency Outreach Opportunities:

The State Library has been included as part of the *Government Basics Training* offered by the Department of Finance and Administration's Office of Personnel Management Division. This formal presentation will walk participants through the benefits and services offered to them through the State Library.

May 11	Office of Personnel Management (OPM) <i>Government Basics Training</i> , Little Rock
May 19	Office of Personnel Management (OPM) <i>Government Basics Training</i> , Little Rock
June 8	Office of Personnel Management (OPM) <i>Government Basics Training</i> , England
June 15	Office of Personnel Management (OPM) <i>Government Basics Training</i> , Little Rock
June 30	Office of Personnel Management (OPM) <i>Government Basics Training</i> , Little Rock

### Upcoming Meetings/Travel

August 19	Arkansas Library Association Board Meeting, Laman Library
November 13-15	Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference, Little Rock

## Manager of Library Development- Ruth Hyatt

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

- April 28      Lyrasis Webinar Webplus Match Errors  
Online training for State Data Coordinators on the new system for uploading the federal level Annual Public Library Survey data
- April 29      Staff Training Day, Lonoke County Libraries  
Topics for presentation were Public Library Law and Difficult Patron Interactions. Public Library law can be a challenge to front line staff. It was an excellent pairing for the training session on handling difficult patrons. I appreciated that the Lonoke County System had their entire staff and all branch staff train together.
- May 7        Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony  
I assisted with check in for this event. Donovan Mays had pre-printed the name tags for the students and it was a simple task to help them find their names, hand out programs and direct parents and family members to find a seat.
- May 9-12     Western Council Library Development Directors meeting in Austin, TX  
These meetings are always so enriching and informative. I would really like the rest of the consulting staff to be able to attend but for now the Western Council concentrates on bringing the department directors together. There were discussions on national initiatives. We discussed the Aspen report. Several states are using the Aspen report to develop trainings. I have adopted several ideas from my peers and plan to use more.
- May 16      Board Orientation, Faulkner/Van Buren Regional Library, Conway  
This was a simple run through of the orientation presentation for a new board member and the first time I had done the presentation for director John McGraw.
- May 17      ALL\*In Follow up Session 2, Location 1, Bentonville Public Library  
We started with a basic check in on how their professional life and actions may have changed since the Institute. Then we spoke about activity on the listserv and people thought it would be a good place to pose questions to each other and hold discussions. We also talked about other resources for Continuing Education, books, webinars, etc. that we can recommend to each other. None of the participants today had been in Cabot in March so I had the chance to show a couple of Ted talks—On Being Wrong and Everyday Leadership. Book discussion on Expect More: Demanding Better Libraries for Today's Complex World 2<sup>nd</sup> edition concluded the meeting.
- May 19      Materials Distribution for the Arkansas Bar Association  
Matthew Fryar of the Arkansas Bar Association contacted me (on the advice of his local public librarian) about distributing copies of their new Domestic Violence Handbook. This handbook was created to assist victims of Domestic Violence to navigate the legal system. We were happy to mail 2 copies to each public library building in Arkansas.
- May 19      Independence County Library site visit  
Debbie Hall and I thought we were going up to do a site visit with Vanessa –the new director for Independence County – but instead we were included in a board meeting! We did not get to go over the materials we brought for Vanessa as thoroughly as we had

planned but we were able to answer a few questions for the board while we were there and we expect to return as staff and trustees are eager for training.

- May 26 AETN Summer Reading program mail out  
Our partnership with AETN continues to expand. This is the second year that we have distributed materials appropriate for inclusion in the Summer Reading programs held by public libraries on behalf of PBS and AETN. Each public library building received a portion of the offered materials.
- May 27 ALL\*In Follow up Session 2, Location 2, Monticello  
We had a nice group of 12 for Monticello. We began the day with touching base on how their participation in the program has changed them in their work and in other areas of their lives. It developed into a launching pad for discussion of problems. The group was very interactive and I believe they gave good advice. The book Expect More: Demanding Better Libraries For Today's Complex World is written for the community supporters and not the library staff itself. It was an interesting change in perspective that allowed us to talk about how our libraries are perceived in our communities. Libraries are a "nice" thing to have but are they really seen as vital, a cornerstone to a vibrant and evolving community? And how do we get out the clear message of what we need in terms of support if we are so intent on making it seem as if we are absolutely successful struggling to get by with inadequate funding and inadequate staff? Our next book for discussion will be An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth. I think it will also be an eye opener for us.
- June 7 Gravette Public Library Board Meeting  
I was called up to Gravette to review some of the more important points of the trustee orientation for an administrative board. The board in Gravette is changing its role from advisory to administrative. They assured me that they had all taken official oaths of office already. They also had some questions about wording in Amendment 30 that requires the city to have a population of no less than 5000 to go for a tax millage of local support. I have encouraged them to contact the AG's office for an opinion on the matter. They may be able to get the amendment updated to specify "city of the first class" rather than base it on the population number. The board is also interested in training on public library law. We discussed using the laws concerning the endangerment of minors to help them construct policies for unattended children.
- June 16 Marion County Library Board Meeting  
The board was in need of some advice on personnel issues and the construction/revision of a few policies. We also discussed qualification for State Aid and the importance of library leadership by someone with a Masters degree in Library Science.
- June 24-29 American Library Association Conference  
**Project Outcome Pre-Conference-** This 3 year PLA project began last summer with funding from the Gates foundation to help libraries collect, access and use data from their library users. PLA has committed to continuing the project after the funding commitment from Gates ends in 2018. Project Outcome provides several tools on their website to help you with survey construction—you may add a few questions to their set template—data entry (if you used paper versions of the survey)—and data retrieval.  
  
We were given an extensive handout that walked us through the process. I intend to use it during further attempts to train our public librarians to be part of the program.

ALA 2016 was a great conference and I am glad that I attended. There were several great sessions and as always it was very difficult to choose.

**Let's get physical: online learning-**This was not exactly what I thought it would be but I was still happy to have gone. This session was more about "learning circles" in libraries where staff facilitates a group of people taking the same online course. I thought that I could apply the information to our online sessions and training efforts. I think that once I get some of the online resources set up, I will use what I have learned here to help train the trainer in the LDDs so that someone there can help facilitate the course information on staff training days.

**Active Shooter Policies-**The speaker for this session was very nervous and considering recent events, the room was much too small to hold us all. I crouched on the floor and furiously wrote notes. I would like to develop a training on this subject for our Continuing Education Calendar.

**Mental health issues in the library-**This was not what I was hoping for at all. I had hoped that this would be a session on helping staff learn compassionate mechanisms for coping with an increasing number of patrons with mental health issues and the possible dangers. Most of the time was spent on a break down of the most common causes and types of mental health issues from PTSD to substance abuse. We even spent time on turn of the century asylums. Almost no time was given to how library staff can work with patrons with mental health issues. There was a bit of useful information from the questions at the end of the session but not from the speaker – from the librarians in the audience sharing their experiences and what works for them and their security staff. Start with "How're you doing today?" and then respond to their answer.

**Don't get Sued: What Librarians are doing to address the physical, programmatic & web based accessibility barriers for people with disabilities-**I learned more about the law. We need to include ADA laws for accessibility into our public library law books. The speaker talked about several different accessibility issues. They also gave us some great information on service animals that I will need to include in my public library laws training for our state conference in November.

**Building Trends 2016-** A great panel on several new buildings. Suggestions included: lots of green spaces and outdoor activity spaces, gardens and kitchens for field to table classes, and expanded learning environments. But there is also a need for semi private spaces that work for collaboration. There are also a lot of people using movable shelving. (Several vendors brought really cool pod furniture to the show – but it's so expensive. 1 gamer chair was over \$1400!)

**Congressman Lewis-** spoke at both the memorial for the victims of the Pulse nightclub mass shooting and at a session on March, the graphic novel series based on his work as a Civil Rights Activist.

I spent time between sessions walking the vendor floor. There are so many new products that I would love to see in Arkansas libraries but so much of it is soooo expensive!

There was a little remote controlled ball that kids program on their smart phone that I want Donovan to add to our tech zoo. I met several authors and gathered many promo copies of upcoming publications. I will be sharing these with Cathy and Zoe.

Upcoming Events/Trainings:

August 1	ALL*In Follow Up Session 3	Blytheville
August 11	Project Outcome Webinar	

## Coordinator of the Arkansas Center for the Book – Zoe Butler

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Letters about Literature**

The annual State Awards Program for the Letters about Literature project was held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Old State House Museum, co-sponsor of the event. 69 students were honored as Finalists with Special Recognition and as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Honorable Mention winners in the reading and writing competition for grades 4-12. Approximately 180 students, teachers, parents, and friends attended the ceremony. 732 students from across Arkansas entered the competition, and 78 were chosen in the first round of judging, done at the national Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. First place state winners were Ayden Black from Greenbrier, Priya Thelapurath from Bentonville, and Margaret Lim from Searcy.

#### **Book Club Project**

142 book clubs received mailings during April, May, and June of 2016, with a total of 1,704 books provided. 921 people attended discussions at library-sponsored book clubs across the state in the second quarter of 2016. 2 new book clubs have been organized during this time and are currently using the book club service, and 5 clubs disbanded and stopped participation in the book club service.

#### **If All Arkansas Read the Same Book**

Changes are still being considered to the If All Arkansas Read the Same Book in order to improve participation and attendance for the author tour events. The tour may move to November in order to hold the first presentation at the Arkansas Library Association Conference, as has been done in the past few years.

#### **Arkansas Gems Project**

Work has continued with John Hodges of the Sells Agency to create the 2016 poster and bookmark design to feature books published by Arkansas authors or about Arkansas during the past year. 18 books will be featured on this year's poster. The posters and bookmarks will be distributed in September at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., where Library Development staff will participate in the Pavilion of the States festival event.

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

April 16                      Arkansas Literary Festival, Central Arkansas Library System, Little Rock, AR  
Presentations on numerous publications from a variety of national and Arkansas authors

April 18-20                 Library Campaign Institute  
Training by Libby Post on aspects of planning and executing campaigns and elections for library issues.

April 25 & 26              Center for the Book Idea Exchange, Washington, D.C.  
Annual meeting of state Center for the Book affiliates and the director and staff from the nation Center for the Book at the Library of Congress

May 7                         Letters about Literature State Awards Ceremony, Old State House Museum,  
Little Rock, AR  
Recognition of state award winners in the annual Letters about Literature reading/writing competition

May 24                       Ethics and Campaign Law Continuing Education Session, Arkansas State Library,  
Little Rock, AR

Q & A session with representatives from the Arkansas Ethics Commission

Upcoming Events:

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| September 24   | National Book Festival, Washington, D.C.                       |
| October 27-29  | Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Fargo, ND |
| November 13-15 | Arkansas Library Association Conference, Little Rock, AR       |

## Coordinator of Technology Support - Donovan Mays

### Site Visits

- April 26 Van Buren: Eva White asked me to speak about Google Cardboard at the staff meeting for the Crawford County libraries hosted at the Van Buren City Library. After speaking with the librarians I helped to set up their new 3D printer and spoke with the librarians about programs and projects they could do with their new machine. In the afternoon I spoke with their teen group about 3D Printing and Google Cardboard.
- May 20 ALPS: I was asked to speak at the 2016 Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals Conference in Hot Springs about Google Cardboard. I'm always glad to speak at this conference. I always get an enthusiastic response out of my audience and interesting questions. They were very exciting to learn about Google Cardboard and some of the things it can do to add programs to their libraries.
- May 24 Prescott: Terri Vandiver requested a refresher on webpage and Facebook integration using Weebly as a platform. I was able to help the library with this and they shared some of the programs they are working on for Summer Reading this year which I look forward to seeing on their website soon.
- May 27 Benton: This was my first time giving a program for people with developmental disabilities. They were excited about the technology and asked a lot of good questions. We had a lot of fun talking about what's possible now and what will be possible due to 3D printing in the future. I hope the library invites me back to talk with this group again.
- June 1 Yellville: After my presentation at ALPS in Hot Springs, Charlie Miles at the Marion County Library requested that I visit and assist in developing a Cardboard program at her library. Instead of building the sets out of cardboard, we decided to print them using the library's 3D printer. We were also able to order the lenses for the devices so they should arrive in time for the program which I will help teach in early August.
- June 9 Stuttgart: Clara Jane Ahrens at the Stuttgart Public Library asked that I assist with the computers in the children's area. They were having problems with printing and one was having a password error. I was able to show Clara Jane how to fix the printing issues, but had to bring the computer with the password issues back to the Arkansas State Library for a complete reinstall. I plan to return it to Stuttgart as soon as possible.
- June 15 Murfreesboro: Gladys Leeper at the Pike County Library in Murfreesboro asked that I assist with the public computers at the library. They were having issues with disconnecting from the printers. The computers at this library are a combination of Macs and PCs and sometimes have communications issues with the printer, but we were able to figure out the issues and walk through what needed to be done in case of a repeat of this situation.
- June 16 Fairfield Bay: The Fairfield Bay Library was having issues with both its public and staff computers. One of the staff computers had been upgraded to Windows 10 and was

having problems scanning barcodes from books and the public access computers were having problems printing to the public printer. I was able to fix the printer issues, but due to the relative newness of Windows 10 I was unable to resolve the barcode issue, though I was able to determine the cause and eventual solution (updating drivers), once it becomes available.

## Coordinator of E-Rate Services - Amber Gregory

### E-Rate Update:

The FY 2016 application filing window closed July 21, 2016. At the close of the filing window, Arkansas public libraries requested \$911,805.00 for internet access, voice service and internal connections equipment. The amount requested was \$192,430 less than the amount requested FY 2015. The amount requested for internet access stayed level. The amount requested for telephone was down slightly due to the phase out of voice service eligibility by 20% each year, with all voice discounts to be phased out completely within 3 years. The amount requested for Category Two internal connections was \$127,822 less than FY 2015. FY 2016 libraries requested Category Two funding for smaller projects or those at a single location as opposed to FY 2015 where requests were for large projects, new buildings or multi-location installations.

Participation in the E-Rate program is 62% FY 2016, representing 137 of 222 public libraries participating in the program. Participation is up slightly from last year with new libraries taking advantage of internet access discounts and those leaving the program representing those who only applied for voice discounts.

The new E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) application filing system continues to present challenges to libraries, schools, consortia and service providers as applicants move into the application review phase and invoice for FY 2015 services.

### Adobe Connect Online E-Rate Meetings with Arkansas Public Libraries:

Between April 21 and July 26, 2016, 54 Adobe Connect meetings were held with 34 Arkansas public libraries. Assistance was given with E-Rate Forms 470, 471, 486, 498 and application review questions.

Arkansas River Valley Regional Library  
 Barton Library  
 Bradley County Libraries  
 Chicot County Libraries  
 Columbia County Library  
 Dallas County Library  
 Desha County Libraries  
 Elkins Public Library  
 Forrest City Public Library  
 Fort Smith Public Library  
 Grant County Library  
 Hempstead County Library  
 Independence County Library  
 Iva Jane Peek Public Library  
 Lawrence County Library  
 Little River County Library  
 Lonoke County Library

Malvern - Hot Spring County Library  
 Marion County Library  
 Monticello Branch Library  
 Phillips Lee Monroe Regional Library  
 Pope County Library  
 Prairie County Library  
 Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County  
 Public Library of Prescott & Nevada County  
 Rogers Public Library  
 Saline County Library  
 Sevier County Library  
 Sharp County Library  
 Southeast Arkansas Regional Library  
 Springdale Public Library  
 Star City Branch Library  
 Van Buren County Library  
 White County Library

### Meetings & Conferences:

April 22 Arkansas Library Association (ArLA) Board Meeting, North Little Rock, AR  
 I attended an ArLA board meeting in my role as Awards Committee Chair.

May 2-3 National Library Legislative Day (NLLD), Washington, DC  
I attended NLLD with Carolyn Ashcraft, Arkansas State Librarian and 3 other Arkansas librarians. We attended American Library Association (ALA) policy briefings and met with the staff from the offices of Senator Boozman, Senator Cotton, Representative Hill, Representative Westerman, Representative Womack and Representative Crawford.

May 23 Arkansas Library Association (ArLA) Conference Committee Meeting, ASL  
As Awards Committee Chair, I attended the 2016 conference committee meeting held at ASL.

May 24-26 Arkansas Rural Development Conference, Rogers, AR  
I attended the AR Rural Development conference held in Rogers, AR primarily to learn about Broadband buildout efforts in rural Arkansas as well as to represent the agency in the exhibit hall.

June 25-28 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, Orlando, FL  
I attended the ALA annual conference to participate in E-Rate Task Force Meetings. We continue to work toward clarifying the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for public libraries. While at the conference, I had the opportunity to meet with a Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) representative to discuss FY 2016 E-Rate challenges for Arkansas public libraries. I also met with Maureen Sullivan to plan the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL\*In) pre-conference planned for November 12, 2016 as a follow-up event to the 2015 ALL\*In retreat. Ms. Sullivan will travel to AR to present the one-day session.

#### Conference Calls:

April 26- July 26 Conference calls with USAC  
The regularly scheduled monthly E-Rate call with state E-Rate coordinators, representatives from the American Library Association (ALA) Office of Information Technology Policy (OITP), USAC and the Federal Communications Commission were supplemented with weekly calls through the close of the E-Rate window. I joined 2 regular monthly calls and 6 weekly calls. Questions focused on the functionality of the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) portal, Forms 470, 471 & 498, treatment of consortia in EPC, application review procedures and access by state coordinators to FY 2016 data.

April 26, May 12, June 9 Library E-Rate Assessment and Planning (LEAP) conference calls  
I am a member of the LEAP Advisory Group to support 5 states in a 2 year E-Rate pilot project sponsored by ALA and Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). We held 3 calls which focused on USAC assistance to pilot state projects. Conversations between USAC and the Digital Inclusion Survey brought out the possibility of sharing data to map the broadband landscape for pilot states, and other states in the future.

## Coordinator of Children's and Institutional Programs - Cathy Howser

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training Events

Apr 19-22 Collaborative Summer Library Program Annual Meeting Salt Lake City, UT  
 The 2016 annual business meeting was held April 19-22, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arkansas was represented at the 2016 meeting by Lisa Donovan, Ellen Samples and myself. Lisa is currently the Chair of the Adult Manual Committee, which is a Board position. We have Arkansas members serving on most of the CSLP committees. Libraries in all fifty states plus the District of Columbia and several U.S. territories and small island countries are participating in the Collaborative. At the annual meeting, we saw the poster art for each of the 2017 programs, which are all using the same slogan of "Build a Better World" and focusing on construction, architecture and improving our world. Among the many issues addressed at the meeting, the slogan for the music themed 2018 program was determined to be "Libraries Rock!" There will be different artwork for each program but they will all use the same wording for the slogan in 2018. The overall theme for the 2019 program will be space exploration.

Apr 21 Youth Services Consultants Interest Group Salt Lake City, UT  
 This was an unofficial meeting of the group, which is actually part of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Agencies, a division of the American Library Association. We met during breakfast on the last day of the CSLP meeting. Each consultant had about two minutes to tell the group what is happening in their state. It is always interesting to hear about other states' initiatives and activities.

May 1 Retirement Reception Hillary R. Clinton Children's Library  
 I attended a very nice event honoring Bobby Roberts for his many years of service as the director of Central Arkansas Library System as he retires from that position. There was a large crowd present to help him celebrate and offer congratulations.

May 7 Letters about Literature Ceremony Old State House, Little Rock  
 I attended the awards ceremony to assist with registration and other components of the day as needed. As one of the judges in the competition, it is always nice to meet the students who have written the letters that I enjoyed reading.

May 13 Virtual Author Event with Kate DiCamillo Online  
 Candlewick Press presented this live webcast featuring Newbery Award winning author Kate DiCamillo from a school in Illinois. DiCamillo was talking about her newly published book, *Raymie Nightingale*, which is somewhat autobiographical. The broadcast included good questions from students in the audience and some received from viewers. DiCamillo has served as CSLP's National Summer Reading Champion to promote reading in the summer and participation in the public library programs.

May 19 Learning about Your Teens Webinar Online  
 This webinar was presented by the Missouri State Library with the main presenter being from California. It included very useful information, particularly for someone beginning to do teen programs. There were lots of ideas presented that could be easily implemented.

May 24 CSLP Rules of Use Committee Meeting Conference Call  
 The Collaborative Summer Library Program Rules of Use Committee met to discuss a variety of issues concerning how CSLP's copyrighted properties may be used. There are potential bylaws changes needed and clarifications to make in the Rules of Use Policy due to the availability of the manual online and because CSLP will now own the artwork outright. We still have much work to do.

- May 25 ALA Public Awareness Campaign Webinar Online  
The ALA Public Awareness Office offered a webinar entitled “How to Leverage Cool to Run Your Library Card Sign-up Month Campaign” which involves using Snoopy (Joe Cool) as library “spokesdog”. There were many clever suggestions for creating fun activities to bring in new visitors.
- May 26 Technology Basics: PC Troubleshooting Webinar Online  
TechSoup presented this very helpful webinar about basic maintenance and troubleshooting of computers and determining when to call in the expert. It was a good reminder for me and could be very useful for some public libraries. It is available in TechSoup’s archives.
- May 31 CSLP School Outreach Committee Meeting Conference Call  
The Collaborative Summer Library Program created a new ad hoc committee in 2016 to encourage school/library partnerships and explore ways that schools could utilize CSLP programs. This committee met initially at the annual meeting in Salt Lake City. In this second meeting, we tried to define our goals, targeted partners, and timeline.
- June 8 CSLP Rules of Use Committee Meeting Conference Call  
There had been some editing of the Rules of Use Policy done since the May meeting. We discussed the proposed changes and offered additional suggestions.
- June 9 Evaluating Youth Lit Webinar Online  
This webinar was presented by Library Journal and Ingram. The subtitle was “What Makes a Good Book Good?” The panel of librarians and publishers discussed current issues in the book industry- finding good new authors, whose opinion counts, following current trends (i.e. series, topics, formats, etc.) It was a very interesting conversation about difficult questions we face regularly in collection development.
- June 14 Tips for Story Time Success Webinar Online  
Booklist offered this session featuring Katie Fitzgerald, who shared tips and tricks for providing engaging story times. The content was primarily from Fitzgerald’s new book which would be a very good read for a new story time programmer. (*Story Time Success: A Practical Guide for Librarians*)
- July 7 ALA Annual Tech Wrap-up Webinar Online  
American Libraries offered this webinar full of information about the new technologies showcased at the 2016 Conference. The panelists were clearly very knowledgeable. It was interesting and I understood some of what they were talking about. I enjoyed hearing about current trends and ones that are “has beens”.
- July 11 Youth Services Consultants Interest Group Discussion Conference Call  
This group meets unofficially each month to discuss different topics. This meeting was hosted by the Colorado State Library on Adobe Connect. Our topic was supporting staff in rural and small libraries. We discussed website support, scholarships, webinars, training opportunities, summer reading, and hiring consultants.
- July 22 Arkansas Teen Book Award Presentation Holiday Inn- Airport, Little Rock  
I assisted with two presentations about the Arkansas Teen Book Award at the Arkansas Association of School Librarians Conference. I provided display books, distributed posters and voting information, and answered questions about the awards.

### Upcoming Events

Sept 22-25	National Book Festival	Washington, DC
Oct 5-10	National Storytelling Festival	Jonesborough, TN
Oct 26-29	Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference	Fargo, ND
Nov 13-15	Arkansas Library Association Conference	Little Rock
Nov 27-Dec 1	Southern Council Staff Development	Charleston, SC

### Ongoing Projects

#### Charlie May Simon Book Children's Award and Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award

The AR Department of Education has completed the balloting process for this year. The 2016 winners have been announced. I am currently developing the preliminary reading lists for the 2017-2018 Reading Committees. The Reading Committees begin meeting again in September. I have updated the book award web pages on ASL's website. I continue to field questions from teachers, authors, and publishers about the awards.

#### Arkansas Teen Book Award

I have taken responsibility for the State Library's role in this award. Some of the other Steering Committee members share responsibility for various aspects of this award. I am recruiting readers, assigning readers to their groups, moderating some groups, fielding questions, scheduling, presenting sessions about the award, etc.

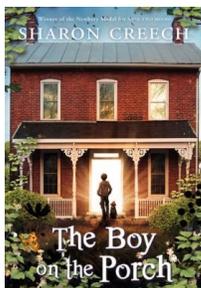
#### Collaborative Summer Library Program

I serve on several committees for CSLP that meet throughout the year. The Vendor Committee is very active during the spring and summer, selecting art work for various products to be available the next year. Most of that communication is done online. As the State Representative, I handle multiple administrative tasks for Arkansas's public libraries. While the public libraries are conducting their reading programs now, I am ordering the manuals and some materials for 2017. I also serve on other committees including Budget and Finance, Membership, Rules of Use and School Outreach.

## 2016 Charlie May Simon and Arkansas Diamond Book Award Winners

The Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Reading Association are pleased to announce the results of the voting for the 2016 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2016 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. Almost 59,000 ballots have been cast and the results have been tabulated. The choice of the voting students is as follows:

### Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award

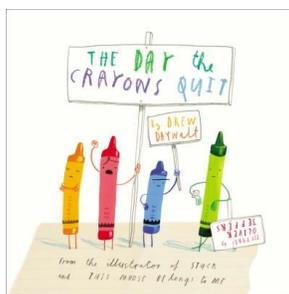


*The Boy on the Porch* by Sharon Creech, published by HarperCollins/Coulter, is the winner of the 2016 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

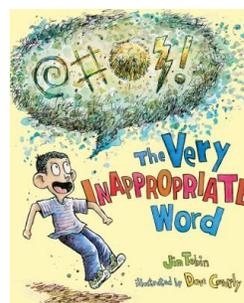


*Prisoner 88* by Leah Pileggi, published by Charlesbridge, is the 2016 Charlie May Simon Honor Book.

### Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award



*The Day the Crayons Quit* written by Drew Daywalt and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers, published by Penguin/Philomel, is the winner of the 2016 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.



*The Very Inappropriate Word* written by Jim Tobin and illustrated by Dave Coverly, published by Henry Holt, is the 2016 Arkansas Diamond Honor Book.

Both awards are under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Reading Association, with support from other cooperating organizations.

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## Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award

### 2016-2017 Reading List

Children in grades 4-6 should vote on these titles in April, 2017. Children must have read or heard at least three of the books from this list in order to be eligible to vote.

Alexander, Kwame. **THE CROSSOVER**. Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt, 2014. Gr 5-9. ISBN 978-0-544-10771-7. \$16.99. Lexile 750.

Bell, Cece. **EL DEAF0**. Abrams/ Amulet, 2014. Gr. 3-7. ISBN 978-1-4197-1020-9. \$21.95.

Brown, Don. **HE HAS SHOT THE PRESIDENT!: APRIL 14, 1865: THE DAY JOHN WILKES BOOTH KILLED PRESIDENT LINCOLN**. Roaring Brook, 2014. Gr. 3-6. ISBN 978-1-59643-244-6. \$17.99. Lexile 940.

Clements, Andrew. **THE MAP TRAP**. Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum, 2014. Gr. 3-7. ISBN 978-1-4169-9727-6. \$16.99. Lexile 900.

Fitzgerald, Laura Max. **UNDER THE EGG**. Penguin/ Dial, 2014. Gr. 3-7. ISBN 978-0-8037-4001-3. \$16.99. Lexile 790.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **WINTER SKY**. Random House/ Wendy Lamb, 2014. Gr. 4-7. ISBN 978-0-375-83892-7. \$15.99. Lexile 520.

Graff, Lisa. **ABSOLUTELY ALMOST**. Penguin/ Philomel, 2014. Gr. 4-6. ISBN 978-0-399-16405-7. \$16.99. Lexile 750.

Harrington, Karen. **COURAGE FOR BEGINNERS**. Little, Brown, 2014. Gr. 5-8. ISBN 978-0-316-21048-5. \$17.00.

Holczer, Tracy. **THE SECRET HUM OF A DAISY**. Penguin/ Putnam, 2014. Gr. 5-8. ISBN 978-0-399-16393-7. \$16.99. Lexile 820.

Martin, Ann M. **RAIN REIGN**. Feiwel & Friends, 2014. Gr. 4-7. ISBN 978-0-312-64300-3. \$16.99. Lexile 720.

Rosengren, Gayle. **WHAT THE MOON SAID**. Penguin/ Putnam, 2014. Gr. 5-8. ISBN 978-0-399-16352-4. \$16.99.

Spinelli, Eileen. **ANOTHER DAY AS EMILY**. Random House/ Knopf, 2014. Gr. 3-7. ISBN 978-0-449-80987-7. \$12.99. Lexile 420.

Van Vleet, Carmella. **ELIZA BING IS (NOT) A BIG, FAT QUITTER**. Holiday House, 2014. Gr. 3-6. ISBN 978-0-8234-2944-8. \$16.95. Lexile 600.

Williams, Maiya. **MIDDLE-SCHOOL COOL**. Random House/ Delacorte, 2014. Gr. 4-7. ISBN 978-0-385-74349-5. \$12.99. Lexile 810. (Paperback title has been changed to **KABOOM ACADEMY**.)

Yelchin, Eugene. **ARCADY'S GOAL**. Henry Holt, 2014. Gr. 5-8. ISBN 978-0-8050-9844-0. \$15.99.

## Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award

### 2016-2017 Reading List

Children in grades K-3 should vote on these titles in April, 2017. Children must have read or heard at least three of the books from this list in order to be eligible to vote.

Applegate, Katherine. **IVAN: THE REMARKABLE TRUE STORY OF THE SHOPPING MALL GORILLA.** Illus. by Brian G. Karas. Houghton Mifflin/Clarion, 2014. Gr. PS-3. ISBN 978-0-544-25230-1. \$17.99

Aylesworth, Jim. **MY GRANDFATHER'S COAT.** Illus. by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic, 2014. Gr. PS-3. ISBN 978-0-439-92545-7. \$17.99. Lexile 910AD.

Brown, Peter. **MY TEACHER IS A MONSTER! (NO, I AM NOT.)** Little, Brown, 2014. Gr. PS-3. ISBN 978-0-316-07029-7. \$18.99. Lexile 310.

Cox, Lynne. **ELIZABEH, QUEEN OF THE SEAS.** Illus. by Brian Floca. Random/ Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Gr. Ps-3. ISBN 978-0-375-85888-8. \$17.99. Lexile 900AD

Donofrio, Beverly. **WHERE'S MOMMY?** Illus. by Barbara McClintock. Random/ Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Gr. PS-2. ISBN 978-0-375-84423-2. \$17.99. Lexile 550AD.

Durand, Hallie. **CATCH THAT COOKIE!** Illus. by David Small. Penguin/Dial, 2014. Gr. K-2. ISBN 978-0-525-42835-0. \$17.99.

Isaacs, Anne. **MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH.** Illus. by Kevin Hawkes. Random/ Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Gr. K-4. ISBN 978-0-375-86745-3. \$17.99. Lexile 970AD

Johnston, Tony. **SEQUOIA.** Illus. by Wendell Minor. Roaring Brook/ Porter, 2014. Gr. PS-3. ISBN 978-1-59643-727-2. \$17.99.

Lee, H. Chuku, Reteller. **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.** Illus. by Pat Cummings. HarperCollins/ Amistad, 2014. Gr. PS-3. ISBN 978-0-688-14819-5. \$17.99. Lexile 860AD.

Lloyd-Jones, Sally. **POOR DOREEN: A FISHY TALE.** Illus. by Alexandra Boiger. Random/ Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Gr. K-2. ISBN 978-0-375-86918-1. \$17.99.

Orloff, Karen Kaufman. **I WANNA GO HOME.** Illus. by David Catrow. Penguin/ Putnam, 2014. Gr. K-3. ISBN 978-0-399-25407-9. \$16.99.

Polacco, Patricia. **FIONA'S LACE.** Simon & Schuster/ Wiseman, 2014. Gr. PS-3. ISBN 978-1-4424-8724-6. \$17.99. Lexile 740AD.

Rocco, John. **BLIZZARD.** Disney/ Hyperion, 2014. Gr. K-2. ISBN 978-1-4231-7865-1. \$17.99. Lexile 570AD.

Tourville, Jacqueline. **ALBIE'S FIRST WORD: A TALE INSPIRED BY ALBERT EINSTEIN'S CHILDHOOD.** Illus. by Wynne Evans. Random/ Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Gr. K-3. ISBN 978-0-307-97893-6. \$17.99. Lexile 720AD.

## **Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind - J.D. Hall**

### **COLLECTION**

From October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the first nine months of the federal fiscal year, the digital book collection grew from 20,794 titles (106,829 copies) to 32,095 titles (123,801 copies), an increase of 16,972 copies. This number would have been much higher if it were not for the fact that 5,000 digital book copies were pulled from the collection and returned to the National Library Service for the Blind this year under their program of digital recall/re-use. In the same time excession of the cassette book collection resulted in a decrease in the number of circulating cassette book copies from 35,526 to 12,322, a reduction of 23,204 copies. From January 1, 2010 when the National Library Service for the Blind began production of audio books in digital format the library has reduced the size of the cassette book collection by 135,678 copies (an average of 22,613 a year). The library is also halfway through the excess of 26,000 master cassette books that have been stored in the basement. It is expected that the master tape collection will be gone within 3 months. The library now plans to completely phase out all cassette books and machines within 2 years.

### **CIRCULATION**

From October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 the Arkansas State Library's Library for the Blind program circulated 133,521 books through direct mail circulation, with another 21, 943 books downloaded from the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download). There were 124,496 direct circulations of digital talking books, 8,163 of cassette books, and 860 of Braille books. Another 1197 digital books were borrowed on interlibrary loan for patrons. Patron downloads of BARD books and magazines accounted for 14 percent of total circulation. Cassette book circulation continued to fall as the number of titles available in that format was reduced, falling from 10.2 percent of total direct audio-book circulation on October 1, 2015 to 6 percent by June 30, 2016. Demand for older cassette book titles remained strong but the library met that need through interlibrary loans and by downloading and making digital copies of the most popular titles.

### **BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) READERSHIP**

There are currently 654 Library for the Blind readers who download digital audio and braille books and magazines from the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD program. As of June 30, 2016, 516 patrons had downloaded BARD mobile Apps and were using them on registered Apple and Android devices. The free Apple App enables BARD books to be downloaded easily to an Apple I-phone, I-Pad, 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. Downloads of audio and braille books and magazines currently account for about 14 percent of total circulation.

### **TRAVEL**

Travel for this quarter includes:

June 8-9 J.D. Hall exhibited at the Homecare Association of Arkansas annual conference

June 10 J.D. Hall attended the quarterly meeting of the OIB (Older Individuals Who are Blind) program

Upcoming Travel Scheduled to Date Includes:

August 11 J.D. Hall attend Board Meeting of the Friends of Arkansas Information Reading Service program (F.A.I.R.S.)

September 27-30 J.D. Hall exhibit at the 2016 Aging Conference in Fort Smith

October 13 J.D. Hall exhibit at Governor's Council on Aging program in Hot Springs Village

## Manager of Information Services – Michael Strickland

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Display Cases**

This quarter's display, *Fossils of Arkansas*, *Minerals of Arkansas*, and *Rocks of Arkansas* was designed and set up by Arkansas Geological Survey.

#### **Facebook**

The number of persons who “liked” the Arkansas State Library, Information Services Facebook page increased 2.6% this quarter from 1013 to 1040.

#### **Circulating Collection Books**

Sherry Chastain is shelf reading in the Circulating Collection. Michael Strickland and Kathleen Fowler continue to assist Collection Development with collection evaluation of the Circulating Collection.

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

June 12, 2016	Kathleen Fowler presented Arkansas Resources at Barton Library, El Dorado.
July 25, 2016	Kathleen Fowler presented Arkansas Resources at the McGhee/Desha Alumni Community Center
August 5, 2016	Michael Strickland and Kathleen Fowler attend the 2016 Unconference being held the Darragh Center, Central Arkansas Library, downtown Little Rock.

**Manager of Network Services – Sally Hawkes**



**ASL Web Page Migration**

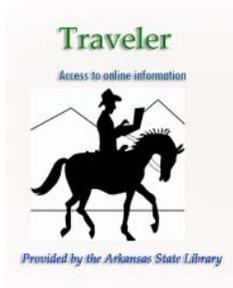
The migration of web page content for the current site to the Engineering Express (EE) began in June. INA provided free training for 6 ASL staff members – Danny Koonce (Administration), Kathleen Fowler (Information Services), Kristina Waltermire (LBPH), Ruth Hyatt (Library Development), Sarah Lipsey (Collection Management and Sally Hawkes (Web Master).

Over the next three weeks the train the trainer group will work on editing the pages that have been transferred and adding images and graphics. The time will help them become familiar with the software in order to train the remaining 11 staff members. In house training session should start no later than the end of August.

Ruth	Library Development
Sally	Brandy, Brooke, Debbie, Judi and Michael
Kristina	JD

Attached is a screen shot from the staging page for the new web page. The new site is tentatively scheduled to launch in the early part of the last quarter of 2016.

The first survey using Wufoo forms was sent out by Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in June. Attached is a copy of the report of the survey results.



**Training - Live**

- June 18 - Cossatot River School District, Cossatot River High School, Cove AR
- July 21 - Arkansas Association of School Librarians (ArASL) Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center, Little Rock, AR
- July 25 - West Helena School District, West Helena High School, West Helena, AR

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### Special Library Association Conference Philadelphia June 12 to June 14

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**Message From State Librarian Carolyn Ashcraft**



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I invite you to look through the information and resources offered through this web site. It will be constantly changing and evolving as we move forward into the future.

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- 08/12/2016 | Arkansas State Library Board Meeting
- 08/25/2016 | ARLA Executive Board Meeting
- 08/31/2016 | Library Card Sign-up Month
- 09/04/2016 | Labor Day

**Federal Grants to State Programs (IMLS/LSTA)**

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- State Publications Collection
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- Mobile Access ASL Collection

**Library for Blind and Physically Handicapped**

- Application for Service/Eligibility Form
- BARD - Brail and Audio Reading Download
- NLS Online Catalog
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How would you rate the timeliness of the library?

How would you rate the timeliness of the library? (This includes how quickly you receive new books,

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Choices	Percentage	Count
Excellent	76.19%	176
Good	19.05%	44
Fair	2.60%	6
Poor	0.43%	1
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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	What is one way we could improve our library?	Name (optional)	Date
1			Fair						Get more books geared to certain age groups		Jun 2 4:36p
2	Excellent			Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent			Jun 2 4:39p
3	Excellent			Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Check to see if a book is part of a book series. If it is, mailed them in order.		Jun 2 4:40p
4	Excellent			Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	This is the most helpful and resourceful department, for the blind, I really like the staff very helpful and patience plus kind and considered, best group of people.	George	Jun 2 4:43p
5	Excellent			Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Continue converting books to digital format.	Josh	Jun 2 4:43p
6	Excellent			Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent			Jun 2 4:43p
7	Excellent			Excellent		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent		Bob Thompson	Jun 2

## **Division Manager of Collection Management – Sarah Lipsey**

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Arkansas Documents Collection Development**

Between January and June 2016, Digital Services received 2437 physical pieces for its Arkansas Documents collection, composing 406 titles. A total of 2411 titles were received into the digital documents collections. 791 Arkansas Documents tangible documents were distributed to the state depository libraries.

Digital Services staff continue their efforts in our digitization project of historical Arkansas documents. The final products are made available to the public via our online digital digital repository CONTENTdm. A second specialized book scanner will be purchased for the digitization project, from money awarded through an ANCRC grant for \$24,000 awarded in May of 2016.

Archival materials have been received and will be employed in a special project to facilitate the preservation of old, fragile and vulnerable historical materials.

#### **Federal Documents**

Between January 1 through June 30, 2016 Collection Management staff received 7039 new items for the Federal Documents collection. 2683 tangible items were added to the collection, along with 4356 digital resources.

Librarian Stephanie Carter, whose primary duties were to process federal documents, has left the State Library for a new career opportunity. For the duration of her position's vacancy, the bulk of her job responsibilities have been reassigned to Librarian Wendy Briley.

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

June 8                    Arkansas Records Retention Workshop, Arkansas History Commission, AR  
Workshop hosted for state agencies by the Arkansas History Commission attended by Sarah Lipsey and Kathy Seymour.

July 15                  Train the Trainer: Engineering Expression, Information Network of Arkansas, AR  
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# Climate antagonist<sup>152</sup> in UA library story

## Humidity control part of storage plan

JAIME ADAME

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

FAYETTEVILLE — For all the influence of digital technology on education, there remains a reason why printed materials won't be disappearing from academic libraries anytime soon, said Carolyn Henderson Allen, dean of University of Arkansas Libraries.

"We have not figured out how we can preserve what we're creating electronically very effectively," Allen said.

At UA and other academic research libraries that means the preservation of printed materials remains a day-to-day concern.

The challenge involves controlling temperature and humidity while also ensuring the availability of collections to students and researchers.

Mistakes — as UA found out last year — lead to irreparable damage.

Looking ahead, UA plans to spend about \$11.4 million on a new high-density storage building a few blocks from the main campus. The controlled-environment facility will house published

works, as well as some of the unique papers and items donated to the university as part of its special collections.

"You will find that all over the United States as well as worldwide, people are creating these massive storage facilities because we need to manage and maintain that history in some fashion," Allen said.

With a new space for books, UA also plans to make better use of its increasingly cramped main library, Allen said.

"The building is very often full to capacity, and I get comments from the students that they really do need more places to study," Allen said.

In 2005, UA completed its Library Storage Annex. The 13,500-square-foot facility on the edge of campus holds two bays of 15-foot-tall shelves.

These shelves are not intended for browsing. Most are tightly packed. A library staff member needing to access a specific book or perhaps a volume of an old academic journal can push

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a button, which causes the shelves to slowly part.

Often, a worker will need to stand on a portable lift to reach whatever it is that has been requested by a student or faculty member.

Temperature and humidity sensors stand guard over the holdings.

"The most important thing you can do for any collection is to create a good preserving environment," said Rebecca Elder, the founder and sole employee of Rebecca Elder Cultural Heritage Preservation, based in Austin, Texas.

"All of the reactions that cause paper materials to deteriorate are chemical reactions that are catalyzed by acids in the air, which are just all around us, and water molecules in the air," Elder said.

Humidity, along with temperature, should be kept stable, said Elder, now working on a project for UA to save several boxes of items that are in rough shape that were donated to the university.

UA has paid her about \$3,100 so far for her work that involves using what's called a soot sponge to clean mold from paper.

Another common preservation technique is putting wet books in a freezer. The hope is that water molecules will go from liquid to solid to a gas without seeping into the paper.

"Conservators are scavengers. We love tools from all kinds of fields," Elder said.

She's among several consultants and outside experts who have been paid about \$34,000 over the past 11 months to conserve and restore items in UA's special collections unit.

To preserve a collection, temperatures are lowered to slow down the rate of chemical reactions, Elder said. The cost of that is the main barrier for many libraries.

About a year ago, an employee — thinking it would lower the humidity — mistakenly turned on a humidifying unit near the back of the storage annex, Allen said.

"It created rain, basically," Allen said. "Once we discovered the issue, the unit was turned off, and we dealt with it."

An email from September listed the fallout: 46 academic journal volumes — some dating back to the 1930s — had to be trashed because of the damage. A photograph in a different email showed a stack of nine thick volumes with dark rot evident.

Allen said she did not know of any monetary value assigned to the loss. "It's not as devastating as it may seem," she said, noting that academic journals often can be found in an electronic database.

UA counts 2.4 million volumes in its holdings.

"All in all, it was not a devastating event, I'll put it that way," Allen said of the mistake.

## BUILDING SPACE

In November, UA System trustees approved plans for a highly specialized storage building to be financed through general obligation bonds. A facilities fee paid by students and campus reserves will be used to pay off the project costs, according to UA.

The expense will create a structure capable of withstanding a tornado and that will go a long way toward resolving the university's storage

needs for some time to come, Allen said.

Rather than 15-foot-tall shelves, the new library storage building will have shelving units that are up to 45 feet high and be able to store about 2.2 million items, according to material presented to UA System trustees.

But details such as the size of the building have yet to be determined, Allen said, adding that she hoped it could provide enough space for a decade or more of growth.

The structure is still being designed with help from the Boston architecture firm Perry Dean Rogers Partners, which also designed UA's Hillside Auditorium. It will be built south of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, between Hill Avenue and Government Avenue, a few blocks from the Fayetteville campus. Staff members will travel frequently back and forth to provide requested materials to users.

Environmental controls are an important factor in the design, Allen said.

"It will be pretty much up to archival standards in terms of its ability to hold temperatures within a certain range," Allen said.

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“The things that are going in that facility are the collections that don’t circulate as often, as well as some of the manuscripts and archival materials in special collections, the artwork, the artifacts,” Allen said.

An important benefit of it will be freeing up space in Mullins Library, the main campus library.

Lizanne Payne, a library collections planning consultant, wrote about high-density storage facilities nine years ago when she led the Washington Research Library Consortium, a nonprofit organization that supports university libraries in the Washington, D.C., area.

At the time, Payne concluded that such facilities had moved into the mainstream for

academic libraries.

“There are many more of them now than there were then,” Payne said, estimating that several dozen high-density library storage facilities exist today.

Limited campus space makes the facilities attractive to universities, Payne said, adding that high-density storage can be a cheaper alternative than expanding a library.

“You can store far more books in a much smaller building footprint,” Payne said. “And if you try to build a facility to store 2 million volumes in a regular campus bookshelf space, it would probably cost you \$50 [million] or \$60 million, or more.”

Allen said a study on expanding and renovating Mullins Library put the cost at

more than \$80 million.

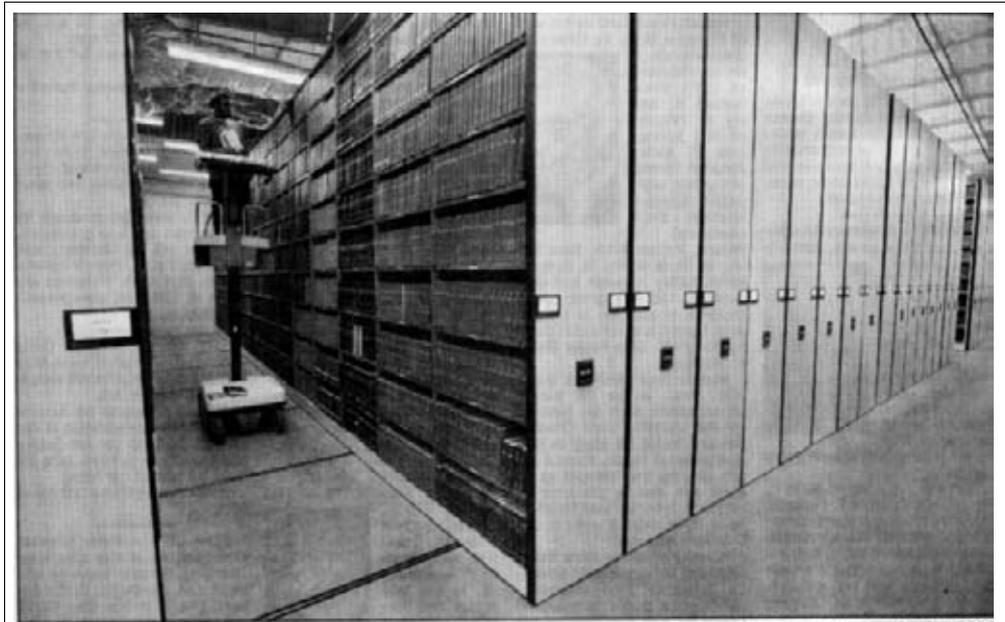
Construction on the library storage structure is expected to start in December or January and last a little over a year, according to Mike Johnson, UA’s associate vice chancellor for facilities.

Once it’s built, the plan is to empty some books out of Mullins Library to provide more space for students, Allen said.

“We need about 3,000 seats in this facility,” Allen said. Mullins Library is now about 1,200 seats short of that target capacity.

UA is committed to preserving its library materials, Allen said. “Research libraries are research libraries because of the historical material that we manage and keep.”

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**Kelvin Summerville**, a library support technician, pulls books from a shelf Tuesday at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville’s Library Storage Annex.

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## Library to quadruple space in move to historic Batesville building

**KENNETH HEARD**  
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The Independence County Library in Batesville will move to a historic downtown building four times the size of its existing facility at half the cost, under a deal that the new library board negotiated with city and county officials.

Library board Chairman Bill Walmsley said the library could move by early next year.

"We will have a good, solid, stable home for the next 20 years at least," he said.

The library has been in the city's old federal building on Main Street since 1978 and pays \$62,500 a year to the county for the facility's use. Previous library board members had discussed moving in the past but never developed

a plan to do so, Walmsley said.

Building a new library would cost \$10 million to \$12 million, he said.

Instead, the library will move into the Barnett Building, a 112-year-old, three-story structure that for decades housed a large department store.

Owners of the building donated it to the city about a year ago, said Batesville Mayor Rick Elumbaugh. After about \$100,000 in renovations, the building has been used for the city's downtown association.

Plans call for the county, which oversees the library's expenses, to pay the city \$30,000 a year to use the building. Walmsley said the board will make a one-time \$300,000 payment to the city

for an additional 10 years.

The library has 5,000 square feet of space at the federal building. When it moves into the Barnett Building, it will have 21,000 square feet of space on the first and second floors. The city's downtown association will maintain the building's third floor for meeting spaces and banquets, and it will have an entrance separate from the library.

"This is a win-win situation," Walmsley said.

The lease deal between city and county officials also smooths tensions between the two entities that began brewing when Batesville sought to annex its neighboring Southside community. Residents there balked at

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that idea, saying they feared higher city taxes. With the assistance of county leaders, Southside incorporated as the state's 501st city.

City and county officials also clashed when Batesville wanted to create its own police department, after the county had provided law enforcement patrols for the city of 10,248 people for more than 30 years.

"This library lease is an illustration of what can happen when county and city officials work together," Walmsley said.

The library board has five members — all of whom were appointed by the Independence County Quorum Court within the past two years after previous members either quit or their terms expired. That, Elumbaugh said, was vital in negotiating the new library lease.

"This group is proactive," the mayor said. "They made this work."

The board voted to remove the Independence County Library from the White River Regional Library system and hired a library director who holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri.

It also plans to create a bookmobile program to deliver reading materials to other areas of Independence County.

Elumbaugh said the library

will draw more people to the downtown area and create more tax revenue.

Two new restaurants have opened on Main Street, and the library will include a coffee shop once it moves into the Barnett Building.

A recent census of library activity indicated that about 140 people use the library each day. Officials expect that once the library moves, that number will increase to 400 or 500 a day.

The new library will include several meeting rooms and 10 computers for public use.

"Libraries give so much to the community," said Lynda Hampel, executive director of the Arkansas Library Association. "A nice visual effect is important. It helps its patrons be more relaxed, and when businesses consider relocating, a good library plays in those decisions."

She said the Heber Springs library recently moved from a small location to a much larger downtown building.

"The new library is much more visual," Hampel said. "It's brought more people to the downtown area."

Walmsley said the board will hire an architect to design needed renovations that could cost up to \$1.5 million. Workers also will level a parking area to create about 50 spaces, he said.

"I think we will have one of the best libraries in the state when we open," Walmsley said. "Now, we have a dinosaur."

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# Library move to have 'IMPACT' on county

By LACY MITCHELL  
 Guard Staff Writer

The Independence County Quorum Court in April took the first steps toward establishing a 911/dispatch center to be located in the former Criminal Investigation Division building at the sheriff's department.

On Tuesday afternoon the quorum court also learned the county will receive \$20,000 in state General Improvement Funds for equipment.

State Sen. Linda Collins-Smith made the announcement to several dozen people gathered on the courthouse lawn for the event, but that wasn't the only "good news" officials wanted to share.

Those with the IMPACT Independence County initiative also announced plans to award \$30,000 in mini-grants through the Rockefeller



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**Independence County Judge Robert Griffin (at left in photo at left) and Mayor Rick Elumbaugh come together to sign a memorandum of understanding between the county, city, Main Street Batesville and the Independence County Library Board to lease the downtown Barnett Building for its new location. The city last month transferred the property to the county, which, in turn, is leasing the building to the library. In was donated by the now-shuttered Zila corporation to Main Street Batesville last year. Library board president Bill Walmsey and Bob Carius, MSB president, (standing in the background, from left) look on. Main Street Batesville Director Joel Williams (at right, with back to the camera) takes to social media to document the event.**

Foundation to local non-profits who are selected through an application process while the Independence County Library moved another step forward in its relocation to the downtown Barnett Building with the mayor, county judge, Main Street Batesville leaders and library board members signing a memorandum of understanding/lease agreement.





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### Having an IMPACT

Crystal Johnson, Batesville Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, thanked many of the local officials in attendance, but focused on the “little faces,” the children who “impact out lives.”

“That’s why we’re here,” she said.

Last June, Independence County residents were asked to take part in a strategic planning initiative called IMPACT. Independence County, which was created in collaboration with city and county entities,

the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville and Lyon College, among others in partnership with the University of Arkansas Economic Development, which paid for the study and plan.

About 1,200 residents participated in the survey, choosing what they felt was most needed and important in the community and project leaders noted that the county received more response than when Conway did the same for its county.

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Job creation ranked highest on the list followed by small business, education, youth, workforce, downtown business district, parks and recreation, established industry, health care and tourism.

Based on results of the survey, four committees were formed, Economic Prosperity, Educational Excellence, Healthy Living and Well Being and Tourism.

“As with most projects,” UACCB Chancellor Deborah Frazier said, “it started with a group of residents” interested in “creating strong committees.”

“The key is that it’s a community-based proposal,” Lyon President Donald

Weatherman said. “We wanted the people in the county to speak up and that’s exactly what they did.”

The strategic community plans showcases the area’s strengths, current offerings in way of business, entertainment, education, etc., and lays out steps to support goals for the future that include plans for the regional airport, technology and infrastructure as well as support for entrepreneurial and startup businesses.

Relative weaknesses are also touted including the “outflow of commerce,” disconnect between colleges and city, limited “restaurants, pubs, retail shopping,

cultural events” as well as lack of housing. The high tax rate, no advertising and promotion tax and drug use are also mentioned.

### Mini-grant opportunities

Danell Hetrick, who has been director of grant writing and communications with the Batesville chamber and is leaving to start her own grant-writing/help business, announced the IMPACT mini-grant program. This two-year grant program has a total funding pool of \$30,000 (\$15,000 for Year 1 and \$15,000 for Year 2).

There is no individual award cap, but the IMPACT Funding Committee intends to give multiple awards per

funding cycle. The IMPACT Funding Committee will review applications during each of its funding cycles. Applications submitted after the application deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle.

Eligibility criteria includes having a project referral from IMPACT subcommittee co-chairs; have direct alignment with IMPACT Independence County goals and objectives; monetary and/or collaborative support from community partners; be a benefit to low-income and/or marginalized populations throughout the community.

Application evaluation criteria will also be considered including the potential for project success (through proposal development and measurement); the likelihood of project’s ability to benefit and engage diverse populations, including low-income and marginal-

ized residents; alignment with IMPACT Independence County and Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation partnership goals; amount of requested funding; and concrete evidence of project support and/or involvement from community partners.

Other rules also apply and can be found by visiting [www.impactindependence-county.com](http://www.impactindependence-county.com) and clicking on the “2016 Mini-Grants” link at the top of the page.

The deadline for submissions is July 1.

“We want to help them gain a little traction,” Hetrick said of those non-profits that may need help in sustaining.

### State plays part

In her announcement, Collins-Smith noted that the additional funds the county’s dispatch center stands to receive are taxpayer dollars. “It’s your money coming home to you to upgrade your equipment to make sure your people are safe.”

The equipment upgrades and consoles (which are about \$12,500 each) to help with 911 communication will help with areas in

the county in which signal doesn’t reach. “There’s dead spots and you can’t have that,” she said.

The dispatch project involves building a secure concrete building to house the evidence when it is removed from the CID building to make room for the 911 center.

A budget was established with a beginning balance of \$92,000. Of that amount, \$35,000 has been budgeted for construction of the evidence storage building, and

\$57,000 has been earmarked for equipment.

### Library on the move

Meanwhile, Bill Walmsley, Independence County Library Board president, also spoke, touting the efforts the new board members have made in helping the library move forward from less than 5,000 square feet to what will be about 21,000 square feet with use of the Barnett Building’s first and second floors.

The 10-year lease agreement shows the library will pay \$300,000 to rent to the building, or \$30,000 a year. It currently pays the county \$62,500 a year to rent its current space. The library can only use its millions in revenue for rent and maintenance, not construction.

However, \$400,000 in bank CDs and accounts are unrestricted funds, and Walmsley said it is the library’s hope to acquire a new book-mobile that’s Wi-Fi accessible with other amenities to reach out to other areas in

the county “for those old and young people who can’t get to Batesville.”

“Today, is a red-letter day. ... We want you to have a library that you will be proud of and your children will use.”

Walmsley thanked Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Judge Robert Griffin and downtown Batesville for working together to help the library move forward.

“We have a lot of good news in this community. We’re a diamond; we’re a treasure. ...,” Griffin said.

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Elumbaugh also applauded the steps made for the future of the city and county, giving thanks to the chamber and to Griffin for his efforts, which he said included the appointment of forward-thinkers to the library board.

“Gosh, don’t we love progress — aren’t we on a roll?” Elumbaugh said.

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**Dozens turn out for a several “good news” announcements on the Independence County Courthouse lawn Tuesday afternoon.**



## Library board votes to reinstate weekend hours 152



Donna Austin (right center), new branch manger of the Leachville Public Library, spoke to the Mississippi County Library System Board of Trustees about her work experience and how excited she is to work at the Leachville Library.

## Libraries restore weekend hours

By **CHRISTIE ZOLMAN**  
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During its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 17 at the Adams Estate in Leachville, the Mississippi County Library System Board of Trustees voted to reinstate the weekend hours for Blytheville and Osceola Public Libraries.

Beginning Tuesday, May 31 the Blytheville

Public Library's hours will be Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Osceola Public Library, which has the same

hours as Blytheville, is already operating under these new hours due to staffing changes.

The reinstatement of the weekend hours for both the Blytheville and Osceola libraries is a result of the state restoring pub-

lic library support for the July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 fiscal year back to the level it has been in the past.

The restoration of state aid to public libraries came out of Governor Asa Hutchinson's rainy day fund, which means it is not guaranteed after the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Mississippi County Library System would like to thank library patrons across the County for their

support as well as Senator David Burnett, Representative Monte Hodges, and Representative Dave Wallace for their work in getting the public library

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funding restored for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

There is more work to be done in the spring of 2017 to ensure a more permanent restoration of funding, and the library appreciates your support as it pursues that goal.

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# Council sets<sup>152</sup> library vote for Aug. 9

## Election to decide tax bump to help with expansion costs

DAN HOLTMEYER  
NWA DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

**FAYETTEVILLE** — City voters will decide Aug. 9 whether to boost their property taxes and expand the public library's size and programs following a City Council vote Tuesday.

The council voted 6-1, with Ward 4 Alderman John La Tour opposed, to call a special election on whether to raise the library's 1-mill personal property levy to 3.7 mills temporarily to cover construction bonds before eventually settling it at 2.5 mills. Alderman Martin Schoppmeyer of Ward 3 wasn't present.

The initial tax bump would cost property owners an additional \$54 a year for every \$100,000 worth of property while backing up to \$26.5 million for an expansion. Library officials have said they hope to renovate the library and add around 60,000 square feet for new children's and teens' areas, a genealogy room and parking to meet increasing community demands.

"We absolutely have to support our library," Alderwoman Sarah Marsh of Ward 1 said, adding its material, computers and services attract people to Fayetteville and "serve everyone." "This is one of the most important institutions in the city."

### Web watch

To see the complete Fayetteville First economic development plan and learn more about its creation and goals, visit [www.fayetteville-ar.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8955](http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8955)

The vote came after about 500 city residents petitioned for the election; under Amendment 30 of the state constitution, the council must set an election on a library tax when at least 100 eligible residents call for one. The vote was part of a busy agenda that also included the council's unopposed endorsement of an economic development plan that will steer city projects for the next five years.

Despite the constitutional directive, La Tour said he couldn't support the library election's speedy approval and preferred it to happen during the November general election, when turnout is generally higher than in special elections.

"I'm not saying I don't want a library, I'm not saying we shouldn't support the library," he said, adding of the August date: "I view it as voter suppression."

The library's board has raised fees, frozen salaries and trimmed about \$300,000 in maintenance, material and

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programs in the past two years in order to stretch its budget, putting off hundreds of thousands of dollars more in projected budget increases as well. The proposed permanent millage increase would help the library make up that lost ground, board members have said.

The expansion's scale partly depends on the fate of the library's deal with Washington Regional Medical Center to buy the neighboring City Hospital land for \$2 million. The deal is waiting for Arkansas Supreme Court review after appeals by descendants of the family that donated the land to the city a century ago.

The council then moved

on to approving Fayetteville First, a plan setting out how the city can attract and keep people and businesses in the next several years. The plan came from hundreds of surveys and input meetings with the public and businesses in recent months and essentially updates the 2009 Fayetteville Forward plan that had a similar purpose.

Under the plan, the city should focus on a slew of industries and improvements, including encouraging entrepreneurs and young businesses, keeping and expanding manufacturing and retail, continuing its tradition of sustainability, improving the transportation network and fostering culture and the arts.

Several companies complained about the city's taxes and permitting process,

said Del Boyette, founder of Boyette Strategic Advisors, which put together the plan for \$89,000. "It is an issue, and it needs to be addressed," he told the council.

But residents and companies listed the University of Arkansas and the city's quality of life as assets, and the downtown square has become a hotbed for startups, Boyette said. The city also emphasizes environmental friendliness, which he said is appealing to major companies.

"We're doing some very good things," Mayor Lioneld Jordan said, adding next the council must decide on concrete steps toward the plan's goals.

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**Big Things Are Happening At Our Little Library**



Shane Gosselink, Assistant Librarian, Erin Bailey, Emily Harrell, Gunner Nutt, Dylan Thomason, Brandon Thomas, Gracie Patterson, Ieneisha Morgan, Allison Stevens, Librarian, Gerald Stevens, Engineering Club Sponsor, Seated: Savannah Means and Emma Sullivent, Not pictured: Shalexis Shelton, Hannah Welch and Zach Williams

*By Shane Gosselink*  
 On Monday evening, Allison presented the Quorum Court with a new ordinance officially re-establishing the Calhoun County Library and Library Board. Some-

how over the years the original document was lost, but the Quorum Court unanimously approved the new ordinance. Now that we have this document we will be recognized by both state

and federal agencies, allowing us to take advantage of a number of programs we have otherwise been excluded from.

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# Latest Library News

*By Shane Gosselink*

Tuesday saw the official launch of our website. You may want to consider bookmarking us at [www.calcolibrary.com](http://www.calcolibrary.com). Here you can keep up with what's happening at the library, find information on upcoming programs, and will soon be able to search our catalog from home and reserve books until you can come in to pick them up.

With the launch of the new website, we now offer eBooks and audiobooks.

That's right. We are now part of the Arkansas Book Cooperative, partnered with a service called OverDrive, so you can choose from thousands of titles from the

comfort of your own home. Available titles range from children to adult and include both fiction and nonfiction, contemporary bestsellers as well as some classics. The link to access the eBooks and some instructions to help you get started are located on our website, and the Cooperative's site is fairly intuitive. All you need is internet access, a computer, tablet, or smartphone, and one of our new library cards with the necessary barcode for signing in. If you don't have one of our new cards, please stop by to get one. It only takes a few minutes to register, and they're free.

In other news, the Hamp-

ton Engineering Club Krewe donated 35 brand-new books and a big set of Legos to the library. The books are science-related and are for children and teens, including encyclopedias on snakes, dinosaurs, and space as well as such titles as *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*, *My First Big Book of Bugs*, *How to Build a Robot Army*, and *Buzz Aldrin's Welcome to Mars*. We are thrilled to have these great new books! The new Legos are in the children's area waiting for someone to come build with them, so we hope to see you soon!



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**Public Library  
receives \$1.4  
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**County Judge  
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**By Rick Kennedy**  
Hope Star editor

Funds earmarked for the Hempstead Public Library and the Hempstead County Jail were the highlights announced at Thursday night's meeting of the Hempstead County Quorum Court.

After litigation over the past year in Pulaski County Circuit Court, \$1.4 million has been presented to

the Hempstead Library Board for the purpose of building a brand new main library facility with deposit of funds forwarded to the Hempstead County Treasurer.

Library Director Courtney McNiel and Counsel Blake Montgomery were on hand for the announcement to the Quorum Court Thursday night.

McNiel said, "We are ecstatic. This is great news. We are ready to get to work and have a new state-of-the-art library here."

After the meeting, McNiel said the current Main Library at 500 South Elm Street is a collection of buildings and add-ons dating back to 1948, 1965, and the most recent, 1986. The collection of the library contains approximately 47,500 volumes, and it has an approximate annual circulation of 24,000 transactions.

McNiel said the brand new library would be built on property behind the current library. The funds came from the Milton D. and Mary C. Campbell Joint Revocable Trust

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regarding the roof of the Hempstead County Jail, Sheriff James Singleton announced that one repair bid, from Nashville contractor Hostetler Roofing, had come in for approximately \$74,000. The

principal repair will involve installation of a membrane overlay and new drainage gutters on the facility.

Last month, Singleton told the Justices that the roof of the country jail was in need of repair due to excessive leaking.

A formal ordinance to accept the bid will be pre-

pared for the May Quorum Court meeting.

The early part of the meeting focused on one resolution and five appropriation ordinances, dealing again with budget adjustments and acceptance of grants.

All were voted on and passed unanimously by the Justices.

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Shown are, from left, Kristina Scroggins, Anne Queen, Glennette Hogan, Brenda Cahill, Pathfinder President and Library Board Chairman Janna Virden, Sandie Davics, Mary Linda Kennedy, Dalton Green, Library Board Member Ashley Congine, and Library Director Jay Carter.

## Conway County Library unveils bookmobile

The Conway County Library recently unveiled its newly-wrapped bookmobile to the public. The library is currently readying the bookmobile to begin its allocated routes, which

should begin in the next few months and will cover all points within the county within a one-month time frame.

The library will be taking it around the community for peo-

ple to view and tour the bookmobile. The library will also begin advertising for a driver soon.

Call the library at 354-5204 for more information about the new bookmobile.



Title: Design for Sherwood library is unveiled  
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**\$6M PROJECT**

# Design for Sherwood library is unveiled

**IN SHORT** New facility to have 14,500 square feet and readers will be mid-level with trees outside.

By **RICK KRON**  
Leader staff writer

Architects on Monday night gave the Sherwood City Council a peek at what the new library will look like.

Bill Gray and Alan New, with Taggart Architects of North Little Rock, showed the council both a proposed floor plan and a view of what the new facility will look like.

Gray said it would be about 14,500 square feet with a meeting room and

amphitheater that can be used after hours and reading rooms extending over a natural ravine on the backside.

"You'll be reading and be mid-level with the trees. It will be a terrific view," the architect said.

He went on to say that building would blend into the area and take advantage of the natural slope to the back of the 14 acres on Johnson Avenue, off Hwy. 107, near the middle and high schools. "It will be naturalistic, functional and beautiful," Gray said, adding that the multi-angled building splays out over the acreage.

The city is paying \$900,000 for the site. Funds for building the library

are coming from about \$6 million in bonds approved for the construction of the library. The bonds will be paid off through a 1.3-mill property tax the voters approved for the library in November 2014.

Taking off administrative costs, the city has \$5.8 million to buy land, build and furnish the library. The 14-acre lot for the library cost about \$900,000.

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The city will have a firmer idea on the cost of the building itself when the project goes out for bid in early summer.

"We should be turning dirt by August or September," Gray told the council.

The architects said the library will have a wrap-around terrace, a walkway down to the amphitheater, which can seat 200 to 300. Gray also said every effort will be made to save as many trees as possible. "We've even designed the parking lot around existing trees," he said.

"You have done a great job," Alderman Ken Keplinger told the architects. But there were two concerns expressed by the council: the number of bathrooms, even though it's doubled what the current library has, some aldermen felt it was still not enough and more

computers were wanted, even though that number was also doubled. "It's right next to two of our schools," said Alderman Beverly Williams, "and we need to make sure it has technology and Wi-Fi capacity."

In other council business:

■ The city was proclaimed a "Purple Heart City" because of its strong connection to the military and the number of Purple Heart veterans who either live in Sherwood or were born there.

Charles Adkins Jr., Harry Hoyt and Richard Maxwell, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, made the presentation. Chartered in 1958, the organization is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat.

Curt explained that being designated a Purple Heart City was part of the group's Purple

Heart Trail program designed to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, cities and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

■ Sylvan Hills Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind team was honored for taking first in the state competition and will now compete in the nationals in Iowa. Members of the team include Carly Hall, Kanon Pederson, Tori Taylor, Gracie Yielding, Nikolas

Whitehead, Noah Radke and Khadijah Khaliq. In making the introductions, Alderman Williams told the council and those present that the team needed to raise \$10,000 to pay for their trip to the national competition. "Get your checkbooks and wallets out," she quipped, and handed the team's advisor a personal check

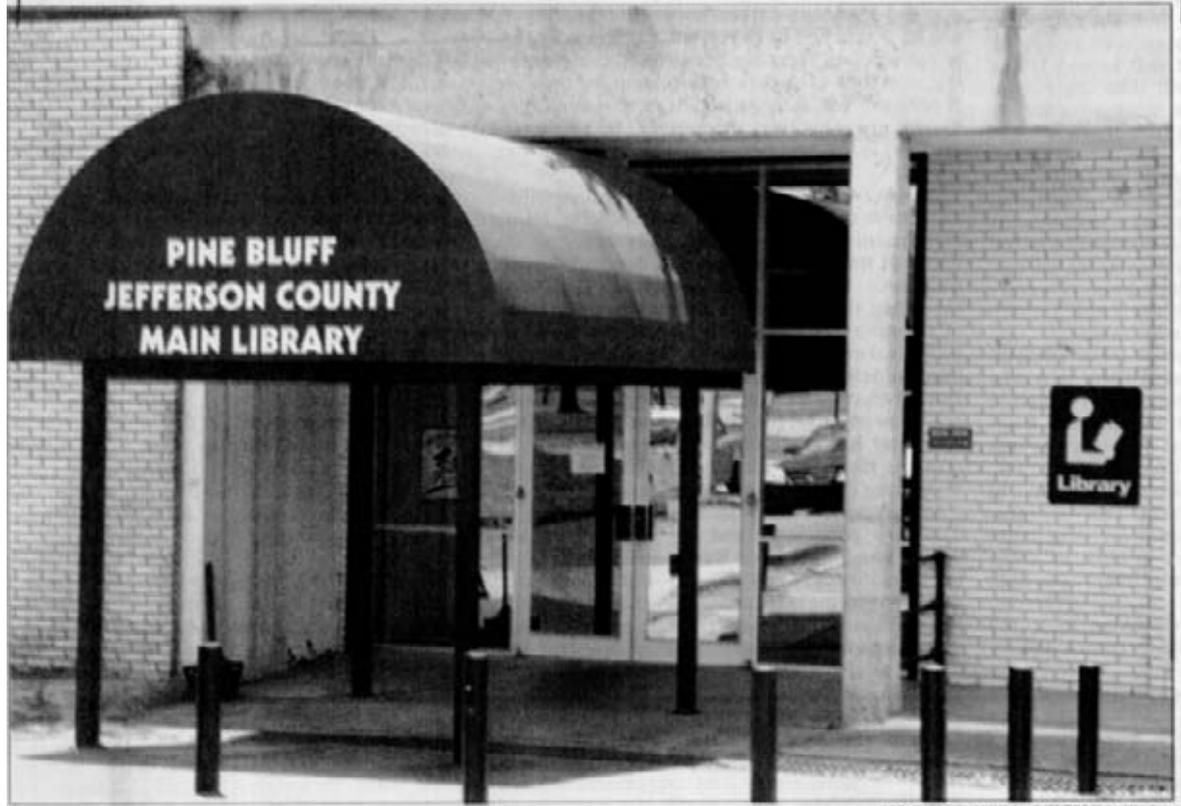
to kick off the fund drive.

■ The council condemned four properties as unsafe or a public nuisance. Those properties included 89 Brooks Lane, 208 Kelso Road, 1012 Country Club Road and 7009 Lida Lane.

The owners of a fifth property at 12 Cherryridge Place were given 30 days to determine what they were going to do with the property. The state declared it hazardous in 2009 after a meth lab, not related to the owners, was discovered in the home. Alderman Mary Jo Heye told the owners that they could go in and fix up the place themselves at great risk to their health, but it wouldn't get the all-clear from the state unless the contamination was professionally removed. "That usually means gutting everything inside to the studs and that can be very expensive," she said. The owners disagreed with the state assessment of the

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The Pine Bluff-Jefferson County Library Board is looking to expand the system. Seen here, the entrance to the flagship branch downtown at the Civic Center Complex.

## Library board hosts town hall in Watson Chapel

By Michael S. Lee  
SPECIAL TO THE COMMERCIAL

It will cost an estimated \$12.5 million to construct a new main library in Pine Bluff and to renovate the four branches that make up the Pine Bluff-Jefferson County Library System.

Pine Bluff architect Fred Reed of Reed Architectural Group noted the figure in a presentation Thursday evening at the Watson Chapel High School auditorium. The town hall-style meeting is the first of five such gatherings planned by the Library Sys-

tem Board of Trustees over the next several weeks to gather public input on the construction plans.

Funding for the construction would come from an increase in the city and county millage rates that would have to be approved by voters in the November 2016 general election.

Board member Stephen Bronskill noted that the venue for the Watson Chapel Branch town hall was not happening at the library site specifically because it was not big enough.

"While we thank the Watson Chapel School District for

hosting us tonight, the fact that we are here instead of in the library speaks to one of the reasons that we need these renovations to our existing library branches," Bronskill said.

Reed explained that while the construction of a new main library in downtown Pine Bluff will take up the lion's share of the total construction budget, a substantial sum will go towards the branch renovations.

"We are looking at \$11 million for the main library with

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(Continued from Page 1A) the remaining \$1.5 million going towards the branch renovations," Reed said.

Plans for the Watson Chapel Branch Library include upping the existing 4,000 square feet by 2,000 square feet, to a total of 6,000 square feet, the re-shingling of a section of existing roof, new carpeting and paint and the addition of 16 laptop computers.

"We will also roughly double the existing ten parking spaces," Reed said. "The plans include the creation of 11 new parking spaces."

The majority of the additional square footage will be devoted to programs for young people according to Reed.

The estimated budget for the Watson Chapel branch renovations is \$550,000 according to Reed.

Reed said that a site has not yet been selected for the new main library, but it will most likely be somewhere along the Main Street corridor.

"We believe that the construction of a new library will go a long way towards sparking

the revitalization of our downtown area," Reed said. "It will be a two story structure and it will have the same amount of space as the existing main library, which is 35,000 square feet."

Reed said that giving the library its own space will give it an identity that it has lacked as part of the greater City Hall complex in its existing location.

Plans for the Redfield Branch Library include a repaint and re-carpeting of the interior, the addition of 2,000 square feet for young adult and children's programs, new computers, a renovation of the circulation desk and improvements to parking lot lighting.

The total budget for the Redfield ren-

ovations is \$536,000 according to Reed.

The Alzheimer Branch Library will also receive an interior repaint and re-carpeting according to Reed, as well as the additional laptop computers and the renovation of the circulation desk. The budget for the Alzheimer renovations is projected to be around \$90,000, Reed said

Reed said that the White Hall Branch Library will be repainted and recarpeted, receive additional power outlets as well as new computers and upgrades to meeting rooms and the circulation desk. The total budget for White Hall is estimated at \$104,000.

Board member Bronskill said that the needed millage rate increase in Pine Bluff will amount to an extra \$3.65 per month in taxes.

"That's about what you would pay for a cheeseburger," Bron-

skill said. "I would hope that these needed improvements are worth the expense of one cheeseburger to our city residents."

Bronskill said that the millage increase for county residents will be around three dollars per year.

## Upcoming town hall meetings

The next town hall will be 6 p.m. June 23 at the main library in downtown Pine Bluff; then 6 p.m. June 30 at the White Hall Branch Library; then 6 p.m. July 7 at the Redfield Branch Library; and finally 6 p.m. July 14 at the Alzheimer Branch Library.



# Couple donate \$1.4 million to library<sup>12</sup> Arkansans left money in their will

**By JIM WILLIAMSON**  
 Texarkana Gazette

The story of the late Milton and Mary Campbell reads like a non-fiction book in the Hempstead County Library in Hope, Ark.

Through their estate, the couple donated \$1.4 million to the library.

The couple had prepared a will before they died and created a revocable trust.

"After they passed away, the trust spelled out where the money would

go," said Jerry Pruden, chairman of the library board.

For several years, the Hempstead County Library Board of Commissioners had been planning to build a new facility due to the deterioration of the current building.

"The Campbells left money to another organization and several heirs. The Hempstead County Library was given what was left, which turned out to be \$1.4 mil-

lion," said Courtney McNiel, director of the library.

The \$1.4 million check recently arrived.

"It took around six months for us to learn the amount of money that we would be awarded. A number of heirs had to be notified before our amount could be determined. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were simply generous people. They had given us money before and decided that

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■ Cheryl Maxfield researches retirement information Thursday at Hempstead County Library in Hope, Ark. The library recently received a donation for \$1.4 million and will build a new library. "We need a facility like this in the community," Maxfield said. "They'll be able to update to help people with what people need today and in the future."  
 Staff photo by Joshua Boucher



■ An Air Dancer welcomes patrons Thursday to Hempstead County Library in Hope, Ark. A \$1.4 million donation will be used to construct a new library.  
 Staff photo by Joshua Boucher





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we could benefit from more. They knew that a new facility was on the horizon for us and wanted to help. They had a history of helping organizations in Hope," said McNiel.

"I think the library has a secure future regardless of a new facility. Many people feel that libraries are ceasing to be important and I think that couldn't be further from the truth. I do feel that the new facility will enhance our future and hopefully create a renewed interest in the library from the community. The Campbells have done a wonderful thing for Hope and Hempstead County," she said.

"This is something that makes you feel good," said Pruden.

"The Campbells were very unassuming and the nicest people. They didn't put on airs. They thought you were supposed to give to the community," said Pruden.

Milton Campbell was an electrician in Chicago. Mary Campbell was originally from Patmos in southern Hempstead County, and after Milton retired, they moved to Hope.

"He was astute in investing and did most of his own investing. I was amazed," said Pruden.

"He went about his business. He was like so many people who went through the Depression. People who went through the Depression pinched pennies very tightly. They would pay for something and wouldn't buy on credit. They saw what went on during the Depression where people didn't have a job and lose everything," said Pruden.

Ground breaking for a new library is being planned for September or October.

The current facility includes three buildings. The original building was erected in 1948, then an addition was constructed in 1968 and a final addition was added in 1986.



Staff photo by Joshua Boucher

■ Children's books by Mo Willems are on display Thursday in the front of Hempstead County Library in Hope, Ark. Construction of the new library will begin this fall.

The library has more than 36,000 items available for checkout. This includes books, audiobooks, ebooks, magazines and DVDs, said McNiel.

"We will have a 12,000-square-foot facility sitting on the current library site at 500 South Elm. The facility will have 46 parking spaces with an entrance from both 5th and Elm Streets. There will be an approximate 1,000-square-foot room used for programs and multiple seating areas for reading and studying. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.8 million," she said.

"Our current library is about 7,000 square feet and the new facility will be 12,000 square feet. This will be a premiere facility in southwest Arkansas serving the 22,000 residents of Hempstead County. The Prescott-Nevada County Library built a new facility several years ago, and the Columbia County Library in Magnolia recently underwent a move to a renovated church. We will be the newest facility in an area of the state that doesn't see much growth as far as libraries are concerned," said McNiel.

"We currently have a number of programs that take place at the library, including our summer program with kids, Book

Club on the second Monday of the month, and 'Books with Brats Storytime' on the third Monday of the month. The size of the room that will be set aside for programming will allow us to greatly increase the number of patrons who can attend these functions," she said.

Mark Keith, the executive director of the Hope Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce, said the library expansion will benefit the community and image.

"A good library is a portal to another world and thoughts. I'm excited for everybody," said Keith.

"I go to the library to get the last word on so much history. My wife goes to the library to borrow CDs and books," said Keith.



# Board ready to select library architect

Building program needs assessment nearly complete

**BY DANA GUTHRIE**

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The White County Regional Library System Board of Directors is ready to move forward with selecting an architect for the new library facility in Searcy.

The Searcy City Council approved the Searcy Library Board to proceed with the next two steps — development of a building program and selection of an architect — March 8.

According to White County Regional Library System Direc-

tor Darla Ino, the building program needs assessment is nearly complete. That assessment is being completed by Richard Waters, a library planner with Godfrey's Associates Inc. of Dallas.

will have copies for all of you and I will also have it posted on the website. We should have it in the next few days." Ino also announced the members of the Architect Selection Committee, which includes Searcy Library Board and Building Committee members Jean Ann Bell, Julie Killough and Diane Hutsell; White County Regional Library Board, Searcy City Council and Building Committee member

## White County Regional Library System

**What:** Ready to select architect for new Searcy branch

**How:** Architect Selection Committee approved by Searcy City Council

**When:** Thursday

Logan Cothorn; White County Public Library Friends Foundation board member Jan Smith; City Engineer Mark Lane; and

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"He has almost finished that," Ino told the City Council at

Thursday's agenda meeting. "When we have finished that I

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Ino said that after much discussion, the committee has chosen to only send out letters to firms who are close to the area.

"We don't want to go 300 or 400 miles because it's hard to work on a project when you can't really get to them within a day," Ino said.

According to Ino, other reasons for choosing a "local" architect of record include pride and ownership and keeping the money "at home."

"A firm that is local, who will see the building every week for as long as it stands and that will be a long, long time in all probability, will strive to do the best job possible," she said. "This is not to imply that a non-local firm will not do a good job."

Ino also said that it makes good business sense to put as much of

the project's budget dollars within the community as possible.

The council approved of the committee.

"I don't think you could do any better," Alderman Don Raney said. "These are people who are already involved with the library and know what needs to be done."

Raney did inquire about how this portion of the project was going to be funded.

"There is funding," Ino said.

"We have funding through the White County Library System. It's actually state aid funding that we've saved through the years really with the intention of using it for a new library. So that funding was enough to cover the architect selection and the architect fees that will need to be done for this project. All of that funding is available so it will not have to come from the city."

The White County Regional Library System Board of Directors decided mid-January to set aside \$50,000 toward planning costs for the new facility, with Ino saying the year would be "set aside mostly for planning."

At a meeting held last December, most of the community members who attended agreed with recommendations for a new facility — including the need for it to be a three-story building if it's built on the property set aside for it — that could be completed by December 2019, according to Ino.

The meeting at the library gave the community the opportunity to offer corrections to the preliminary draft report that was put together after community input was given at an Oct. 27, 2015, community meeting, according to a release from the White County Region-

al Library System.

Waters presented data gathered to help the library system select the size and features for the new facility based on projected population growth, library needs, desired services and features and estimated building costs.

According to the report, the Searcy Public Library's needs require a 20,008-square foot facility to adequately service the current collection, services and population. The current facilities, housed in two buildings at 113 E. Pleasure Ave., are about half that size at 10,108 square feet.

Waters said in the report that a building of 20,008 square feet would

"adequately house the existing collections, the current seating and space for the existing staff. There would be no: meeting room, group study rooms, coffee shop, book/gift store, additions to the collection of library materials, additional computers, or additional staff members. The building would be 'filled up' on opening day."

Waters recommended building a facility to accommodate at least 32,600 — the estimated

population of Searcy in

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2035, an estimated 32 percent of the projected population of White County. According to Ino, library records indicate that around 27 percent of

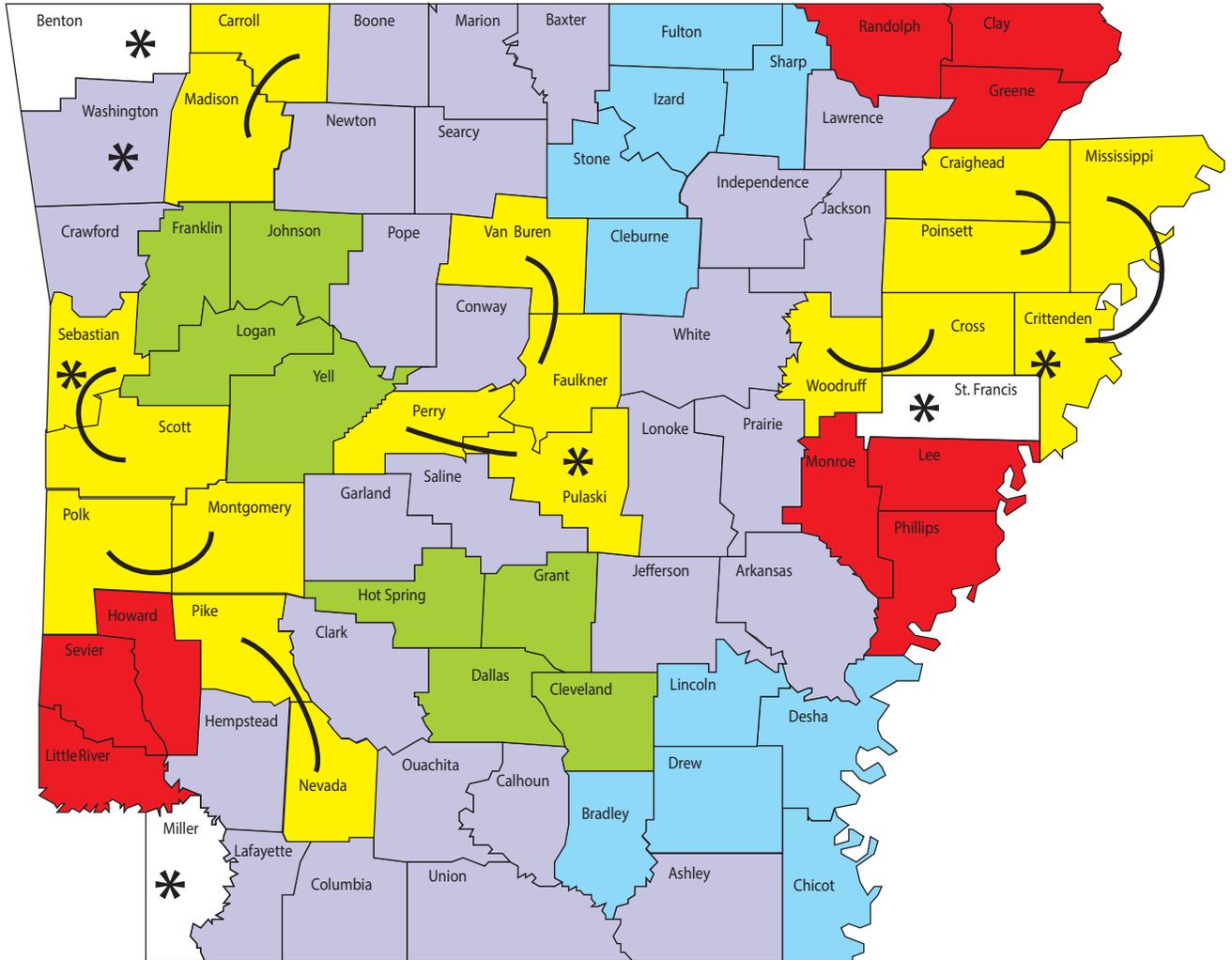
the library's patrons are non-Searcy residents.

The projected size to meet 20-year needs for the new facility in Waters' draft report is 41,105 square feet, which he es-

timates will cost a total of \$15,027,200 at an average of \$365.58 per square foot.

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Library Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
<b>LDD I</b>			
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	125 West Central	Bentonville	72712-5298
Boone County Library	221 West Stephenson Avenue	Harrison	72601-4225
Carroll & Madison Library System	106 Spring Street	Berryville	72616-3846
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
<b>LDD II</b>			
Crowley Ridge Regional Library	315 West Oak Avenue	Jonesboro	72401-3594
East Central Arkansas Regional Library	410 East Merriman	Wynne	72396-2947
Forrest City Public Library	421 South Washington	Forrest City	72335-3839
Independence County Library	368 East Main Street	Batesville	72501-5605
Jackson County Library	P. O. Box 748	Newport	72112-0748
Lawrence County Library	115 West Walnut Street	Walnut Ridge	73476-6430
Mississippi/Crittenden County Library	200 North Fifth Street	Blytheville	72315-2712
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library	120 North Twelfth Street	Paragould	72450-4103
Trumann Public Library	P. O. Box 73	Trumann	72472-0073
West Memphis Public Library	213 North Avalon	West Memphis	72301-2995
White River Regional Library	P. O. Box 1107	Mountain View	72560
Woolfolk Library	100 North Currie Street	Marion	72364-1858

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<b>LDD III</b>			
Central Arkansas Library System	100 Rock Street	Little Rock	72201-1624
Conway County Library	101 West Church	Morrilton	72110-3399
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
Prairie County Library	P. O. Box 428	Hazen	72064-0423
Saline County Library	1800 Smithers Drive	Benton	72015-3108
White County Library System	113 East Pleasure Avenue	Searcy	72143-7709
William F. Laman Public Library	2801 Orange	North Little Rock	72114-2296
<b>LDD IV</b>			
Barton Library	200 East Fifth	El Dorado	71730-3897
Calhoun County Library	P. O. Box 1162	Hampton	71744-1162
Clark County Library	609 Caddo Street	Arkadelphia	71923-0609
Columbia County Library	P. O. Box 668	Magnolia	71753-0668
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
Montgomery County Library	P. O. Box 189	Mount Ida	71957-0189
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library			
Polk County Library	410 8th Street	Mena	71953
Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County	120 Harrison Avenue	Camden	71701-3968
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library	107 South Circle Drive	Hope	71801
Texarkana Public Library	600 West Third Street	Texarkana, TX	75501-5054
Tri-County Regional Library System	200 W. Stillwell	DeQueen	71832
<b>LDD V</b>			
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	200 East Eighth Avenue	Pine Bluff	71601-5092
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library System	114 West Jefferson	Monticello	71655-4933

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479-229-4418	479-229-2595	arvrls@centurytel.net	Donna McDonald	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	rwright@bellavistacityar.com	Roxie Wright	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	dominick@camals.org	Johnice Dominick	Carroll & Madison Library System
479-471-3226	479-471-3226	ewhite@crawfordcountylib.org	Eva White	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	darla.threet@cityofgentry.com	Darla Threet	Gentry Public Library
479-787-6955	479-787-6955	librarygravette@yahoo.com	Kim Schneider	Gravette Public Library
479-752-7323	479-752-8366	ijppublib121@yahoo.com	Karen Jones	Iva Jane Peek Public Library
870-449-6015	870-449-5808	libdir@marcolibrary.org	Judy Mays	Marion County Library
870-446-2983	870-446-2983	nc2983@eritter.net	Teresa Hayes	Newton County Library
479-451-8442		library@pearidgecommunitylibrary.org	Peggy Maddox	Pea Ridge Library
479-968-4368	479-968-3222	Director@popelibrary.org	Shawn Pierce	Pope County Library
479-621-1152	479-621-1165	judyc@rogersark.org	Judy Casey	Rogers Public Library
479-996-2856	479-996-2236	judybc111@yahoo.com	Judy Beth Clevenger	Scott-Sebastian Regional Library
870-448-2420	870-448-5453	path353@yahoo.com	Pat Halsted	Jim G. Ferguson/Searcy County Library
479-524-4236	479-524-3908	library@siloomsprings.com	Dolores Deuel	Siloam Springs Public Library
479-298-3753	479-298-3515	sspringslib@yahoo.com	Lily Mae Buckley	Sulphur Springs Public Library
479-442-6253	479-442-6812	glendaa@wcls.lib.ar.us	Glenda Audrain	Washington County Library System
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870-935-5133	870-935-7987	david@libraryinjonesboro.org	David Eckert	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
870-238-3850	870-238-5434	jpaul@crosscountylibrary.org	John Paul Myrick	East Central Arkansas Regional Library
870-633-5646	870-633-5647	fcpl@forrestcitylibrary.org	Arlisa Price Harris	Forrest City Public Library
870-793-8814	870-793-8896	incolib@hotmail.com	Vanessa Adams	Independence County Library
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870-886-3222	870-886-9520	akburris@hotmail.com	Ashley Burris	Lawrence County Library
870-762-2431	870-762-2442	kbarron@mclibrary.net	Kevin Barron	Mississippi/Crittenden County Library
870-236-8711	870-236-1442	pdpcomposing@yahoo.com	Mike Rogers	Northeast Arkansas Regional Library
870-483-7744	870-483-6833	teaguejanie@hotmail.com	Janie Teague	Trumann Public Library
870-732-7590	870-732-7636	redfearn.caroline@wmlibrary.org	Caroline Redfearn	West Memphis Public Library
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501-327-7482	501-327-9098	john@fcl.org	John McGraw	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
855-572-6657	501-676-0557	dmoore@lonokecountylibrary.org	Deborah Moore	Lonoke County Library
501-332-5441	501-332-6679	charlotte.m.smith@arkansas.gov	vacant	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
870-255-3576	870-255-1212	ahighfill@prairiecountylibrary@gmail.com	April Highfill	Prairie County Library
501-778-4766	501-778-0536	pattyh@salinecountylibrary.org	Patty Hector	Saline County Library
501-279-2870	501-268-5682	darla.ino@arkansas.gov	Darla Ino	White County Library System
501-758-1720	501-753-0524	crystal.gates@lamanlibrary.org	Crystal Gates	William F. Laman Public Library
				<b>LDD IV</b>
870-863-5447	870-862-3944	lcleveland@bartonlibrary.org	Laura Cleveland	Barton Library
870-798-4492	870-798-4492	calcolib@yahoo.com	Allie Stevens	Calhoun County Library
870-246-2271	870-246-4189	library22@yahoo.com	Judy Golden	Clark County Library
870-234-1991	870-234-5077	rhonda@cocolib.org	Rhonda Rolen	Columbia County Library
501-623-4161	501-623-5647	gclhsar@hotmail.com	John Wells	Garland County Library
870-777-4564	870-777-2915	hempcolib@gmail.com	Courtney McNeil	Hempstead County Library
870-921-4757	870-921-4756	lewisvillelibrary2004.yahoo.com	Rosey Byrd	Lafayette County Library
870-867-3812	870-867-3812	montlibrary@hotmail.com	Joann Whisenhunt	Montgomery County Library
870-867-3812	870-867-3812	omreglibrary@hotmail.com	Brenda Miner	Ouachita Mountains Regional Library
479-394-2314	479-394-2314	polkcountylibrary@yahoo.com	Shirley Philpot	Polk County Library
870-836-5083	870-836-0163	lrpickett@hotmail.com	Lisa Pickett	Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County
		swarlib@gmail.com	Courtney McNeil	Southwest Arkansas Regional Library
903-794-2149	903-794-2139	jstrayhorn@txar-publib.org	Jennifer Strayhorn	Texarkana Public Library
870-584-4364	870-642-8319	tri-countyreglibsystem@hotmail.com	Marilyn Archer	Tri-County Regional Library System
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870-853-2078	870-853-2079	ashcolib@sbcglobal.net	Henrietta Thompson	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	vacant / Linda Bennett,staff	Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library
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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.** One member of the Board shall be appointed from each of the four Congressional Districts and three members shall be selected from the State at-large, provided no more than two members are appointed from any one Congressional District.G

## 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 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.

**Section 4.** Absences of officers or vacancies of office shall be filled by members as need arises.

**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. The nominations shall be submitted in writing to the membership at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

**\*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.

**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.

**Section 2.** The annual meeting of the Board for organizational purposes shall be held at the time of the regular meeting in November.

**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
4. New business
5. Reports
6. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **QUORUM, VOTE**

**Section 1.** A majority (four) of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall count as a member for quorum.

**Section 2.** All business transacted by the Board shall be by majority vote of its members. The Chairman shall vote to confirm unanimity, in case of tie vote or when needed for quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **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**

### **POLICIES, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS**

**Section 1.** The Board shall establish by majority vote such Policies as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the state library agency and to promote statewide library development.

**Section 2.** Proposed policies or policy changes must be submitted in writing to the members and discussed at a meeting prior to the regular meeting when the vote on the question is to be recorded.

**Section 3.** The Arkansas State Library through majority vote of the Board shall enter into such contracts and agreements with other libraries, institutions, and agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 489 of 1979.

## 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.”

**ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments -- 2016**

Executive Committee: Chair, Campbell; Vice Chair, Knox and Ashcraft

Nominating Committee: Cooper and Kirby

Policies & By-Laws Committee: Vice Chair, Knox; Bell and Ellis

Government Liaison Committee: Chair, Campbell; Cooper and Kirby

Personnel Committee: Chair, Campbell; Bell and Ferguson

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

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THOMAS	SEPE		LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
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		<b>VACANT</b>	LIBRARY SUPPORT ASSISTANT
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WIN	GATES		LIBRARY TECHNICIAN
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JUDI	KING		LIBRARY TECHNICIAN
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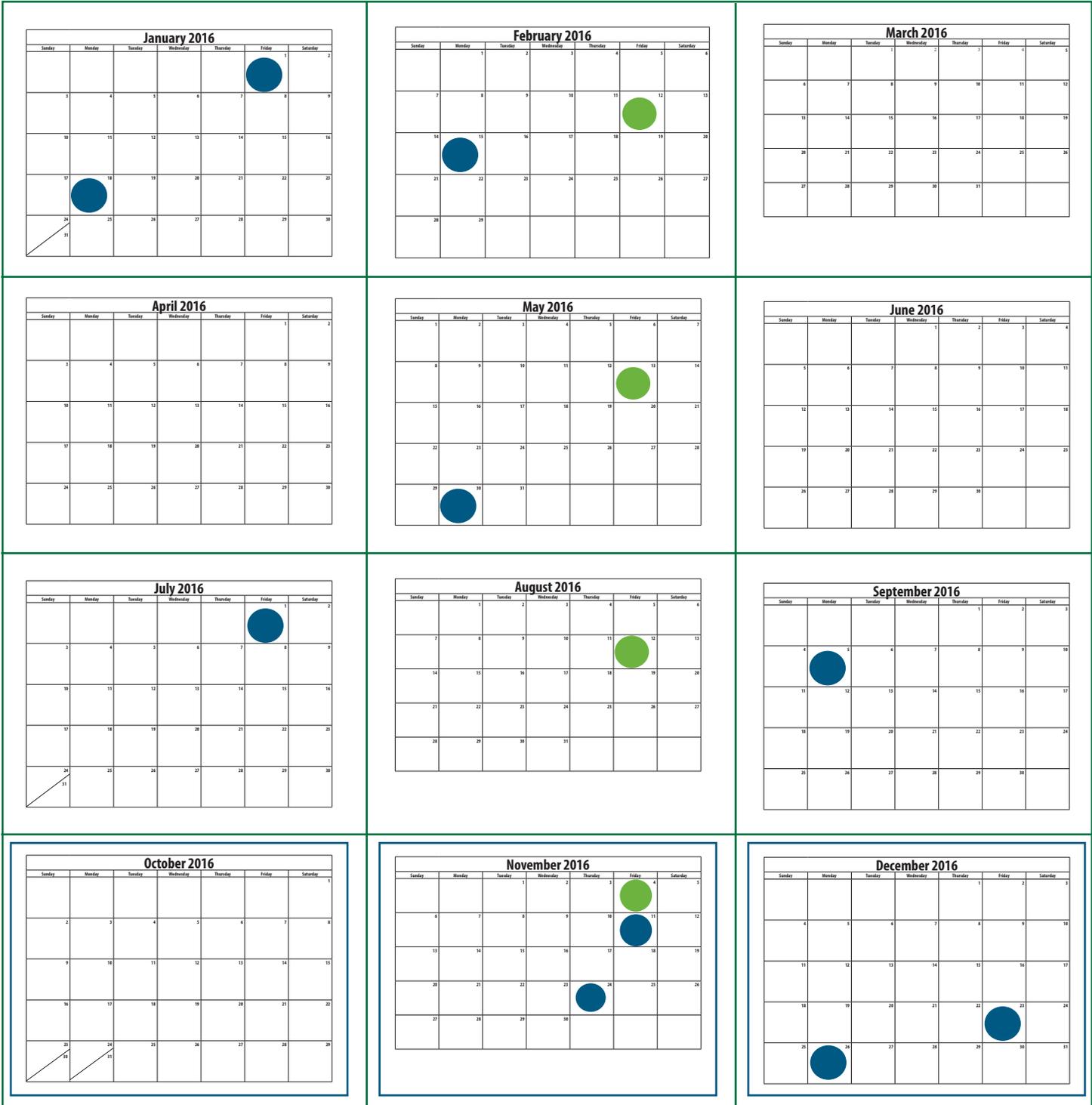
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GWEN	SCALES		FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST
SHARI	RUSH		FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST
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KEN	GIESBRECHT		INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR



# 2016



 State Library Board Meetings, as scheduled       State Observed Holidays

Jan 1 - New Year's Day; Jan 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert E. Lee's Birthdays (Observed); Feb 15 -George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day (Observed); May 30 - Memorial Day (Observed); July 4 - Independence Day; Sept 5 - Labor Day; Nov 11 - Veterans Day; Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Day; Dec 24 - Christmas Eve (observed on Friday, Dec. 23); Dec. 25 - Christmas Day (observed on Monday, Dec. 26)