STATE LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Second Quarter 2022-2023
Nov. 17, 2022

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Donnette Smith, Chairperson

A. Approval of Minutes [August 12, 2022]

Unfinished Business

B. Administration Report/FY2023 Agency Funding

C. State Aid and Scholarships

D. Grants and Special Projects

Other Unfinished Business

New Business

E. Changes to Arkansas Rules – Scholarship Assistance and Document Services Program

F. State Aid FY2023/Scholarships

G. Reports/Travel and Correspondence

Other New Business

H. Board Information/Election of Officers

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The State Library Board convened on August 12, 2022, both in person and via Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Members present were Donnette Smith (Chair) and Lupe Peña de Martínez, with Pamela Meridith (Vice-chair), Jo Ann Campbell, Deborah Knox, and Joan O'Neal attending via Zoom. Donna McDonald was absent. Staff members present were State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Debbie Hall, and Brooke Crawford.

Smith called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 13, 2022, meeting [A1]. A motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Peña de Martínez. The motion passed.

Brooke Crawford, Administrative Services Manager, covered the items in Tab B, beginning with an update on personnel. The number of Authorized Staff is 49, and the agency's Budgeted Staff number is currently 47. Current Staff as of August 1 is 39 Full-time positions and 3 Extra Help position, with 13 positions currently vacant. Positions being advertised this quarter include Library Technician – Digital Services, State Library Manager – Digital Services, Buyer – Business Office, and Administrative Specialist III – Administration.

The State Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA) that lists the overall general Budget Forecast [B2, B3] for all state agencies was released on May 19. Due to the General Revenues Fund collection amount exceeding the original forecast, the state was able to fund the General Revenues Fund at 100% of both categories A & B. Our agency funds are as follows:

> State Library (Public School Fund/State Aid to Public Libraries): $5,641,919 (same as FY22)
> State Library - General Operations: $3,696,730 (Increase of $986)

Crawford completed her report with a brief overview of the State General Revenue [B4] and the Federal LSTA Revenue [B5] spreadsheets.

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

Manager of Grants and Special Projects Debbie Hall presented items in Tab D. IMLS has approved the Evaluation of the 2018-2022 LSTA Grants to States Five-Year Plan and it has been placed on the Library's website.

The 2023-2027 Five-Year Plan was submitted to IMLS in June. Since our LSTA projects are statewide and continued year to year, there were not many changes from the current Plan, with the exception of the Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog. The Plan has been approved by IMLS and placed on the Library's website.

Chilcoat then presented the list of Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid [E1]. A motion was made by Peña de Martínez, seconded by Meridith, to approve the list. The motion carried.
Chilcoat then presented the quarterly allotment for FY2023 State Aid [E2]. A motion was made by Meridith, seconded by Campbell, to approve the FY2023 State Aid First Quarter payment. The motion carried.

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Three new scholarship applications were presented from Fayetteville Public Library (Clara Davis) [F3], Springdale Public Library (Kacy Spears) [E4], Rogers Public Library (Keli Wright) [E5], and Bentonville Public Library (Bella Wu) [E6]. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by O'Neal, to approve the scholarship applications. The motion carried.

The Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance [E7], requesting reimbursement for three recipients' coursework, was presented. A total of 30 hours were submitted for a total cost of $13,500. A motion for approval of the recommendation for scholarship assistance was made by Campbell and seconded by O'Neal. The motion carried.

Chilcoat moved into the reports section of the packet [Tab F], beginning with her report [F1]. Our requests for ARPA funds and Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds are still under consideration. There is now a National Working Group on Telehealth in Libraries, and a wide range of libraries nationwide are inventing and sharing a variety of solutions to meeting the telehealth and health information needs of their communities. Our partnership with the UAMS Institute for Digital Health and Innovation has garnered much interest from libraries around the country, including the Texas State Library, as an innovative partnership model.

Much planning is underway in preparation for the 2023 Arkansas Legislative Session and the State biennial 24/25 budget. Due in part to the revenue surplus realized through FY 2022, we are experiencing a more flexible environment around the reclassification and restructuring of positions. Some of these will likely take place immediately, while others are "asks" for the 2024/2025 biennium budget that begins July 1, 2023. Among other positive developments, we are restructuring the Information Services department to shift resources to the Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog. We are also attempting to combine some technician/ clerical positions to create positions at the Librarian (GS06) level and higher to accommodate the demands of our evolving services.

Deputy Director Kristen Cooke began her report [F2] with an update on The Public Library Survey. The Public Library Survey submission has been uploaded to the federal portal and is in queue for review by IMLS and the American Institutes for Research (AIR). IMLS has announced changes to the 2022 survey that include new Geocodes that will allow future data to overlay with Census data and other statistical platforms to help libraries make more meaningful and detailed comparisons. These changes will empower libraries to present a more comprehensive story about the library and their communities. The 2022 State Data Coordinator meeting will be held in person this year in December, but no location has been selected.

Jessica Kirk, who has served as a Senior Librarian for Reference within Information Services, has agreed to take on the long-term role of administration for Mockingbird, the Virtual Union Catalog. Jessica transitioned out of Information Services on July 25, 2022, and now reports to the Deputy Director. Jessica will also support efforts to increase engagement with ASL's services and resources through various outreach efforts, both in-person and virtually. Michael Strickland will resume responsibility for all aspects of Jessica's previous role including the direct supervision of Information Services staff and all department administration. Jessica is currently working with Karen O'Connell to train and begin transitioning responsibility for Mockingbird.

Jennifer Wann gave her report on Library Development [F3]. A virtual session for ALL-In was held on May 25. Karin Peabody presented a follow-up session on the Strengths Finder assessment. Karen O'Connell led a book discussion on The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho.

Wann also gave the report from Arkansas Center for the Book on behalf of Karen O'Connell [F4]. State Center for the Book Affiliates are busy preparing for the National Book Festival, which will be held in person this year at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC on Saturday,

September 3, 2022. The Library of Congress has finalized and released a new funding opportunity, Affiliate Centers for the Book Programming Grants. The grants of up to $5,000 each are made possible by the John Y. Cole and Nancy E. Gwinn Trust Fund, and available exclusively to Affiliate Centers for the Book with current agreements with the Library of Congress.

Book Club attendance has steadily increased this year, with tallies this quarter indicating 1,1 15 readers from April through July (to date), with July statistics still being submitted to the Center. From April through July, the Center shipped 210 book club kits, and with 2,520 books provided. More library book club coordinators are becoming accustomed to using the new online method for reporting statistics, which captures the number of books distributed/read as well as the number of meeting attendees.

The 2022 Gems poster and bookmark designs are in their final stages. The poster will have a map theme this year, and we are looking forward to debuting the poster at the National Book Festival.

The lf All Arkansas Read the Same Book event with Emily St. John Mandel took place on July 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Central. The event platform was Zoom Webinar livestreamed onto YouTube. Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2022) is a novel of art, time, love, and plague that takes the reader from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon five hundred years later, unfurling a story of humanity across centuries and space. The Center was informed of three public libraries holding in-person watch parties for the event: Donald W. Reynolds Library serving Baxter County; Farmington Public Library; and Union County Public Library System in partnership with the South Arkansas Arts Center.

Mockingbird, the Arkansas Statewide Virtual Union Catalog, went live in a soft launch on June 22, 2022, for the first group of implemented libraries, represented by 37 unique Mockingbird library logins and approximately thirty libraries/ library systems around the state. Intensive platform training took May 31 and June 10, 2022, with training modules on Intro to Mockingbird, Mockingbird ILL Management; System Configuration 1; Statistics and Cataloging; and Systems Configuration 2. Implementation for group 2 libraries is occurring now, with training likely to take place in September.

Wann then reported on E-Rate Services on behalf of Amber Gregory [F5]. The Arkansas State Library filed Reply Comments to the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in opposition of the proposed E-Rate Bidding Portal on May 26.

Wann then gave a report from Youth Services on behalf of Ruth Hyatt [F6]. Many public library Summer Reading programs are coming to a close with finale events in these last few weeks before the start of school. All library branches will continue to have access to the READsquared platform through 2023 to spring of 2024.

The Youth Services workshop has been moved to the Fall. The Fall workshops will become our training day focused on the new Summer Reading Theme. The target date for this year's workshop is November 4, and our location will be the Vines Center (Ferndale 4H Center). A $25 fee per participant will help to cover location costs and all-day catering. Registration forms will be available in mid-September. Registration deadline will be October 21.

The 2022 Arkansas Diamond Primary Award goes to *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* by Ross Burach. The 2022 Honor Book distinction is awarded to *The Great Indoors* by Julie Falatko and illustrated by Ruth Chan with a second-place finish. The Charlie May Simon Award goes to *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. This book had already won the Newberry Medal, the Coretta Scott King Award, and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature. Second place honors and 510 student votes went to *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart. The new nominations list for the 2022-2023 award cycle has been released and can be found on the Arkansas State Library website.

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The report from Training and Development [F7] was then presented by Wann on behalf of Janine Miller. The Arkansas State Library covered the cost of Amigos Introduction to Health Literacy training for the Arkansas library community. The training was offered to the first 50 registrants, and 31 participants provided feedback that they found the training to be very informative.

During April-June 2022, 41 Library Juice Academy courses were requested and 37 evaluations were returned. During May-July 2022, People Connect Institute Webinars offered 10 live weekly webinars on the following categories: Cataloging, Children Services, Marketing, Community Engagement, Genealogy, and Wellness. There were 124 registrations received, 58 live course participants, and 23 evaluations returned. There were 512 views of archived webinar content.

A Gathering of Friends (of the Library) Discussion took place on July 11. There were 20 participants and 8 evaluations returned. Jessica Kirk, ASL Senior Reference Librarian, was our guest speaker. She has been working on an Emerging Leaders project with ALA's United for Libraries, and she shared the findings from her team's project report: *Diversity in Library Boards, Friends Groups, and Foundations: Successes and Struggles in Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Members*. Jessica and her project team will be presenting at the upcoming United for Libraries virtual conference on August 9-11 for Friends, Foundations, and Trustees. To support the work of United for Libraries and to encourage Friends & Foundations to become involved, the State Library provided two Friends members that participated in the July 11 meeting an opportunity to attend the virtual conference. Penelope Dejournett from the Boone County Library and Jane Bryant from the West Fork Public Library will represent Arkansas. Dejournett and Bryant will share what they learned at the October 10 Gathering of Friends (of the Library) Discussion, to be held in person at the State Library.

Kristina Hancock presented her report from the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled [F8]. In the Federal fiscal year from October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, the program circulated a total of 138,634 books. Of this figure, 112,206 were by direct mail circulation, 152 were direct mail circulation of Braille books, and 26,276 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD). Patron downloads accounted for around 11 percent of total circulation. Circulation of books through Duplication on Demand accounted for 99 percent of all direct mail circulation.

Also for the Federal fiscal year October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, our Reader Advisors had a total of 18,720 patron interactions. Of those interactions, 7,152 were phone calls received, 793 were emails received and responded to, 926 voicemails received and responded to, 836 were new patron outreach calls, and 8,814 were work follow up interactions. Work follow up includes curating a book order for a patron and searching for and providing reference information.

Michael Strickland of Information Services presented his report [F9]. Strickland gave two virtual presentations on Intellectual Property Basics in June for the Economics Arkansas STEM-ONOMICS meetings in Plumerville and Springdale. He also presented two on-site sessions on Intellectual Property Basics at the R.E.A.L Annual Conference held in West Little Rock on July 20-21, 2022. The event hosted over 200 economics/math teachers from across Arkansas. He also virtually presented about State Library services at the annual Arkansas Department of Education Summit on July 12.

Senior Librarian Jessica Kirk recently completed the American Library Association's 2022 Emerging Leaders program. Strickland, Jessica Kirk, Judi King, and Sherry Chastain participated in SHAREit training for the launch of Mockingbird - the state's new union catalog. This service will become one of the tools Interlibrary Loan will be using to promote the priority use of Arkansas library materials.

Sarah Lipsey, Division Manager of Collection Management, presented her report [F10]. The vacant Manager of Digital Services position will be readvertised later this year. The delay allows time to focus on

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completing the Preservica migration project that was being conducted by the previous incumbent and avoid the added complication of concurrently training a new manager in a highly specialized position.

Interviews are underway to fill the Library Technician position in Digital Services. This position supports both the federal and state documents programs and reports to the Digital Services Library Coordinator.

Digital Services Librarian Ethan Beard has compiled a bibliography of useful external websites related to a number of common information tasks, such as the retrieval of public records, commercial licensing, hunting and fishing schedules, genealogical resources, government and library directories, etc. The new webpage is available under Digital Resources, and Ethan is applauded for his initiative.

Lastly, Katie Walton presented her report from Acquisitions [F11]. Acquisitions staff successfully closed out the 2022 Fiscal Year and began processing orders and invoices for the 2023 Fiscal Year. They are also continuing to work on weeding and discarding projects. All Acquisitions staff completed the additional Procurement training courses to renew their certification from OPM.

Regarding the Arkansas Digital Library Consortium, there are currently 99,280 titles in the shared collection: 74,827 eBooks, 21,054 audiobooks, and 3,397 magazine titles. As of July 25, there have been 309,264 checkouts during the last quarter by 25,120 users. OverDrive has slowly been transitioning from the Classic OverDrive app to the Libby app and are now sunsetting the former. Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton has shared training opportunities, documentation, and marketing information to prepare ADLC patrons for that change. DeWitt Public Library joined ADLC in June. This is their first time to have access to digital content through OverDrive.

Chilcoat reviewed recent correspondence [F12] and news clippings related to the library [F13], as well as the list of Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts [F15] and a map of Arkansas Public Library Systems [F16].

Chilcoat reviewed the contact information for the State Library Board [G1] and the Arkansas Department of Education [G2]. The Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws were presented [G3] along with the ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments [G4].

The section was completed with the staff directory [G5] and the calendar of meetings for 2022 [G6]. The next meeting will be held on November 18th, 2022, due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

A motion to adjourn was made by Campbell. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Approval Date Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian

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Administrative Services Manager – Brooke Crawford

Human Resources:
Authorized staff: 49 (+2 Shared Services positions = 51 total staff)
Budgeted staff: 47
Current staff @ 11/1/22: 39 Full-Time, 2 Shared Services positions, 1 Extra Help, 10 Vacant Positions.

New Hires: Susan Brewczynski, Buyer, started on October 17th.
Jaynie Whatley, Administrative Specialist III, started on October 17th.

Federal Closeout:
Federal closeout was September 30. This year we had the additional ARPA funds and the closeout for it was also September 30. All funds were encumbered by that due date and we only have a couple of pending items that we are waiting on for delivery. Once received, payments will be processed and we will then complete the financial piece of the SPR report that is due to IMLS. The normal deadline is December 30th but this year it was extended to January 31, 2023, since shipment delays are still a problem for most states.

Budget Hearing:
November 9, 2022 – Joint Budget Committee – Personnel Committee meeting for ADE and all ADE Divisions.

Training:
Trish and I have attended the following: ADA, FMLA, and the 4 Supervisor Training refresher courses. In addition, I also attended an SPR Report refresher course.

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STATE GENERAL REVENUE
EPA0100 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2023
BY COMMITMENT ITEM
OCT 31, 2022

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	$1,668,241	$1,668,241	46.3%	$513,698	$1,154,543	69%
501:00:01	Extra Help	$5,000	$5,000	0.1%	$4,847	$153	3%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	$583,233	$583,233	16.2%	$184,299	$398,934	68%
	Total Salaries & Matching	$2,256,474	$2,256,474	62.6%	$702,843	$1,553,631	69%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	$1,125,091	$1,120,138	31.1%	$396,657	$723,481	65%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	$7,428	$7,428	0.2%	$0	$7,428	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	$1,132,519	$1,127,566	31.3%	$396,657	$730,909	65%
509:00:46	Books/Subscriptions	$220,243	$220,243	6.1%	$53,978	$166,265	75%
	TOTALS	$3,609,236	$3,604,283	100.0%	$1,153,478	$2,450,805	68%
	M&R paid to ASL account					$0	100%

FEDERAL LSTA REVENUE
FEL0100 FEL0200 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2023
BY COMMITMENT ITEM
OCT 31, 2022

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	$458,958	$458,958	14.7%	$128,081	$330,877	72%
501:00:01	Extra Help	$22,000	$22,000	0.7%	$4,844	$17,156	78%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	$183,704	$183,704	5.9%	$58,499	$125,205	68%
	Total Salaries & Matching	$664,662	$664,662	21.3%	$191,424	$473,238	71%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	$2,267,204	$2,267,204	72.7%	$1,050,362	$1,216,842	54%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	$137,700	$137,700	4.4%	$32,162	$105,538	77%
506:00:10	Prof. Fees & Services	$10,000	$10,000	0.3%	$0	$10,000	100%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	$40,000	$40,000	1.3%	$0	$40,000	100%
	Total M & O	$2,454,904	$2,454,904	78.7%	$1,082,525	$1,372,379	56%
	TOTALS	$3,119,566	$3,119,566	100.0%	$1,273,949	$1,845,617	59%

ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY
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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.

APPLICANT

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

Applicant Library Name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

Phone Number Fax Number

Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee Date

AGREEMENT

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

Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Participant's Signature Date

RECOMMENDATION

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

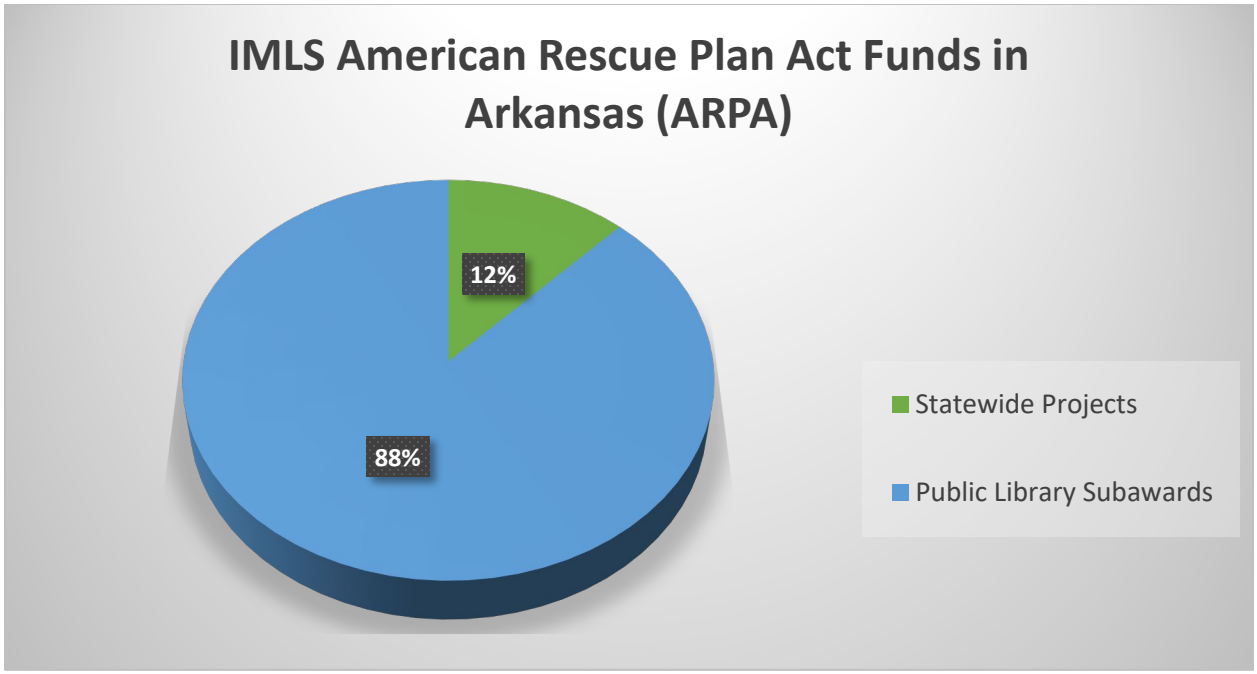
Signature of State Librarian Date

ACTION TAKEN

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

Signature of State Library Board Chairman Date

Manager of Grants and Special Projects – Debbie Hall



Total Grant - **$2,660,308**

Subawards - $2,337,617

75 libraries – 167 library buildings

- 554 computers
- 146 software licenses
- 37 databases
- 7,509 print materials
- 6,860 Ebooks
- 2,906 A/V
- 17 Equipment Purchases ($5,000+ per item)
- 283,116 supplies/materials (280,000 RFID tags)
- 48,419 items digitized – 2 projects

Statewide - $322,691

- Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog
- Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL-In)
- Youth Services
- Eclipse Project
- ADLC

Equipment and Supplies/Materials

2 Vehicles

Outdoor programming supplies and materials

Library of Things materials

Makerspace supplies and materials

Furnishings for social distancing

Materials for virtual programming and virtual meetings

Book Lockers

Air filters, plexiglass dividers, masks, cleaning supplies

Laptop vending machine

Website updates

Wi-Fi Hotspots

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Changes to Arkansas Rules - Scholarship Assistance and Document Services Program

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Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, DIRECTOR, AND AREA SERVICED:	2019 Population Served	LIB. TAX UNITS *	QTRLY MLS AWARD
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 150,001 OR MORE :			
Central Arkansas Library System Nate Coulter, MLS - U of Wisconsin-Madison (Perry and Pulaski Counties, excluding North Little Rock)	336,463	4	YES
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library Clare Graham, MLS - UNT (Saline, Hot Spring, Grant, Dallas, and Cleveland Counties)	189,438	5	YES
Washington County Library System Glenda B. Audrain, MLS - U of AL (Washington County)	151,597	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	677,498		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 75,001 TO 150,000:			
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library John McGraw, MLIS - U of AL (Faulkner and Van Buren Counties)	142,552	2	YES
Crowley Ridge Regional Library Vanessa Adams, MLS - U of Missouri (Craighead and Poinsett Counties)	133,860	4	YES
Garland County Library Adam Webb, MLS - UNT (Garland County)	99,386	1	YES
Fort Smith Public Library Jennifer Goodson, MLIS-U of OK (Fort Smith District of Sebastian County)	87,891	1	YES
Fayetteville Public Library David Johnson, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (Fayetteville)	87,590	1	YES
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library Misty Hawkins, MLS - U of OK (Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Yell Counties)	87,100	4	YES
White River Regional Library Debra Sutterfield, MLS - U. of AL (Cleburne, Fulton, Izard, Sharp, and Stone Counties)	80,973	5	YES
White County Library Darla Ino, MLS - U ofTN - Knoxville (White County)	78,753	1	YES
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Mike Rogers, MLS - UNT (Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties)	77,834	3	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	875,939		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 50,001 TO 75,000:			
Lonoke County Library Deborah Moore, MLS - LSU (MLS of record) (Lonoke County)	73,309	1	YES
Rogers Public Library Hannah Milligan, MLS - U of So. Florida (Rogers)	68,669	1	YES
Union County Library Michael O'Connell, MLIS - Catholic Univ of America (Union County and contracted with Ouachita County)	67,253	4	YES
Pine Bluff and Jefferson County Library Adam Webb, MLS - UNT (MLS of record) (Jefferson County)	66,824	2	YES
Texarkana Public Library (Total Population 65,974) Jennifer Strayhorn, MSLS - UNT (Arkansas only 29,657) (Texarkana, AR and TX)	29,657	1	YES
North Little Rock Public Library Crystal Gates, MLIS - LSU (North Little Rock)	65,903	1	YES
Mississippi-Crittenden Co. Regional Library Lowell Walters, MSLS - Clarion (Mississippi and Crittenden Counties)	64,204	2	YES
Pope County Library Judy Mays, MLS - UNC/Chapel Hill (MLS of record) (Pope County)	64,072	1	YES
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Judy Calhoun, MLS - Florida State U (Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln Counties)	63,485	5	YES
Crawford County Library System Deidre Fears, MLS - U. of Oklahoma (Crawford County)	63,257	1	YES

Scott-Sebastian Regional Library Rene Myers, MLIS - U of WI/Milwaukee (Scott County and Sebastian County, South District)	50,217	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	676,850		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 25,001 to 50,000:			
Carroll and Madison Library System Chad Pollock, MLS - U of MO, Columbia (Carroll and Madison Counties)	44,956	2	YES
Tri-County Library System Marilyn Archer, MLS - Emporia State U. (Howard, Little River and Sevier Counties)	42,468	3	YES
Baxter County Library Kim Crow-Sheaner, MLS - UNT (Baxter County)	41,932	1	YES
Independence County Library **VACANT 2/2022** (Independence County)	37,825	1	YES
Boone County Library Ginger Schoenenberger - MLS - Clarion Univ (Boone County)	37,432	1	YES
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library **VACANT 6/2002** (Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties)	33,340	3	***NO***
Columbia County Library Rhonda Rolen, MLIS - LSU (Columbia County and contract with Lafayette County)	30,081	2	YES
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Brenda Miner (MLS - U of OK) (Montgomery and Polk Counties)	28,950	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	296,984		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX SERVING LESS THAN 25,000:			
West Memphis Public Library Rebecca Bledsoe (West Memphis)	24,402	1	***NO***
East Central Arkansas Regional Library John Paul Myrick, MLS - U of Alabama (Cross and Woodruff Counties)	22,739	2	YES
Clark County Library Betsy Fisher, MLIS - Wayne State Univeristy (Clark County)	22,320	1	YES
Hempstead County Library Courtney McNiel, MLS - Florida State U. (Hempstead County)	21,532	1	YES
Conway County Library Jay Carter, MLIS - USF (Conway County)	20,846	1	YES
Ashley County Library David Anderson, MLS - TWU (Ashley County)	19,657	2	YES
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library Courtney McNiel, MLS - Florida State U. (Nevada and Pike Counties)	18,970	2	YES
Arkansas County Library Allie Stevens, MLIS - LSU (Interim) (Arkansas County)	17,486	2	YES
Jackson County Library Jennifer Ballard, MLIS - U of AL (Jackson County)	16,719	1	YES
Marion County Library Dana Scott, MLS - TWU (Marion County)	16,694	1	YES
Lawrence County Library Ashley Burris, MLIS - U of AL (Lawrence County)	16,406	1	YES
Forrest City Public Library Arlisa Price, MSLS - UNT (Forrest City)	13,820	1	YES
Newton County Library Kenya Windel, MLS - UNT (Newton County)	7,753	1	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	239,344		
TOTAL POPULATION SERVED	2,766,615		

Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2021 Est Population	Per Capita @ 1.50900338	$12,000/co. in multi-co. region	MLS	Total FY2023	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
Arkansas Co. Lib.	Arkansas Co.	16,722	25,234		18,000	43,234	10,808	10,808	10,808	10,810
Ashley Co. Lib.	Ashley Co. less Crossett	13,968	21,078							
Ashley Co. Lib.	Crossett (city) (Ashley Co.)	4,706	7,101							
Ashley Co. Lib. Total		**18,674**	**28,179**		**18,000**	**46,179**	**11,545**	**11,545**	**11,545**	**11,544**
Baxter Co. Lib.	Baxter Co.	42,144	63,595		18,000	81,595	20,399	20,399	20,399	20,398
Boone Co. Lib.	Boone Co.	37,830	57,086		18,000	75,086	18,771	18,771	18,771	18,773
Clark Co. Lib.	Clark Co.	21,321	32,173		18,000	50,173	12,543	12,543	12,543	12,544
Columbia Co. Lib.	Columbia Co.	22,672	34,212							
Columbia Co. Lib.	Lafayette Co. (contract)	6,163	9,300							
Columbia Co. Lib. Total		**28,835**	**43,512**		**18,000**	**61,512**	**15,378**	**15,378**	**15,378**	**15,378**
Conway Co. Lib.	Conway Co.	20,873	31,497		18,000	49,497	12,374	12,374	12,374	12,375
Crawford Co. Lib. System	Crawford Co.	60,378	91,111		18,000	109,111	27,278	27,278	27,278	27,277
Garland Co. Lib.	Garland Co.	100,330	151,398		18,000	169,398	42,350	42,350	42,350	42,348
Hempstead Co. Lib.	Hempstead Co.	19,694	29,718		18,000	47,718	11,930	11,930	11,930	11,928
Independence Co. Lib	Independence Co.	37,723	56,924		18,000	74,924	18,731	18,731	18,731	18,731
Jackson Co. Lib.	Jackson Co.	16,811	25,368		18,000	43,368	10,842	10,842	10,842	10,842
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Jefferson Co. Total less Pine Bluff	25,617	38,656							
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Pine Bluff (city) (Jefferson Co.)	40,244	60,728							
Jefferson Co. Lib. Total		**65,861**	**99,384**		**18,000**	**117,384**	**29,346**	**29,346**	**29,346**	**29,346**
Lawrence Co. Lib.	Lawrence Co.	16,292	24,585		18,000	42,585	10,646	10,646	10,646	10,647
Lonoke Co. Lib.	Lonoke Co.	74,722	112,756		18,000	130,756	32,689	32,689	32,689	32,689
Marion Co. Lib.	Marion Co.	16,978	25,620		18,000	43,620	10,905	10,905	10,905	10,905
Newton Co. Lib.	Newton Co.	7,204	10,871		18,000	28,871	7,218	7,218	7,218	7,217
Pope Co. Lib.	Pope Co.	63,789	96,258		18,000	114,258	28,564	28,564	28,564	28,566
Union Co. Lib.	El Dorado (city)	17,339	26,165							
Union Co. Lib.	Union Co. Total less El Dorado	21,001	31,691							
Union Co. Lib.	Calhoun County (contract)	4,741	7,154							
Union Co. Lib.	Camden (city) (Ouachita Co.)	10,369	15,647							
Union Co. Lib.	Ouachita Co. Total less Camden (contract)	11,937	18,013							
Union Co. Lib. Total		**65,387**	**98,669**		**18,000**	**116,669**	**29,167**	**29,167**	**29,167**	**29,168**
Washington Co. Lib.	Washington Co. (less Fayetteville)	154,827	233,634		18,000	251,634	62,909	62,909	62,909	62,907
White Co. Reg. Lib. System	White Co.	77,207	116,506		18,000	134,506	33,626	33,626	33,626	33,628
Total Single County Libraries		**963,602**	**1,454,079**	**-**	**378,000**	**1,832,079**	**458,020**	**458,020**	**458,020**	**458,021**
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Franklin Co.	17,173	25,914	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Johnson Co.	25,845	39,000	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Logan Co.	21,215	32,014	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Yell Co.	20,155	30,414	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib. Total		**84,388**	**127,342**	**48,000**	**18,000**	**193,342**	**48,335**	**48,335**	**48,335**	**48,337**
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Carroll Co.	28,435	42,909	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Madison Co.	16,960	25,593	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System Total		**45,395**	**68,501**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**110,501**	**27,625**	**27,625**	**27,625**	**27,626**
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Little Rock (city) (Pulaski Co.)	201,998	304,816							
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Perry Co.	10,455	15,777	12,000						

Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2021 Est Population	Per Capita @ 1.50900338	$12,000/co. in multi-co. region	MLS	Total FY2023	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Pulaski Co. Total less LR & NLR	131,661	198,677	12,000						
Central Arkansas Lib. System Total		**344,114**	**519,269**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**561,269**	**140,317**	**140,317**	**140,317**	**140,318**
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Craighead Co. Total less Jonesboro	32,894	49,637	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Jonesboro (city) (Craighead Co.)	79,324	119,700							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Poinsett Co. Total less Trumann	15,328	23,130	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Trumann (city) (Poinsett Co.)	7,332	11,064							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib. Total		**134,878**	**203,531**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**245,531**	**61,383**	**61,383**	**61,383**	**61,382**
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Cross Co.	16,681	25,172	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Woodruff Co.	6,116	9,229	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		**22,797**	**34,401**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**76,401**	**19,100**	**19,100**	**19,100**	**19,101**
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Faulkner Co.	125,106	188,785	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Van Buren Co.	15,694	23,682	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib. Total		**140,800**	**212,468**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**254,468**	**63,617**	**63,617**	**63,617**	**63,617**
Mid-Ark / Malvern-Hot Spring Co. Lib.	Cleveland Co.	7,514	11,339	12,000						
Mid-Ark / Malvern-Hot Spring Co. Lib.	Dallas Co.	6,308	9,519	12,000						
Mid-Ark / Malvern-Hot Spring Co. Lib.	Grant Co.	18,090	27,298	12,000						
Mid-Ark / Malvern-Hot Spring Co. Lib.	Hot Spring Co.	33,148	50,020	12,000						
Mid-Ark / Malvern-Hot Spring Co. Lib.	Saline Co.	125,233	188,977	12,000						
Mid-Ark / Malvern-Hot Spring Co. Lib.		**190,293**	**287,153**	**60,000**	**18,000**	**365,153**	**91,288**	**91,288**	**91,288**	**91,289**
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Blytheville (city) (Mississippi Co.)	13,039	19,676							
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Crittenden Co. Total less West Memphis	23,375	35,273	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Mississippi Co. Total less Blytheville	26,622	40,173	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib. Total		**63,036**	**95,122**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**137,122**	**34,280**	**34,280**	**34,280**	**34,282**
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Clay Co.	14,350	21,654	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Greene Co.	46,317	69,893	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Randolph Co.	18,865	28,467	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		**79,532**	**120,014**	**36,000**	**18,000**	**174,014**	**43,504**	**43,504**	**43,504**	**43,502**
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Montgomery Co.	8,611	12,994	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Polk Co.	19,353	29,204	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib Total		**27,964**	**42,198**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**84,198**	**21,049**	**21,049**	**21,049**	**21,051**
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Lee Co.	8,619	13,006	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Monroe Co.	6,683	10,085	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Phillips Co.	15,906	24,002	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib. Total		**31,208**	**47,093**	**36,000**		**83,093**	**20,773**	**20,773**	**20,773**	**20,774**
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Scott Co.	9,822	14,821	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Sebastian Co. Total less Fort Smith	38,824	58,586	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib. Total		**48,646**	**73,407**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**115,407**	**28,852**	**28,852**	**28,852**	**28,851**
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Bradley Co.	10,408	15,706	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Chicot Co.	10,019	15,119	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Desha Co.	11,090	16,735	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Drew Co.	17,110	25,819	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Lincoln Co.	13,037	19,673	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		**61,664**	**93,051**	**60,000**	**18,000**	**171,051**	**42,763**	**42,763**	**42,763**	**42,762**
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Nevada Co.	8,187	12,354	12,000						

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Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Pike Co.	10,066	15,190	12,000						
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total		**18,253**	**27,544**	**24,000**	**18,000**	**69,544**	**17,386**	**17,386**	**17,386**	**17,386**
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Howard Co.	12,698	19,161	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Little River Co.	11,944	18,024	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Sevier Co.	15,783	23,817	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.		**40,425**	**61,001**	**36,000**	**18,000**	**115,001**	**28,750**	**28,750**	**28,750**	**28,751**
White River Reg. Lib.	Cleburne Co.	25,015	37,748	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Fulton Co.	12,145	18,327	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Izard Co.	13,911	20,992	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Sharp Co.	17,622	26,592	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Stone Co.	12,481	18,834	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib. Total		**81,174**	**122,492**	**60,000**	**18,000**	**200,492**	**50,123**	**50,123**	**50,123**	**50,123**
Total Regional Libraries		**1,414,567**	**2,134,586**	**552,000**	**270,000**	**2,956,586**	**739,147**	**739,147**	**739,147**	**739,152**
Fayetteville Public Library	Fayetteville (city)	95,230	143,702		18,000	161,702	40,426	40,426	40,426	40,424
Forrest City Public Lib.	Forrest City (city)	12,972	19,575		18,000	37,575	9,394	9,394	9,394	9,393
Fort Smith Public Lib.	Fort Smith (city)	89,576	135,170		18,000	153,170	38,293	38,293	38,293	38,291
North Little Rock Public Lib.	North Little Rock (city)	64,162	96,821		18,000	114,821	28,705	28,705	28,705	28,706
Rogers Public Lib.	Rogers (city)	71,112	107,308		18,000	125,308	31,327	31,327	31,327	31,327
Texarkana Public Lib.	Texarkana (city)	29,314	44,235	12,000	18,000	74,235	18,559	18,559	18,559	18,558
West Memphis Public Lib.	West Memphis (city)	24,150	36,442			36,442	9,111	9,111	9,111	9,109
Total City Libraries		**386,516**	**583,254**	**12,000**	**108,000**	**703,254**	**175,813**	**175,813**	**175,813**	**175,808**
Grand Total		**2,764,685**	**4,171,919**	**564,000**	**756,000**	**5,491,919**	**1,372,980**	**1,372,980**	**1,372,980**	**1,372,981**

Fifth Payment (optional) is the distribution of the remainder of the reserves held for scholarships, multi-county regionals and MLS awards. (Director discretion).

Counties Not Qualifying			
	Total Released for FY2023 State Aid		5,641,919
Prairie	Reserved for Scholarships	(150,000)	
Searcy	Multi-County Regionals	(564,000)	
Benton	MLS Awards, 42 headquarters libraries	(756,000)	
Miller	Total Designated	(1,470,000)	
St. Francis	Balance for Per Capita Distribution		4,171,919
Source:	4,171,919/2,764,685=		1.50900338

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AR Data Center - 2021 estimates

		As of:	11/1/2022
ACTUAL:	State Aid:		1,372,979
	Scholarships:		45,000
	Amt Paid Out		1,417,979
	Adjustments		-
	Balance		4,223,940

Multi-County Regionals & MLS Awards are based on July 1st status.
Only positive changes to the payout amounts are permitted during the year due to recipient budget expectations.

Nov 1, 2022

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.

Central Arkansas Library System
Applicant Library Name

100 Rock Street
Mailing Address

Little Rock, AR 72201
City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

jford@cals.org
Email Address

501-918-3000
Phone Number

Fax Number

Stephanie Gibson-Branton
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Stephanie Gibson Branton
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

8/25/2022
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.

Jordan Ford
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Jordan Ford
Participant's Signature

8/2/22
Date

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of State Librarian

8/29/2022
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

August 26th, 2022

Arkansas State Library Board members,

I am writing to express my interest in continuing my education with the help of the Arkansas State Library. Last January, I enrolled in Louisiana State University's MLIS program with a concentration in librarianship. I've since learned about information technology systems, academic libraries, adult services programming, and the basics of classification and cataloging. Though I currently work in a youth services role, I believe my education so far has made me a stronger resource to the library patrons of Little Rock.

Obtaining this degree will allow me to continue growing professionally in the field I'm passionate about. I began my professional career as an elementary teacher and quickly learned the impact libraries have on children and families. I knew I wanted to be a part of that! My favorite aspect of my current outreach programming role is teaching individuals in under-resourced areas about the many resources and services public libraries offer. I've felt affirmed during my time in the library field thus far, and I'm excited to continue learning and growing professionally.

Sincerely,

Jordan Ford

CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

Date: August 2, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Jordan L. Ford since the end of February 2022. Jordan was hired to fill the newly created position of Youth Outreach Programmer for the Main Library's Youth Services department, of which I was manager at the time.

Jordan immediately stood out as a self-starter and set to work learning everything she could about her new position and its role within our system. She reached out to local partners, established relationships in the community, and began developing programming that was fun, educational, and met the needs of the communities we serve. Jordan began bringing the library out of the building and into the community. She took initiative and created new avenues for us to reach our patrons.

Jordan is smart, friendly, personable, and kind. I can think of no more capable or motivated person than Jordan to complete her MLIS degree and serve the communities of Arkansas in our profession. She has my full recommendation and endorsement for the tuition reimbursement program through the state library. Jordan completing her degree will only benefit the future of Arkansas libraries.

Sincerely,

Amanda Orgel

Youth Projects Coordinator

MAIN LIBRARY
100 Rock Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

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APPLICANT

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Springdale Public Library
Applicant Library Name

405 S. Pleasant Street
Mailing Address

Springdale, AR 72764-4224
City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

479-750-8180 — 479-750-8182
Phone Number — Fax Number

PAULA WILSON
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Paula Wilson — 10/24/22
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.

Abby Grimsley
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Participant's Signature — 10/24/22
Date

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of State Librarian — 10/31/2022
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

October 25, 2019

Jennifer Chilcoat
Arkansas State Library
900 W Capital Ave
Little Rock, AR 72201

Like many others, my life drastically changed after COVID-19. Before the pandemic, I worked as a theater administrator and teaching artist for ten years. I earned my master's degree from New York University in educational theater in 2017. I moved to Arkansas in 2018 for a position at a theater as a Program Coordinator for a school residency program where my team and I visited seventeen schools across the tri-state area. School shutdowns in 2020 meant that the program couldn't function as it had before and was thus eliminated, along with my position, in June 2020. This was a common theme in educational theater across the nation, so I was left with a decision on how to adjust my career path. I had to answer a question I hadn't considered for a very long time: what do I want to be when I grow up? After taking an inventory of my skills and thinking about the kind of work I wanted to do, I knew I wanted to work with children in public service for an organization whose mission I supported. I have always had a deep love of reading--libraries were my safe place as a child--so it became clear that youth librarianship was the right path for me to pursue.

I started working at Springdale Public Library in March 2021 as a part-time information assistant. I knew I wanted to eventually work in the children's department, so I applied to the online program at the University of North Texas and started my studies there in Fall 2021. A few months later, I was offered a position as a children's librarian, which is contingent on my staying in school and completing the degree. I absolutely love what I get to do in this position. I love using my creativity to come up with fun programs for kids, teaching children about cool science facts in programs, and seeing how excited they get about finding just the right book. I'm always amazed when my workday consists of coloring, making crafts, telling jokes to children, and reading fun stories aloud.

I've greatly enjoyed my time at the University of North Texas as well. The Library and Information Science program has already taught me much about the field of librarianship. The curriculum is very practical, so I'm able to take what I've learned and use it in my day to day. I'm currently taking a very rigorous course on cataloging that's helping me better understand the organization of the collections I oversee. While the coursework is worth the tuition, the financial burden of getting a second Master's degree has been significant. I still have loans to pay back from my first Master's degree, and I've had to take out additional loans for this degree. There have been semesters where I've been ineligible for loans and I've had to pay entirely out of pocket. This has put a strain on my finances, especially with our current inflated economy. While working in public service is very rewarding, it's not the most lucrative career. This scholarship would allow me to focus more on my studies than my finances, which would be such a big help. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Abby Grimsley

Springdale Public Library

Library in the Park

October 25, 2022

Jennifer Chilcoat
Arkansas State Library
900 W Capital Ave
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Chilcoat:

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Abby Grimsley for the Scholarship Assistance Program at Arkansas State Library. As the Children's Services Coordinator at the Springdale Public Library, it has been an honor to work as Abby's supervisor while she has been employed here as a Children's Services Librarian. Friendly, organized and extremely bright, Abby is among the best librarians and people I have worked with, and I absolutely endorse her for this scholarship.

I am continuously impressed with Abby's ability to learn and adapt to new and changing situations. Her patience with patrons exceeds my expectations. She easily manages her time between collection development, programming, staffing the service desk and her schoolwork all while continuing to come up with fun and educational programs to help serve our patrons such as Pups and Pages, STEAM classes and Elementary Storytime.

Without a doubt, I know that Abby will make a wonderful scholarship recipient and share her talents in Arkansas libraries for years to come. Cheerful, engaging, and easy to get along with, Abby is a joy to have in the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact me to speak further about my experience working with Abby at 479.750.8180 (W), 479.871.1356 (C) or email me at cspaulding@springdalelibrary.org.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Spaulding
Children's Services Coordinator
Springdale Public Library
cspaulding@springdalelibrary.org

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Central Arkansas Library System
Applicant Library Name

100 Rock Street
Mailing Address

Little Rock, AR 72201
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501-918-3000
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Fax Number

Stephanie Gibson Branton
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Stephanie Gibson-Branton
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

8/25/2022
Date

AGREEMENT

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Tara S. Protiva-Brown
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Participant's Signature

8.17.22
Date

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of State Librarian

10/31/22
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

My name is Tara Protiva-Brown, and I am writing to you today to request your consideration of my application for the Arkansas State Library's Scholarship Assistance Program. I am entering my sixth year of public library work and currently serve as the assistant branch manager for the John Gould Fletcher branch of the Central Arkansas Library System. I am also a graduate student in the Master of Library Science program, with a concentration in leadership and management, at Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM). My expected graduation date is December of 2023. The program is providing me with a foundational knowledge and best practices of the profession, critical thinking experience, and tangible skills that will allow me to lead my library into the dynamic future of information services. The program outcomes and values align with the mission of the Arkansas State Library, especially as they relate to meeting the educational, informational, and cultural needs of the people in my community. With this MLIS, I will be able to provide more effective leadership which will, in turn, improve my public library and the library services we provide to the community.

In addition to my devotion to the field of librarianship, I would like to share a few details about myself that enhance my ability to be a solid presence in this profession. I have a long history of volunteering and feel that connecting with others by way of service is a vital part to the health and strength of one's community. I started a garden program at Pulaski Heights Elementary School and served as the program's coordinator and fundraising chair for many years. In 2014, I received the Little Rock School District's "Parent Volunteer of the Year" award. I also served as a School Liaison board member for the Hillcrest Residents Association for a term of two years. Additionally, I owned a small, family-run business in Hillcrest for six years and volunteered countless hours to the Hillcrest Merchants Association

in various community-building events. I am invested in community, bringing life to ideas that serve the public, and possess a helper mentality.

In addition to my passion for community service, I bring to the field of librarianship a dedication to providing excellent customer service and a devotion to helping everyone in my community access the information they need, especially those who are un-served or under-served. I try to lead by example in my daily work, and I strive to be inclusive and sensitive to the varied social, emotional, and cultural backgrounds of those I work with and serve. I believe in the transformational power of libraries because I witness it every day. It reaffirms my decision to *learn more so I can do better for* my community. As libraries evolve and continue to undergo rapid changes to meet the needs of users, we need more professional librarians to help lead us into that innovative future.

The Arkansas Scholarship Assistance program would allow me to complete my degree on schedule and elevate the level of service I am providing to my community here in central Arkansas. I would be honored and grateful to repay that assistance by continuing to serve the residents of Arkansas as a professional Librarian.

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29 August 2022

Jennifer Chilcoat
State Librarian
Arkansas State Library
900 W Capitol Avenue Suite 100
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Chilcoat,

It is my pleasure to recommend Tara Protiva-Brown for the Scholarship Assistance Program from the Arkansas State Library. In 2016 Tara began work as a clerk at the John Gould Fletcher Library. She was promptly promoted to branch audiovisual specialist and later assistant branch manager. Tara is a caring and effective leader whose hard work and dedication are a motivation to those around her. Tara is enthusiastic about building relationships and serving her community which is why she is ideally suited for a career in public librarianship.

Tara is a model assistant manager. She leads with compassion and empowers and encourages other staff to invest in their work and improve their skills. Tara is patient and understanding and works tirelessly to ensure that the branch and our staff are successful in serving our community to the best of our ability. She recognizes and addresses gaps in our service and ensures that fellow staff are provided the training they require to perform their duties confidently and efficiently. She values diversity and seeks to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all staff and patrons. Tara leads by example and her guidance is vital to the success of the Fletcher library and our staff.

Tara is passionate about helping patrons and community members who have been traditionally underserved. She works closely with the CALS Community Resources department to ensure that we provide access to vital resources for those in need of shelter, transportation, healthcare, food insecurity, and job assistance. Recently, Tara led the effort to have a Little Free Panty installed at the Fletcher library, which has been of great benefit to many in our community. Her leadership in this area has been instrumental in our ability to provide meaningful assistance to community members in need.

Tara is an invaluable member of our organization and our team at the John Gould Fletcher Library. She is enthusiastic about public libraries and values the roles that libraries play

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in their communities. Tara is seeking her Master's in Library Science from Emporia State University and has successfully completed her first 12 hours. I am honored to recommend her for the Arkansas State Library Assistance Program.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Wooley
Branch Manager
John Gould Fletcher Library
Central Arkansas Library System
ewooley@cals.org
(501) 663-5457

August 25, 2022

Arkansas State Library Board

c/o Ms. Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian/Director

900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 100

Little Rock, AR 72201-3108

Dear Ms. Chilcoat and Arkansas State Library Board,

I am the current chair of the Central Arkansas Library System Board. At our August 2022 meeting, the CALS Board voted to approve the application of Tara S. Protiva-Brown for a State Library scholarship. She has completed 12 or more hours toward her graduate degree in library science.

CALS is pleased to continue to participate with the State Library in this scholarship program. Please accept this letter as confirmation that the CALS Board supports the application of Ms. Protiva-Brown. CALS will administer the allocation of the scholarship funds in accordance with the State Library's rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Gibson Branton

Stephanie Gibson-Branton

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Van Buren Public Library - Crawford County Library System
Applicant Library Name

1409 Main St.
Mailing Address

Van Buren, AR 72956-4558
City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

mswaim@crawfordcountylib.org
Email Address

479-474-6045 479-471-3227
Phone Number Fax Number

Jami Anne Balkman
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Jami Anne Balkman 9/13/2022
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee Date

AGREEMENT

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Madison Swaim
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Madison Swaim 7/29/22
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.

10/31/2022
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

Statement of Intent

When I was five years old and was asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" my answer was "a Mermaid Librarian." While I was finishing up my bachelor's in sociology, I started researching different Grad School opportunities for someone with a BA in Sociology. I was scrolling through the prospective programs where I would qualify for Social Work, Law School, Field Research Sociology, and Library Science. When I saw that option, I knew that is exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I got that glowing feeling in my gut telling me this is what I want to do for the rest of my life.

Not long after starting my Master in Library and Information Sciences, I stopped by the Van Buren Public Library to see if they had any positions opening any time soon. Fortunately, they were opening up applications for substitute library assistants soon, and I knew I had the abilities they were looking for. At this time, I was still convinced I wanted to be an Academic Librarian. I was fresh out of college, and UCA has some amazing Librarians on staff. After working as a sub for about five months, there was an opening for the Youth Services position at Van Buren Public Library, and I jumped at the opportunity immediately. I have had this position for almost a year, and I love my job I do not plan on leaving for a minimum of 3 years, possibly longer. Not many people my age get their first job and instantly fall in love with the work, and for that, I know I am very lucky!

Madison Swaim

Madison Swaim

Youth Services Librarian – Van Buren Public Library

Crawford County
Library System

September 21, 2022

Arkansas State Library
900 W Capitol Ave, STE 100
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear scholarship committee,

I am writing to recommend Madison Swaim for consideration in her application for the State Library Scholarship. In the brief time I have known Madison, she/they have impressed me with her/their passion, focus, and determination. With her/their proactive attitude towards achieving goals, she/they never hesitated to ask for help assistance or provide great programming ideas.

I have likewise been impressed how she/they gets along well with everyone. Madison is likewise very active in outreach, and works hard at her/their job. There is no doubt in my mind that she/they will succeed in whatever path she/they will take.

Madison is academically smart and motivated. Following the premises above, I believe that Madison is very much deserving of a scholarship.

If you have additional inquiries or concerns, you may contact me via email at dfears@crawfordcountylib.org or via phone at 479-471-3226.

Sincerely,

Deidre Fears, MLIS
Director of the Crawford County Library System
1409 Main St. Van Buren, AR 72956
479-471-3226; dfears@crawfordcountylib.org

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Stephanie Gibson Branton
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Stephanie Gibson Branton
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

8-25-2022
Date

AGREEMENT

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ELIZABETH WOOLEY
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Elizabeth Wooley
Participant's Signature

8/17/2022
Date

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of State Librarian

10/31/2022
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

20 August 2022

Jennifer Chilcoat
State Librarian
Arkansas State Library
900 W Capitol Avenue Suite 100
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Chilcoat,

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to write this letter and express my interest in the field of librarianship. This September will mark my 16th year with the Central Arkansas Library System. In my role as branch manager, I feel that I have gained a broader perspective on how public libraries operate as organizations and how they act to support the communities they serve. CALS has afforded me the opportunities necessary to grow personally and professionally and I am interested in taking the next step in my career. I am seeking my master's degree in order to become a more informed and influential voice in the field and ask that I be considered for the Arkansas State Library Scholarship Program.

At a pivotal moment in my life, CALS afforded me the opportunity and resources I needed to bring about positive change in my life. Since that time, I have experienced a renewed passion and dedication for my work. I have seen and felt the impact that we make in our patrons' lives and greatly appreciate the ability to serve those in my community. I am interested in building relationships, inspiring growth, and helping patrons reach their full potential. I am also eager to broaden my knowledge of libraries as information organizations. With this degree, I believe that I will be of great benefit to both my organization and my community.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Wooley

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August 22, 2022

TO: Scholarship Committee
Arkansas State Library
900 West Capitol Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72201

This letter is to formally recommend Elizabeth "Liz" Wooley for consideration as a candidate for all scholarships for which she applies while enrolled in a program for her Master of Library Science degree.

When I first came to work for the Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) more than 15 years ago, Liz was already a valued employee. She has always exhibited a drive and careful approach to her work that has made her a stand-out employee, even helping to train me in day-to-day tasks in my early days. Liz stepped into her current Branch Manager position after more than 10 years with CALS, giving her a wealth of institutional knowledge that has helped her develop into an excellent young manager. As her supervisor, I have watched her enthusiastically grow and learn to lead one of our busiest locations, most impressively through the pandemic. She has consistently distinguished herself as one for whom no task is too small or too insignificant to tackle with excellence. And she has been supportive of our goals as a public library system, understanding the bigger picture of service to her community.

Her careful attention to detail has now translated into a commitment to obtaining her Master of Library Science degree, while remaining employed full-time at CALS. It has been my privilege to be Liz's direct supervisor now for five years. As an administrator, I know Liz's impeccable work ethic and desire for excellence.

Liz is an excellent candidate for your scholarship. Liz has grown into a strong leader as she has immersed herself in the pursuit of higher education in Library Science. Please

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join me in honoring such dedication and loyalty to our field by granting her the highest possible consideration for this scholarship.

Sincerely,

PAM RUDKIN
Branch Services Coordinator

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MAUMELLE LIBRARY 10 Lake Pointe DR, Maumelle, AR 72113
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August 25, 2022

Arkansas State Library Board

c/o Ms. Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian/Director

900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 100

Little Rock, AR 72201-3108

Dear Ms. Chilcoat and Arkansas State Library Board,

I am the current chair of the Central Arkansas Library System Board. At our August 2022 meeting, the CALS Board voted to approve the application of Elizabeth Wooley for a State Library scholarship. She has completed 12 or more hours toward her graduate degree in library science.

CALS is pleased to continue to participate with the State Library in this scholarship program. Please accept this letter as confirmation that the CALS Board supports the application of Ms. Wooley. CALS will administer the allocation of the scholarship funds in accordance with the State Library's rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Gibson Branton

Stephanie Gibson-Branton

Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance

Library Name	Individual Name	Library School	# of Hours -- Fall 2022	Recommend Award in the amount of
Bentonville Public Library	Bella Wu	U of So. MS	9	$4,050
Fayetteville Public Library	Clara Davis	U of OK	6	$2,700
Springdale Public Library	Elizabeth Hurtado	UNT	12	$5,400
Central Arkansas Library System	Elizabeth Wooley	Emporia	6	$2,700
Arkansas River Valley Regional	Hannah Gillean	U of So. MS	9	$4,050
Fayetteville Public Library	Jessica Smith	FSU	6	$2,700
Central Arkansas Library System	Jordan Ford	LSU	12	$5,400
Springdale Public Library	Kacy Spears	Emporia	3	$1,350
Lonoke County Library System	Kathleen Ashmore	Valdosta St	6	$2,700
Rogers Public Library	Keli Wright	U of Illinois	4	$1,800
Springdale Public Library	Kimberly Jones	UNT	3	$1,350
Crawford County Library System	Madison Swaim	TWU	18	$8,100
Bentonville Public Library	Nakeli Hendrix	San Jose St.	3	$1,350
Bentonville Public Library	Rachel Bright	U of KY	3	$1,350
Central Arkansas Library System	Tara Protiva-Brown	Emporia	6	$2,700

State Librarian – Jennifer Chilcoat

Pandemic Relief Funds

It's disappointing to still be waiting on word about our American Rescue Plan Act requests. I say "requests," plural, because what was originally a request for nearly $30 million through the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund is purportedly now being considered as an ARPA request, since the ARPA Steering Committee recommended to Governor Hutchinson that the entirety of the state's $158 million in CCPF funds be used toward infrastructure. I will continue to be optimistic, but I am beginning to fear that we will be lost in the stampede.

Fiscal Year Planning Activities

Preparation continues for the 2023 Arkansas Legislative Session and the State biennial 24/25 budget. We don't yet have final word on which, if any, of our legislative proposals will be approved by the Governor to go forward. For any proposals that are green-lighted, the next step will be to find sponsors for the bills in either the Senate or the House of Representatives. That process, for us, is likely to be coordinated by ADE, unless they request otherwise.

Library Controversies

Libraries of all types are experiencing intense scrutiny and conflict regarding their collections, funding, pay structures, meeting room policies, and display policies. By the time we meet on November 17, we will know the outcome of a ballot measure in Craighead County to reduce their funding level from a property tax of two mills down to one mill. Our difficult responsibility at the Arkansas State Library is to support libraries while remaining neutral in local political issues. Our responsibility will be added to during the legislative session, when we expect to see legislation introduced that will, at a minimum, reduce the autonomy of library staff in making decisions about the content and management of their collections. As in so many similar situations, the most impactful thing we can do is to continue educating our state and its citizens about the importance of libraries in their communities.

Building Updates

I am ecstatic that we were able to make a necessary upgrade to our building. The Collection Management Section will soon be sporting two brand new offices. They are done except for the "storefront" windows. Please feel free to take a look while you're at the Library. The first office will be occupied by Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, who has had to scavenge for available locations to conduct Traveler trainings and meetings; those are hard to do from a cubicle! The second will be shared for webinars and other uses by staff who are currently in cubicles, as well as for housing and use of digitization equipment. We are extremely grateful to the administration of ADE and the Department of Building Authority for helping us find a way to finance these very needed upgrades.

Arkansas Library Association Conference

The first ArLA Conference to be held in-person since 2019 was a success and a delight. Eight ASL staff members presented various sessions, and ADE Chief of Staff Gina Windle presented a session as well. These presentations are not only informative, but they also help acquaint librarians of all types from around the state with us and the work that we do. Manager of Grants and Special Projects Debbie Hall received the well-deserved ArLA Distinguished Service Award. The award was not only based on her recent outstanding efforts in distributing pandemic funds to libraries while also writing ASL's new Five-Year Plan, but also on her 36 years of service to the profession and the Association. I also held a "getting to know you" gathering for our current and recent scholarship recipients, which was well-received.

COSLA Annual Meeting

The COSLA ANNUAL Meeting was held October 23-26 at the Chico Hot Springs Resort in Pray, Montana. This was my first annual meeting with this organization as State Librarian, and I was finally able to attend an orientation session for new "Chiefs." Much of the meeting was dedicated to drafting a new strategic plan for the association, along with updates from the National Library Service, training for resilience in our libraries and library agencies, and other timely topics.

Additional Activities

- Six Bridges Book Festival Reveal Event, August 17
- Arkansas Digital Government Advisory Board, August 17
- Attorney General's State Agencies Training (annual), August 18, 22
- Interview for North Little Rock Library System "Community Connections," August 23
- Monthly Check-In with Secretary Johnny Key, August 30, October 6
- National Book Festival, Washington, D.C., September 3.
- ASL Managers Meeting, September 7, October 5, November 2
- COSLA EDI Resources Group, September 8
- Public School Library and ASL Partnership Envisioning and Planning with ADE Staff, September 9
- ASL Rules meeting with ADE Legal, September 13
- Counting Opinions PLS software demonstration, September 14
- Administrative Specialist III interviews, October 19, 21
- ASL & DESE Collaboration Meeting, September 20
- Meeting with Karen Gavigan, Director, University of South Carolina School of Information Science, September 22
- COSLA Member Update, September 29
- Fall LSWG Meeting, October 3
- ADE Supervisory Training -Americans with Disabilities Act, October 5
- ADE First Friday, October 7
- Gathering of Friends welcome and proclamation, October 10
- Measures That Matter research findings webinar, October 11
- ALL-In Training/Meeting at ArLA, Ft. Smith, October 13

- Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference, Ft. Smith, October 14-16
- Arkansas Digital Government Summit panel preparation session, October 17
- ADE Supervisory Training, Family and Medical Leave Act, October 20
- COSLA Annual Meeting, Pray, MT, October 23-27
- Arkansas Digital Government Summit, November 2
- Youth Services Workshop, Ferndale, November 4
- East Central Arkansas Regional Library Board meeting, November 15.

Future meetings/events include:

- ASL Managers meeting, first Wednesday of each month
- ADE First Friday meeting, first Friday of each month
- LSWG Winter Meeting, late January TBD

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

Deputy Director – Kristen Cooke

Ongoing Projects

PLS (Public Libraries Survey)

The 2022 Public Library Survey has been drafted and sent to Baker and Taylor for development in the Collect platform. Development of the survey is scheduled for the month of November. After that point, the survey will be turned over to the SDC (State Data Coordinator) for testing. Testing will take place during December for finalization in January. The tentative release date for the survey will be January 15, 2023. The survey will be due on April 14, 2023.

Training for new data elements will be scheduled during the month of November and training for new data submitters will be scheduled closer to survey release during early January.

New elements this year are minimal but include a question about whether libraries collect overdue fines for items. The national group is attempting to monitor the progress of fine-free initiatives in public libraries in US states and territories. Another notable change includes the extension of the counting period for recorded programs. The view counts for these programs will be extended to within 30 days of initial posting instead of only 7 days.

Other elements are being removed from the list of national elements because they were replaced with more precise elements in 2021. Overall, the length of the 2022 survey will be shorter.

ASL is exploring other vendor opportunities for collecting data from our public libraries. As we review options with vendors, we are focusing on system reliability, data preservation and safety, issue resolution time, communication, and customer service. Another focus area during this review will be available opportunities to make better use of the collected data.

State Data Coordinators Annual Meeting

The State Data Coordinators Annual Meeting will take place December 7-9 in Austin, Texas. The meeting is called by IMLS.

ArLA Conference / ALL-In

Attending the ArLA Conference allowed me to reconnect with Arkansas librarians and paraprofessionals. Much of the time at the conference was spent answering questions about ASL and connecting library workers with others. I attended several sessions during the conference. Prior to the conference, I attended the ALL-In preconference workshop. ALL-In always provides a rewarding experience to engage with current and future library leaders in Arkansas.

Southeast Arkansas Regional Library 75th Anniversary

I had the pleasure of attending the SEARL 75th Anniversary celebration and touring their newest library space. It was wonderful to hear the stories of families who were impacted by the libraries' services across generations. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to visit and celebrate with them.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

September 1	ADE Cabinet Meeting
September 7	ASL Managers' Meeting (Also October 5, November 1)
September 8	American Institutes of Research Meeting on PLS Geocodes

September 14	LIB PAS demonstration from Counting Opinions
October 6	FDLP Academy, Federal Open Data Training
October 11	Measures that Matter, COSLA open meeting
October 11-13	Southeast Data Librarian Symposium
October 13-16	ALL-In workshop and ArLA Conference
October 22	Southeast Arkansas Regional Library 75th Anniversary Celebration
November 3	ADE Supervisor Training, FMLA
November 3	IMLS State Program Report Training
November 4	Youth Services Annual Workshop

Upcoming Events:

December 6-10	IMLS State Data Coordinators Annual Meeting
December 14	All-In Virtual Session

Manager of Library Development – Jennifer Wann

On-Going Projects:

Library Consulting Services

Consulting topics included, but were not limited to: Starting a library foundation; employing library staff members married to library board members; library board members' individual responses to material challenges; Oath of Office for library trustees; process for updating library policy; filling vacant board positions; keeping bees at the library; translation services for library documents and publications; employment consequences for employee arrested on personal time; labeling library materials; and requirement for library to employee paid staff in order to meet the definition of a public library.

Field Questions:

- August 25: "Typical" procedure for reconsideration of materials
- September 7: Active shooter policy
- September 13: ILL service charges
- October 4: Library cards for shelter residents

ALL-In

Sessions:

- July 29, CALS Main Library, **Coaching Skills Development** presented by Ann V. Deaton
- October 13, Fort Smith Main Library, **Communication for Leaders: The Art & Science of Engaging and Inspiring Others** presented by Steve Hughes

In addition to current cohort members, participants from the previous classes were invited to participate in these sessions. Eighteen participants and 14 participants from the first two cohorts joined us for the respective sessions.

Karen O'Connell led a book discussion of *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer that included participants from all three cohorts on the evening of October 13 at Bookish: An Indie Shop for Folks Who Read in Fort Smith. Owner Sara Putman was a gracious host, loaning us the use of the store for free and setting up/breaking down tables and chairs for sixty participants.

Upcoming events include:

- December 14, Virtual, **Getting Things Done** presented by Jay Turner
- February 15, Arkansas State Library, **Servant Leadership**, presented by Jay Turner
- April 12-15, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, **Art of Perception** presented by Amy Herman

Public Library Staff Development

Myers-Briggs Personality Preferences

- Fayetteville Public Library: August 10, September 8, and October 5
- Faulkner County Library: October 10

Customer Service for Librarians

- Crawford County Library: October 25

Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference

I served as the Conference Program Subcommittee Chair. The subcommittee selected 24 programs to be presented of the 33 proposals that were submitted, as well as nine poster sessions. Additionally, there were two pre-conferences, seven general sessions, and twelve meetings. The subcommittee put together a 2.5-day conference schedule comprised of these 54 events.

At the Conference, I also presented a session, **Customer Service: Remembering Why We Do What We Do After Three Crazy Years.**

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

July 28	Assisted with If All Arkansas Read the Same Book virtual program
July 29	ALL-In Workshop Session, Little Rock
August 1	ArLA Conference Committee
August 2	Training on new AV in ASL meeting rooms
August 3	ASL Managers Meeting
August 10	MBTI Training Session at Fayetteville Public Library
August 12	ArLA Board Meeting
August 12	ASL Board Meeting
August 16	Met with Janine Miller and representatives from CALS about staff training
August 30	Solar Science Program Planning with representatives from StarNet
August 31	ArLA Conference Committee
September 1-4	National Book Festival, Washington DC
September 7	ASL Managers Meeting
September 8	MBTI Training Session at Fayetteville Public Library
September 9	ALL-In planning meeting at Fort Smith Public Library
September 14-17	Association for Rural & Small Libraries Annual Conference, Chattanooga, TN
September 20	ALL-In planning meeting at Bookish, Fort Smith
September 29	Youth Services Workshop planning meeting
October 3	ArLA Conference Committee
October 5	MBTI Training Session at Fayetteville Public Library
October 10	MBTI Training Session at Faulkner County Library
October 13	ALL-In Workshop Session, Fort Smith
October 14-16	ArLA Annual Conference, Fort Smith
October 20	ADE Supervisory Training, FMLA
October 25	Customer Service Training Session, Crawford County Library

Upcoming Events:

November 4	Youth Services Workshop
November 10	MBTI Training Session at Fayetteville Public Library

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

On-Going Projects:

Library of Congress Center for the Book

The National Book Festival was held in person this year at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 3, 2022. In addition to the Coordinator, the State Librarian, the Manager of Library Development, and the Library Development Administrative Assistant III set up the Arkansas booth and worked the festival. The Library of Congress Center for the Book facilitated a meeting for all Affiliate Centers on Friday, September 2 for idea sharing and introductions. Collaborative projects were highlighted, such as our collaboration with the Indiana Center for the Book in February: *Graphic Arts and the Reading Experience*. Lastly, the Library of Congress will be taking over the oversight of Literary Landmarks from United for Libraries, and they are working with ALA on the transition.

Book Club Project

Attendance remains strong this year with 1,105 readers from July through October (to date), with October statistics still being submitted to the Center. From July through October, the Center shipped 215 book club kits with 2,580 books provided. New Book Club Collection titles have been selected, purchased, received, and are being processed for reader circulation. In addition, collection weeding has commenced and will be completed in November and December. Lastly, the Coordinator has received title selections from 52% of our active book clubs to date and is working on creating 2023 reading schedules.

Arkansas Gems

The 2022 Gems poster and bookmark debuted in person and with a map theme this year at the National Book Festival's Roadmap to Reading on September 3, 2022 – to a huge success! The Center is working closely with Youth Services to coordinate mailing posters and bookmarks to all Arkansas public libraries as well as interested school libraries. Title considerations for 2023 Gems have commenced.

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event with Emily St. John Mandel took place on July 28, 2022. Between the Zoom, YouTube, and the three in-person watch parties, there were 110 viewers that evening. Attendee comments included:

- *She is fabulous. So approachable and interesting.*
- *We really enjoyed that! Great conversation. Emily St. John Mandel is a wonderful storyteller, on the page and in person.*
- *This presentation was great, and I enjoyed it so much!*
- *It was fun and almost as good as meeting one of my favorite authors!*

The recording is available via a link on the Arkansas State Library site through January 2023 per our license with the Speakers Bureau. Rather than password access, the recording link is geolocated for easier access to Arkansas residents. Many thanks to Katie Walton and Sarah Lipsey for facilitating that process. In addition, conversations about *Sea of Tranquility* have continued through the month of October with

KARK Arkansas Style's Book Nook. Lastly, the Center Coordinator has proposed an intergenerational/ family read for the 2023 If All Arkansas Read the Same Book program, and title selection is in process.

Other Projects

Mockingbird, the Arkansas Statewide Virtual Union Catalog – Jessica Kirk, Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator, has transitioned to become the primary ASL staff person managing Mockingbird, which is fantastic news for the VUC and for Arkansas libraries! Intensive platform training for the group 2 implementation was held from August 22 – 26, and with a Q&A on August 31. Our second Go Live date was September 6. For this fiscal year, our implemented libraries systems total 42, with 52 unique library codes in Mockingbird. Jessica has started a newsletter for Mockingbird libraries and has improved access to training videos via the Mockingbird platform. To celebrate the launch of Mockingbird and to help offset the startup costs for supplies, the Arkansas State Library has created "starter kits" for the first two cohorts. Lastly, Jessica and Karen presented on Mockingbird at the Arkansas Library Association Conference in October. Even though we are still in Mockingbird's early days, we are seeing more libraries become comfortable with the system.

Literary Landmarks – As stated above, oversight of Literary Landmarks™ is transitioning from ALA/United for Libraries to the Library of Congress Center for the Book, and the Library of Congress hopes to start running the program again in January 2023. The Arkansas Center for the Book Coordinator and the Coordinator of Training and Development have been collaborating for the past year with Jo McDougall (Arkansas Poet Laureate 2018-2021), Suzanne Rhodes (current Arkansas Poet Laureate), Janis Kearney (Celebrate! Maya Project), and Stacy Pendergrast (Press Secretary for Jo McDougall) on determining potential historic literary sites in Arkansas. Our plan is to submit applications simultaneously for two Literary Landmarks, honoring Maya Angelou and Miller Williams. If successful, these will be Arkansas' first Literary Landmarks.

Book Nook with Arkansas Style on KARK Channel 4 – The Coordinator is assisting with book discussions through January 2023. Books to be discussed are *Sea of Tranquility* (October), *Beasts of Prey* (November), *The Dictionary of Lost Words* (December), and *Cult Classic* (January).

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

August 3	Zoom recording with Ayana Gray for Central 2 National Book Festival video
August 5	Mockingbird (VUC) – Weekly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
August 10	Mockingbird Customer Superuser Training via GoToMeeting
August 10	Preservation Community and Identity Meeting 1 facilitated by the Library of Congress Preservation Directorate
August 11	Mockingbird (VUC) – Weekly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
August 12	ASL Board Meeting
August 15	Zoom meeting with Allison Harrison, Pea Ridge Community Library, on restarting J and YA book clubs
August 16	Mockingbird Customer Superuser Training via GoToMeeting
August 18	Library Development – Quarterly Team Meeting
August 18	Mockingbird (VUC) – Weekly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
August 22	Mockingbird training - Introduction to SHAREit via GoToWebinar
August 22	ALA/Core Preservation Standards & Practices meeting via Zoom
August 23	Mockingbird training – ILL Management via GoToWebinar
August 24	Mockingbird training – System Configuration 1 via GoToWebinar

August 24	Zoom meeting with Arlisa Harris, Forrest City Public Library, on MARC record exports for Mockingbird
August 25	Mockingbird training – Statistics & Copy Cataloging via GoToWebinar
August 25	Center for the Book Affiliates (all Affiliates) via Zoom
August 25	Mockingbird (VUC) – Weekly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
August 26	Mockingbird training – System Configuration 2 via GoToWebinar
August 28	Zoom meeting with Joshua Oden, Texarkana Public Library, on Mockingbird
August 31	Mockingbird training – Q&A via GoToWebinar
September 2	Center for the Books Affiliate Meeting, room 156 Walter E. Washington \ Convention Center, Washington, DC
September 3	National Book Festival – Roadmap to Reading
September 6	Preservation Community and Identity Meeting 2 facilitated by the Library of Congress Preservation Directorate
September 7	Zoom meeting with Lisa Pickett, Public Library of Camden, Ouachita County, on book club title selections through December
September 8	Mockingbird (VUC) – Monthly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
September 9	Preservation Standards & Practices – Statistics Subgroup Meeting
September 20	ALA/Core Leadership – Discussion about Preservation within Core
September 20	Adult Programmers Unite
September 22	Zoom meeting with Jen Smith, Dover High School, re: restarting their book club
September 22	Center for the Book Affiliates (all Affiliates) via Zoom
September 29	Youth Services Workshop "run of show"
September 29	Mockingbird (VUC) – Monthly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
September 30	KARK segment recording for *Sea of Tranquility*
October 4	ALA/Core Metadata & Collections Section Meeting via Zoom
October 7, October 12	KARK segment recording for *Sea of Tranquility*
October 13	ALL-In session, Fort Smith Public Library
October 14-16	Arkansas Library Association Conference, Fort Smith Convention Center
October 18	ALA/Core Preservation Discussion via Zoom
October 20	Mockingbird (VUC) – Monthly Implementation Meeting via GoToMeeting
October 21	KARK segment recording for *Sea of Tranquility*
October 24	Center for the Book Affiliates (regional meeting) – Central 2 Meeting via Zoom
October 26	Segment on The Vine THV11 with Starr Crow, Civic Engagement Manager at Engage Arkansas
October 26	Literary Landmarks Meeting (Karen & Janine) via Zoom, scheduled with Jo McDougall, Suzanne Rhodes, Janis Kearney, and Stacy Pendergrast
October 27	Preservation Standards & Practices Meeting via Zoom
October 27	Center for the Book Affiliates (all Affiliates) via Zoom
October 28	KARK segment recording for *Sea of Tranquility*
October 31	KARK segment recording for *Beasts of Prey*

<u>Upcoming Events</u>:

November 4	Youth Services Workshop
December 15	ALL-In session

Manager of E-Rate Services – Amber Gregory

On-Going Projects:

E-Rate Update

- The Administrative Window opened October 25, 2022, and it will stay open until shortly before the opening of Application Filing Window. During the Administrative Window, applicants should update their E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) profiles.
- Dates have not yet been set for the Application Filing Window, but it is expected the filing window will be similar to last year, opening in January and closing in March.
- Fall applicant training will be conducted virtually in December 2022. Once dates are set, they will be posted on the Arkansas State Library website and information sent via email.

Virtual E-Rate Meetings with Arkansas Public Libraries

Between August 1 and October 31, 2022, 26 virtual E-Rate consultations were held with 19 Arkansas public libraries. Assistance was given with E-Rate Forms 472, 486, invoice deadline extension requests, and post-commitment change requests. Assistance was also provided for Emergency Connectivity Fund invoicing and review questions.

Arkansas County Library
Ashley County Library
Bradley County Library
Craighead County/Jonesboro Public Library
Desha County Library
Farmington Public Library
Forrest City Public Library
Fort Smith Public Library
Grant County Library
Iva Jane Peek Public Library
Lonoke County Libraries
Malvern/Hot Spring County Library
Marion County Library
Mississippi County Library
Pope County Library
Prescott/Nevada County Library
Star City Branch Library
Sevier County Library
Van Buren County Public Library

Conference Calls/Meetings/Webinars/Site Visits:

Aug 1 – Sept 26 American Library Association (ALA) Washington Office telecom calls
Every other Monday the ALA Washington Office holds a call to discuss broadband and telecom issues and efforts related to libraries. I joined 4 calls in my role on the E-Rate Task Force.

Aug 1 – Oct 6 Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) member calls
The Arkansas State library is a member of the SHLB organization, and virtual meetings are held every other Monday to update the membership on broadband policy issues. I attended 5 membership calls and 3 E-Rate working group calls to discuss broadband legislation and issues relating to the E-rate and ECF.

Aug 3 – Sept 12 Preparation meetings for ARSL Conference Presentation
I met virtually with Kristen Corra of SHLB to plan our Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference presentation entitled "Why Haven't We Already Solved that Problem?! Mobilizing Your Library and Community to Bridge the Connectivity Divide." We held 4 planning calls to prepare before the conference.

Aug 9 – Oct 17 E-Rate calls with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)
I participated in three E-Rate virtual meetings with state library E-Rate coordinators and representatives from USAC. The calls addressed E-Rate issues including the updating of E-Rate profiles in EPC during

the administrative window, transition of services, fall E-Rate applicant training plans, and the ECF program. A second meeting was held in October to discuss the transition to a new E-Rate invoicing system coming in December 2022.

Aug 10 – Oct 19 E-Rate Task Force (ERTF) monthly meetings
I attended 2 ERTF meetings this quarter. The ERTF continues its work on a plan to reengage more state library E-Rate coordinators in monthly USAC calls and on our discussion list. We are brainstorming ways to support new state E-Rate coordinators with training.

Aug 23 – Oct 25 USAC Board of Directors meetings
I attended two virtual interim Board of Directors meetings, August 23, and September 9. I also attended the October 24 & 25 quarterly Board of Directors meetings in person in Washington, DC. The board meetings covered published board materials and executive session discussions. ALA submitted my renomination for a second term on the board. If approved, the three-year term will start January 2023.

August 30 Tribal Libraries and E-Rate: ALA virtual meeting with FCC & IMLS
Following the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) calling to increase tribal and rural library participation in the E-Rate program, ALA convened a meeting with tribal library stakeholders, state library E-Rate coordinators, the FCC, and IMLS. This brainstorming session allowed everyone to share their experiences with E-Rate and to discuss ways to increase participation.

August 31 Planning call with Carson Block
In preparation for technology training in fall 2023, Carson Block and I discussed dates and topics for an in-person training.

September 14-17 Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Chattanooga, TN
I co-presented the program entitled "Why Haven't We Already Solved that Problem?! Mobilizing Your Library and Community to Bridge the Connectivity Divide" with Kristen Corra of the SHLB organization. We explored the various funding opportunities for broadband connectivity and digital equity. I attended sessions at the conference and particularly enjoyed learning about best practices for checking out technology, library policies, and fine free libraries.

October 10 A Gathering of Friends, Arkansas State Library, Little Rock, AR
I assisted with the Gathering of Friends (of the library) event organized by the Coordinator of Continuing Education at the Arkansas State Library. After the presentation, I led a tour of ASL for the attendees.

October 12-14 SHLB AnchorNETS Annual Conference, Washington, DC
I attended the SHLB conference to learn broadband updates relevant to libraries and anchor institutions. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the E-Rate program, and a celebration was held to mark the importance of this program for libraries and schools. I also enjoyed presentations on digital equity and digital navigators and low orbit satellite internet access for rural libraries, among others.

October 18 & 27 USAC fall applicant training, virtual
I attended two virtual fall applicant training sessions presented by USAC in advance of the application filing window. I watched recordings of the training sessions I missed live.

Upcoming Events:

November 2	Arkansas Digital Government Summit, Little Rock, AR
November 4	Children's Services Workshop, Little Rock, AR
November 15	Broadband Action + Workshops: Delta Region, Forrest City, AR
January 30 & 31	USAC Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC

Coordinator of Youth Services – Ruth Hyatt

On-Going Projects:

Youth Services Workshop—Fall: All Together Now

In order to better support the needs of Youth Services librarians and staff, the annual Youth Services Workshop has been moved from the spring to the fall, and will be held on November 4th at The Vines Center. We reached our registration goal of 150. The slogan of All Together Now based on a theme of Unity and Kindness can be interpreted in many different ways. To assist libraries in choosing how to use the theme/slogan in 2023, we are adapting to a brainstorming format for breakout sessions. Each of the breakout rooms will explore a different way to interact with the theme. Participants will use post it notes to contribute ideas, programs, possible performers, book titles, songs, activities and crafts. All ideas will then be collected and made available through adobe connect meetings rooms. A series of post workshop zoom meetings will allow for further discussion and program development.

Keynote speaker for the workshop is Sherry Norfolk, storyteller, author and teaching artist. Sherry has been with us a number of times in the past and comes armed with trunk loads of ideas and programs handed out on a silver platter.

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

The manuals for Summer 2023 have been received by the Arkansas State Library and distributed in flash drive, print, or online format.

Programmers Zooms

Youth services programmers continue to meet via zoom on every second Friday at 11am.

Arkansas Choice Book Awards

Charlie May Simon Award
Arkansas Diamond Primary Award
Both award committees have are meeting monthly via zoom to cull the list of titles under consideration. The committees will meet through February 2023 to determine the final nominees for 2023-2024.

Arkansas Teen Book Award
The Winners of the 2022 Arkansas Teen Book Award are:

> Level 1 (7-9th grades): ***The Inheritance Games*** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
> Honor book: ***Clap When You Land*** by Elizabeth Acevedo
>
> Level 2 (10-12th grades): ***Long Way Down*** (graphic novel edition) by Jason Reynolds and Danica Novgorodoff
> Honor Book: ***This is My America*** by Kim Johnson.

Bookmarks and posters for all three awards were created by Danny Koonce. Distribution to schools and libraries has begun and will continue into November.

ALL-In and the Arkansas Library Association conference, October 13-16
I played a supporting role for the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute meeting on October 13th, helping with set up and clean up at the Fort Smith Library, and leading a book discussion group. My contribution

to the Arkansas Library Association conference centered around the Arkansas State Library table in the vendor hall. My thanks to Karen O'Connell for all her help and time spent with me at the table.

Upcoming Events:

Mr. Rogers Sweater Drive with AETN/PBS

Nick Starnes of PBS affiliate station AETN is spearheading the resurgence of the Mr. Rogers Sweater Drive. The program will launch on November 5th and end at the end of the month. Libraries may donate collected clothing items to any local distribution center. Participating Libraries:

- AR River Valley #1 - Logan County Library/Booneville
- AR River Valley #2 - Charleston Public Library/Charleston
- AR River Valley #3 - Franklin County Library/Ozark
- AR River Valley #4 - Boyd & Mollie Gattis/Logan County Library/Paris
- Donald W. Reynolds Library/Baxter County Library/Mountain Home
- Fayetteville Public Library/Fayetteville
- Newton County Library/Jasper
- Pea Ridge Community Library/Pea Ridge
- Pope County Library/Russellville
- Craighead Co. Jonesboro Public Library/Jonesboro
- Forrest City Public Library/Forrest City
- Independence County Library/Batesville
- CALS #1 - CALS Main Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #10 - CALS Sue Cowan Williams Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #11 - CALS Maumelle Branch Library/Maumelle
- CALS #12 - CALS Max Milam Library/Perryville
- CALS #13 - CALS Amy Sanders Branch Library /Sherwood
- CALS #14 - CALS Millie Brooks Library/Wrightsville
- CALS #2 - CALS Adolphine F. Terry Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #3 - CALS Dee Brown Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #4 - CALS Esther Nixon Branch Library/NLR
- CALS #5 - CALS Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library & Learning Center/Little Rock
- CALS #6 - CALS John Gould Fletcher Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #7 - CALS Oley E. Rooker Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #8 - CALS Roosevelt Thompson Branch Library/Little Rock
- CALS #9 - CALS Sidney Sanders McMath Branch Library/Little Rock
- Faulkner/Van Buren Regional Library/Conway
- Lonoke County #1 - Lonoke County Library/Lonoke
- Lonoke County #3 - Carlisle Public Library/Carlisle
- Lonoke County #2 - Marjorie Walker McCrary Memorial Library/Lonoke
- Lonoke County #4 - Arlene Cherry Memorial Library/Cabot
- Mid-AR Regional - Grant County Library/Sheridan
- Calhoun County Library/Hampton
- Lafayette County #1 - Lafayette County Library/Lewisville
- Lafayette County #2 - Cabe Memorial Public Library/Stamps
- Sevier County Library/De Queen
- Union County #1 - Barton Library/El Dorado
- Union County #2 - Huttig Branch Library/Huttig
- Union County #3 - Harper Memorial Library/Junction City
- Union County #4 - Norphlet Branch Library/Norphlet
- Union County #5 - Smackover Public Library/Smackover
- Union County #6 - Strong Branch Library/Strong
- SE AR Regional #1 - Monticello Branch Library/ Monticello

Coordinator of Training and Development – Janine Jamison-Miller

On-Going Projects

Continuing Education

Library Juice Academy
During July-September 2022, 30 Library Juice Academy courses were requested and 15 evaluations were returned. Participants have taken courses in the following categories: Cataloging, Digital Collections, Project Management, Readers' Advisory, User Experience, and Youth Services. Library Support Staff Certifications are still being pursued by the library community. Amy DeVooght of Hendrix College had a poster session at the ArLA Conference sharing her experiences pursuing the Library Support Staff Certification with the library community.

People Connect Institute (PCI) Webinars
During August-October 2022, PCI Webinars offered 15 live weekly webinars on the following categories: Cataloging, Children Services, Marketing, Community Engagement, Genealogy, and Wellness. There were 120 registrations received, 70 live course participants, and 25 evaluations were returned. There were 190 views of recorded archived webinar content between August-October 2022.

Friends of the Library

On October 10, A Gathering of Friends took place in person at the Arkansas State Library, in which there were 14 participants. Attendees were presented a Proclamation from Gov. Asa Hutchinson declaring October 16-22, 2022 as Friends of the Library Week in the State of Arkansas. The Proclamation was on display for the library community who attended the Arkansas Library Association Conference, and copies of the Proclamation were available for those wanting to share with their libraries. Gov. Hutchinson also created a video that was shared acknowledging the work and support Friends provide for libraries in their respective communities. Many libraries around the State acknowledged and celebrated Friends of the Library Week in a variety of ways such as Proclamations issued from their local city government, social media acknowledgements, press releases in their local newspapers, membership drives, and participation in community events. A statewide Friends of the Library survey has been shared to get a comprehensive view of how Friends currently serve their communities, where they may experience challenges, and feedback on how to better serve Friends in 2023.

Professional Service

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference took place September 14-17, 2022 in Chattanooga, TN. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with librarians all over the nation, as well as meet with fellow Conference Committee members. Serving as a Program Co-Coordinator for this year's conference gave me the unique opportunity to collaborate with Committee Leadership, as well as ARSL Leadership. This will help my colleague, Elisa Cruz and I tremendously as we will soon step into our new roles as Co-Chairs of the Conference Committee for the 2023 ARSL Conference to be held in Wichita, KS.

The Continuing Education Forum for CE Coordinators sponsored by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) will be held virtually on November 1 & 3, 2022. I have had the opportunity to serve on the CE Forum Committee, and will have the opportunity to moderate a session with my colleague Rhonda Napier of the Alabama State Library. We will be moderating a session on Emerging Technologies in Libraries with Laura Solomon and Nick Tanzi.

United for Libraries (UFL) recently appointed me to serve on the Programs Committee. This appointment will be to review proposals for the 2023 ALA Annual Conference. In the future, it will be to aid in the process to solicit, develop, coordinate, and implement sponsored United for Libraries program sessions for the ALA Annual Conference, LibLearnX Conference, and Virtual United for Libraries Annual Conference.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

August 3 National Book Festival Meeting (Virtual)
Karen O'Connell, Ruth Hyatt, and I were able to meet with author Ayana Gray to record her video to be used by the Library of Congress for the National Book Festival.

August 3 Rural Library Network: Conversations for Action
The Coordinator of Training and Development was able to participate in Berea College's Strategic Planning for Rural Library Network.

August 8 ARSL Committee Meeting

August 9-11 United for Libraries Annual Virtual Conference
Penelope DeJournett (Boone County Library), Jane Bryant (West Fork Public Library), and myself attended the United for Libraries Virtual Conference. There were a lot of great sessions for Boards, Trustees, and Friends. Penelope and Jane shared their experiences at the Gathering of Friends event at the State Library on October 10.

August 10, September 21 COSLA Continuing Education Meeting
Continuing Education Consultants met to share best practices and collaborate on Continuing Education opportunities for our respective states.

August 24, September 12, October 6 & 24 COSLA CE Forum Planning Committee Meetings

September 9 ArLA Executive Board Meeting
The ArLA Executive Board met to attend to the business of the Arkansas Library Association, and to prepare for upcoming conference in Fort Smith, AR.

September 14-17 Association of Rural & Small Library (ARSL) Conference Chattanooga, TN

October 10 A Gathering of Friends (of the Library) Discussion Little Rock, AR
Friends of the Library from around the State were invited to the State Library to share their experiences in person, have a brochure exchange, meet our State Librarian and Deputy Director, tour the Arkansas State Library, and learn more in-depth what the Arkansas State Library offers.

October 15 ALL-In Session: Fort Smith Public Library Fort Smith, AR
Steve Hughes presented an all-day session on Communication. He provided attendees the opportunity to fine tune how they communicate, tips for presenting, and ways to effectively engage audiences.

October 14-16 Arkansas Library Association Conference Fort Smith, AR
The Coordinator of Training and Development had a poster presentation on display at the ArLA conference highlighting Continuing Education Opportunities available to the library community by the State Library.

October 19 UFL Webinar: Friendraising & Fundraising Ideas for Friends Groups of All Sizes
United for Libraries offered this webinar during Friends of the Library Week for free to Friends to learn different approaches to supporting their libraries and membership drives.

October 22 Southeast Arkansas Regional Library 75th Year Anniversary, Monticello, AR
Kristen Cooke, Karen O'Connell, and myself visited the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library as they celebrated their 75th Year Anniversary. There was a wonderful display highlighting the history of the region from its inception to now.

October 26 Arkansas Center for the Book Literary Landmarks Meeting (virtual)
Karen O'Connell, Jo McDougal, Stacy Pendergrast, Janis Kearney, Suzanne Rhodes, and myself met to learn the latest updates from the Library of Congress regarding who will be officially accepting applications for the Literary Landmarks program.

Upcoming Events:

November 1 & 3	COSLA CE Forum (Virtual)
November 4	Youth Services Fall Workshop, Ferndale, AR
November 17	Arkansas State Library Board Meeting
December 7-8	Berea College: Rural Library Network E-Summit
December 14	ALL-In Holiday Gathering (Virtual)
January 9, 2023	A Gathering of Friends (Virtual)
January 27-30, 2023	ALA LibLearnX Conference, New Orleans, LA

Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind – Kristina Hancock

The Library for the Blind has now disposed of all "blue books" in the back portion of our library. These were the read-only digital cartridges with single titles that were used before the advent of Duplication on Demand. Braille is our next big project, but NLS (National Library Service) has given us a new roadmap to Xess braille from our collection. The long-awaited Early Literacy Tactile Kits are completed and will be shipped to every library in Arkansas soon.

CIRCULATION

In the Federal fiscal year from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, the Arkansas State Library's Library for the Blind program circulated a total of 186,189 books. Of this figure 151,368 were by direct mail circulation, 178 were direct mail circulation of Braille books, and 34,643 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD). Patron downloads accounted for around 22 percent of total circulation, which is a five percent increase from last fiscal year.

READER INTERACTION STATISTICS

For the Federal fiscal year, October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, our Reader Advisors had a total of 26,486 patron interactions. Of those, 9,816 interactions were phone calls received, 1,164 were emails received and responded to, and 1,1332 voicemails received and responded to. There were 1,282 new patron outreach calls, and 12,288 were work follow up interactions. Work follow up includes curating a book order for a patron, as well as searching for and providing reference information.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) READERSHIP

There are 902 Library for the Blind readers registered with the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD program. Of those patrons, 460 actively download digital audio and braille books and magazines. In FY 21, those patrons downloaded 34,643 BARD books and read them on 1,657 registered Apple and Android mobile devices. The free Apple App enables BARD books to be downloaded easily to an Apple iPhone, iPad, or other mobile Apple device. The free Android App enables users to download books directly to any Android device with an OS of 4.1 or higher.

OUTSOURCING BRAILLE

On July 1st of 2018 the Library entered into a contract with the Utah State Library for the Blind in Salt Lake City Utah to provide circulation of Braille books to Arkansas patrons. ASL continues to provide limited Braille service directly from its holdings as available, but with declining circulation, only 178 Braille books circulated since FY 22 began. NLS has given us a new Xess process, and we have contacted our recycler for a bin to recycle many of our old Braille books.

TRAVEL

10/14/22- 10/16/22 - Traveled to the Arkansas Library Association Conference.

Manager of Information Services – Michael Strickland

On-Going Projects:

On-site Presentation and Committee Work

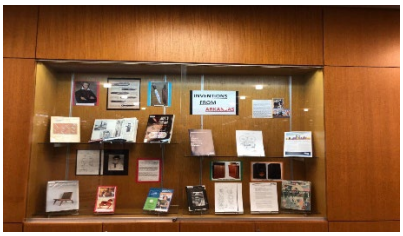
Michael Strickland made an October 14 on-site presentation on "Intellectual Property Basics for Librarians" at the ArLA Annual Conference in Fort Smith. Strickland also served as a member of the Arkansas Department of Education's Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Committee this quarter. The committee will present its final report to ADE leadership on November 17.

Sherry Chastain Retirement

Interlibrary Loan - Library Support Assistant Sherry Chastain announced her plans to retire on January 27, 2023. Sherry has been part of the Information Services team for over fifteen years. We are very grateful for her service to the Arkansas State Library and wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life in 2023.

First-Floor Displays

Win Gates recently created three new displays for the first-floor display cases. The first display highlights "Inventions from Arkansas." The second display celebrates Halloween. The third display honors "Historic Arkansans."



Information Services Quarterly Statistics:

Interlibrary Loan Statistics

	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	Quarterly Total
Requests Filled:	128	159	121	408
Requests Unfilled:	61	62	42	165
Total Requests:	189	221	163	573

Circulation Statistics

Materials Checked Out:	69	35	64	168
Patrons per day:	132	153	111	396
Public Computer Use:	18	15	5	38
Total Circulation Calls:	97	102	76	304
Call-in Directionals:	3	1	5	9
Walk-in Directionals:	3	7	4	14

Reference Statistics

Requests total:	22	27	35	84
Census:	0	0	0	0
Patents:	1	2	2	5
Trademarks:	1	3	10	14
Copyright:	0	0	0	0
Notaries	3	3	1	7

Presentations/Meetings/Training:

August 15 Training, "Researching Historic Trademark Information," AUSPTO - ZOOM

August 24 Training, "Introduction to the American Community Survey," US Census

August 25 Training, "Data for Congressional and State Legislative Districts," US Census

September

Sep 2 Meeting, ADE's September First Friday

Sep 7 Meeting, September ASL Manager's Meeting

Sep 20 Training, "10 Free IT Security Tools," Webinar

Sep 22 Meeting, Information Services September Staff Meeting

October

Oct 5	Meeting, October Manager's Meeting
Oct 7	Meeting, October ADE's First Friday
Oct 14	Presentation, 2022 Arkansas Library Association – Ft. Smith, "Intellectual Property Basics for Librarians"
Oct 18	Training, ADE Supervisory Training, "ADE Specific Supervisory Training" – ZOOM
Oct 19	Meeting, Information Services October Staff Meeting
Oct 20	Training, ADE Supervisory Training, "ADE Family Medical Leave Act," – ZOOM

Division Manager of Collection Management – Sarah Lipsey

On-Going Projects:

Division Personnel

The vacant Library Technician position in Digital Services by Emm (Emmaleigh) Coats, who began their employ on September 19, 2022. We are pleased to have Coats on board, and they are already settling in well. This position supports both the federal and state documents programs and reports to the Digital Services Library Coordinator.

Collection Management staff were temporarily authorized by the Arkansas Department of Education in late August to work remotely due to disruptions from construction of two additional offices. Most of the work has been completed and all staff are reporting onsite per usual. The offices are expected to be completed and furnished by mid-December. One will be assigned to Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, and the other will be used as shared meeting, training and digitization space for CM staff.

Collection Management

Several significant shifting projects were initiated this quarter to provided much needed space for the Arkansas Documents and Rules collections. For all related projects, materials were removed from the top and bottom shelves to promote browsing and accessibility of the collection by staff and patrons alike. Similarly, enough space was left on each shelf to accommodate growth and facilitate shelving.

The Non-Fiction Circulating collection remains in its original location but was shifted forward to eliminate gaps left by weeding and to make room for other collections. While shifting, staff conducted a final round of weeding and pulled poorly shelved items better suited for the Oversized section. The Acquisitions unit conducted the shifting, and the project was completed at the start of October.

Concurrently, the Arkansas Rules depository collection was relocated by Digital Services staff. The Rules collection now immediately follows the Circulating collection. The collection will be shifted forward as it grows and the Circulating collection shrinks from periodic weeding. The relocation was completed at the end of October.

The last project relocates the Arkansas Documents collection to space previously occupied by the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled's talking book collection. The move will provide much needed space in the collection, allow for future growth, and create a more intuitive path for patrons and staff. This project is ongoing and is being conducted by the Digital Services unit.

Once the Acquisitions unit processes the materials pulled from the Circulating collection discard or reclassification, weeding will resume in the Reference collection.

SirsiDynix Administration / ShareIt Implementation

Despite implementation of an NCIP license and a series of substantial configuration changes made to the Symphony ILS over the past few quarters, AutoGraphics' ShareIt platform still doesn't interoperate with our Symphony ILS. While ASL's materials and holdings are visible in the Mockingbird interface, interlibrary loan requests can't be conducted. Efforts toward a resolution are ongoing, and I will continue to mediate between SirsiDynix and AutoGraphics support.

Additional configuration changes to the Symphony ILS were requested and completed in October per instructions by SirsiDynix support. The latest problems reported by AutoGraphics since then have been

relayed to SirsiDynix support for consideration; it is suspected to be an issue with AutoGraphics' query syntax.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

August 16 Office Construction Planning, Arkansas State Library.
Discussion of furnishings for new offices. Participants: Tasha Coleman, State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

August 17 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Senior Librarian Jennifer Razer.

September 13 Rule Promulgation Meeting, Arkansas State Library (Conference call).
Legal review of proposed changes to the State Documents' Depository rules. Participants: Lori Freno and Shastady Wagner of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) and State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat and Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

October 5 Americans with Disabilities Act Training, Virtual.
Supervisor training mandated by ADE covering the ADA Act and related employer obligations. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

October 17-19 FDLP Depository Library Council Fall Conference, Virtual.
Annual conference hosted by the Government Publishing Office and DLC covering various issues impacting the FDLP program. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Library Coordinator Wendy Etchison.

October 18 Arkansas Department of Education Supervisor Training, Virtual.
Supervisor training mandated by ADE covering supervisory responsibilities specific to ADE staff. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

October 20 Family Medical Leave Act Training, Virtual.
Supervisor training mandated by ADE covering FMLA and related employer obligations. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

Manager of Acquisitions –Katie Walton

On-Going Projects:

Acquisitions

Acquisitions staff completed a major shifting project in the Circulating Stacks. Books were removed from the top and bottom shelves and evenly dispersed to prepare for future growth. Prior to shifting we pulled several carts worth of books to weed and are continuing to process those discards.

Arkansas Digital Library Consortium

There are currently 102,801 titles in the shared collection- 76,387 eBooks, 22,153 audiobooks, and 4,260 magazine titles. As of October 31, there have been 357,292 checkouts during the last quarter by 28,933 users. ADLC has already surpassed 1 million checkouts for the year, so we will be part of OverDrive's Million Checkouts Club for the second year in a row.

ADLC members held a meeting during the ArLA Conference in Fort Smith. The only point of discussion was moving the annual term start date for Selection Committee Members from January to April. This will better align Committee members' terms with the annual budget because the new year's funds are added to the Consortium's shared pool in April after the annual contracts are renewed. Two Library2Go members from LDD1 were also in attendance at the meeting, and it was nice to be able to discuss similar challenges and triumphs.

Arkansas Traveler Statewide Resources

The current Traveler Advisory Committee's term will end at the end of December. Katie Walton sent an email to several library listservs and email groups requesting nominees for the Advisory Committee beginning January 2023. She also gave a presentation on the Traveler resources during the AR Library Association Conference in Fort Smith.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

August 2-5 Library Technician Interviews
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton served on the interview panel for the Federal Documents Library Technician Position. Five qualified candidates were interviewed.

August 9 BiblioBoard Conference Call
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton and Center for the Book's Karen O'Connell met with BiblioBoard technical support staff to discuss how they could help add their authentication software to the recording of the Emily St. John Mandel interview.

August 11 Ready for Life Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton met with Future Fit AI staff to discuss integrating Traveler resources in ADE's Ready for Life platform.

August 24 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher and Nicole Martin of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

September 9 OverDrive Kanopy Demo
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended a product demo by OverDrive's Andy Bucher on the new Kanopy Plus Packs.

September 14 LexisNexis Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: LexisNexis's Darcy Nickell and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

September 20 AR Division of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended a meeting between State Library staff and staff from DESE to discuss possible collaboration on future projects.

September 21 BiblioBoard Conference Call
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton and BiblioBoard's Roy Serrao discussed future upgrades with BiblioBoard and their affiliate projects.

September 28 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher and Nicole Martin of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

October 5 AR Department of Education Training
Senior Librarian Elizabeth Clements and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended, "ADE Supervisory Training -Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)".

October 8 AAIM Board Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media quarterly board meeting.

October 14-16 Attended ArLA's Annual Conference, Fort Smith, AR
Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton attended the Arkansas Library Association's annual conference in Fort Smith, AR.

October 14 ArLA Conference Presentation
Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton presented a breakout session on the Traveler Statewide Digital Resources during the ArLA conference.

October 15 ADLC Meeting
Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton led a meeting with the AR Digital Library Consortium members during the ArLA conference.

October 20 AR Department of Education Training
Senior Librarian Elizabeth Clements attended, "ADE Supervisory Training- Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)".

October 20 ASTM Vendor Consultation
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton met with Bradley Jaindl from the American Society for Testing and Materials for a demo on their online Standard Test Methods.

October 27 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

November 2 Canva Webinar
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended Jessica Kirk's webinar, "Canva: Crowdsourcing Tips and Tricks" hosted by ArLA's Lifelong Information Literacy (LILi) Community of Interest.

November 3 AR Department of Education Training
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended, "ADE Supervisory Training – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)".

CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM FOUNDATION

October 11, 2022

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for the Arkansas State Library's contribution of $2,000.00 to the Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) Foundation in support of the Six Bridges Book Festival. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, CALS continues to offer world-class services and adapt to the needs of our patrons. We have begun reopening branches on Sundays and offering extended hours at several branches. Your safety remains a top priority for CALS, and I have been proud of our ability to reopen quickly and safely to ensure our community has access to CALS's extensive resources. Today, all CALS locations are open, and programs are going strong:

- In 2021, CALS served more than 36,871 meals to children and their families through Be Mighty Little Rock.
- CALS's Count Up Math Tutoring program has been wildly successful, reaching 126 students and engaging 53 volunteers in more than 2,000 hours of instruction in its first year.
- The Rock It! Lab, our business start-up academy, has drawn much interest and participation, and has moved to the Cox Building to provide the space needed for budding entrepreneurs to learn and grow.
- We had another outstanding Six Bridges Book Festival in October and hosted award-winning authors like Sandra Cisneros and Jacqueline Woodson.
- More than 5,000 registrants participated in Summer Reading Club last summer, and we're already gearing up for another celebration of reading in Summer 2022.
- Our outreach team is busy planning community events and spreading the word about all CALS has to offer, with a focus on welcoming patrons who have been historically underserved by the library.
- Creative writing workshops, digital literacy classes, genealogy workshops, and many more programs have transitioned to hybrid virtual and in-person programs.

The world is changing rapidly, and the library is too, but we need your continued support. Spread the word about CALS, volunteer, be a business mentor, explore the library system, visit us online, and reconnect. Find out why the Central Arkansas Library System is The Library, Rewritten.

Many thanks,

Nate Coulter
Executive Director
Central Arkansas Library System

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Thank you,
Jennifer!
-Eliza Borne

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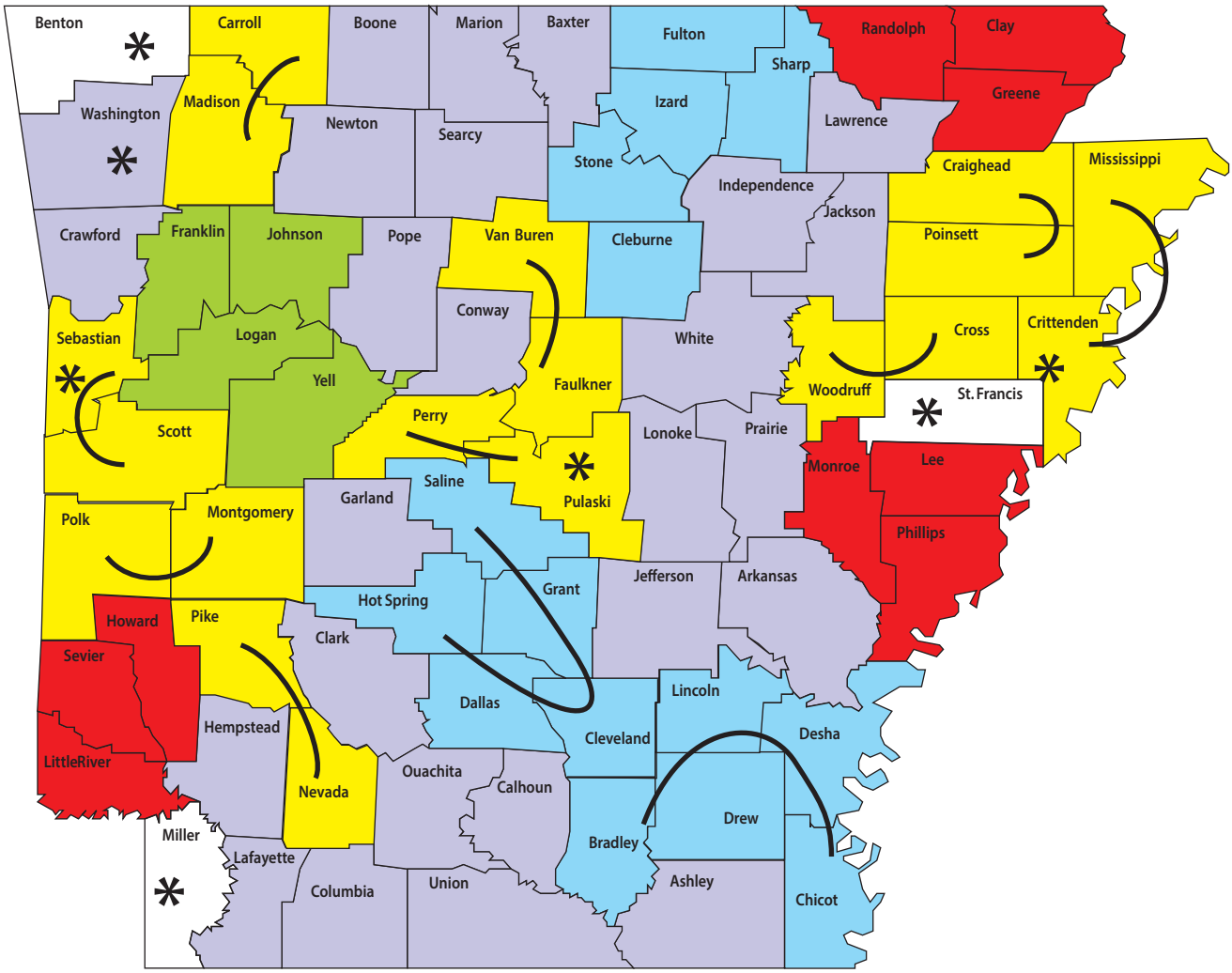

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3		Three-County System	3		No Countywide Library Tax

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Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts

Library Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
LDD I			
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library	501 North Front Street	Dardanelle	72834-3507
Donald W. Reynolds Library	300 Library Hill	Mountain Home	72653
Bella Vista Public Library	11 Dickens Place	Bella Vista	72714-4603
Bentonville Public Library	125 West Central	Bentonville	72712-5298
Boone County Library	221 West Stephenson Avenue	Harrison	72601-4225
Carroll & Madison Library System	44 Kingshighway A-3	Eureka Springs	72632
Crawford County Library	1409 Main Street	Van Buren	72956-4503
Fayetteville Public Library	401 West Mountain Street	Fayetteville	72701-5819
Fort Smith Public Library	3201 Rogers Avenue	Fort Smith	72903-2953
Gentry Public Library	105 East Main Street	Gentry	72734-0803
Gravette Public Library	119 Main Street NE	Gravette	72736-9363
Iva Jane Peek Public Library	P. O. Box 247	Decatur	72722-0247
Marion County Library	P. O.Box 554	Yellville	72687-0554
Newton County Library	HCR 31, Box 8	Jasper	72641-9401
Pea Ridge Library	P. O. Box 9	Pea Ridge	72751-0009
Pope County Library	116 East Third Street	Russellville	72801-5198
Rogers Public Library	711 South Dixieland Road	Rogers	72758-4513
Scott-Sebastian Regional Library	P. O. Box 400	Greenwood	72936-0400
Searcy County Library	202 East Main	Marshall	72950-9502
Siloam Springs Public Library	205 East Jefferson Street	Siloam Springs	72761-2677
Sulphur Springs Public Library	P. O. Box 275	Sulphur Springs	72768-0275
Washington County Library System	1080 West Clydesdale Drive	Fayetteville	72701-8211
LDD II			
Ash Flat Library	11 Arnhart Drive	Ash Flat	72513
East Central Arkansas Regional Library	410 East Merriman	Wynne	72396-2947
Independence County Library	267 East Main Street	Batesville	72501-5605
Lawrence County Library	115 West Walnut Street	Walnut Ridge	72476
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library	120 North Twelfth Street	Paragould	72450-4103
West Memphis Public Library	213 North Avalon	West Memphis	72301-2995
Woolfolk Library	100 North Currie Street	Marion	72364-1858
Crowley Ridge Regional Library	315 West Oak Avenue	Jonesboro	72401-3594
Forrest City Public Library	421 South Washington	Forrest City	72335-3839
Jackson County Library	P. O. Box 748	Newport	72112-0748
Mississippi/Crittenden County Library	200 North Fifth Street	Blytheville	72315-2712
Trumann Public Library	P. O. Box 73	Trumann	72472-0073
White River Regional Library	P. O. Box 1107	Mountain View	72560

Library Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
LDD III			
Central Arkansas Library System	100 Rock Street	Little Rock	72201-1624
Conway County Library	101 West Church	Morrilton	72110-3399
Fairfield Bay Library	369 Dave Creek Pkwy.	Fairfield Bay	72088-1183
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library	1900 Tyler	Conway	72032-3240
Lonoke County Library	204 East 2nd Street	Lonoke	72086-2858
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library	202 East Third Street	Malvern	72104-3910
North Little Rock Library Public System	2801 Orange	North Little Rock	72114-2296
Saline County Library	1800 Smithers Drive	Benton	72015-3108
White County Library System	113 East Pleasure Avenue	Searcy	72143-7709
LDD IV			
Calhoun County Library	P. O. Box 1162	Hampton	71744-1162
Clark County Library	609 Caddo Street	Arkadelphia	71923-0609
Columbia County Library	2057 North Jackson Street	Magnolia	71753
Garland County Library	1427 Malvern Avenue	Hot Springs	71901-6316
Hempstead County Library	500 South Elm Street	Hope	71801-5222
Lafayette County Library	219 East 3rd Street	Lewisville	71845-8075
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library	P. O. Box 189	Mount Ida	71957-0189
Polk County Library	410 8th Street	Mena	71953
Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County	120 Harrison Avenue	Camden	71701-3968
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library	129 Meadow Ridge Lane	Hope	71801
Texarkana Public Library	600 West Third Street	Texarkana, TX	75501-5054
Tri-County Regional Library System	200 W. Stillwell	DeQueen	71832
Union County Library System	200 East Fifth	El Dorado	71730-3897
LDD V			
Arkansas County Library	2002 South Buerkle Street	Stuttgart	72160-6508
Ashley County Library	211 East Lincoln	Hamburg	71646-3217
Crossett Public Library	1700 Main Street	Crossett	71635-2962
DeWitt Public Library	205 West Maxwell Street	DeWitt	72042-1942
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library	702 Porter	Helena	72342-3142
Public Library of Pine Bluff & Jefferson County	600 S. Main St.	Pine Bluff	71601
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library System	114 West Jefferson	Monticello	71655-4933

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870-580-0987	870-580-0935	kim.c@baxtercountylibrary.org	Kim Crow Sheaner	Donald W. Reynolds Library
479-855-1753	479-855-4475	sadams@bellavistaar.gov	Suzanne Adams	Bella Vista Public Library
479-271-3192	479-271-9051	Hdudley@bentonvillear.com	Hadi Dudley	Bentonville Public Library
870-741-5913	870-741-5913	ginger@boonecountylibrary.org	Ginger Schoenenberger	Boone County Library
870-423-5300	870-423-7117	pollock@camals.org	Chad Pollock	Carroll & Madison Library System
479-471-3226	479-471-3226	dfears@crawfordcountylib.org	Deidre Fears	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	lcrume@gentrylibrary.us	Linda Crume	Gentry Public Library
479-787-6955	479-787-6955	kbenson@gravettear.com	Karen Benson	Gravette Public Library
479-752-7323	479-752-8366	ijppublib121@yahoo.com	Karen Taylor	Iva Jane Peek Public Library
870-449-6015	870-449-5808	dana.librarydirector@gmail.com	Dana Scott	Marion County Library
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ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

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

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

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. The Board shall name the State Librarian.

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

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

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

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

> **Section 2a.** Officers shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee of members named by the Chairman. Opportunity shall be given for additional nominations to be made from the floor.
>
> **Section 2b.** Consent of all nominees shall be procured prior to nomination.
>
> **Section 2c.** Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. No officer shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.
>
> **Section 2d.** Election of officers shall be by written ballot, show of hands, voice vote, or acclamation and counted by the executive secretary. **

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

> **Section 3a.** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and perform the duties generally assigned to this office.
>
> **Section 3b.** The Vice Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall preside over meetings and perform other duties as assigned.
>
> **Section 3c.** The State Librarian, serving as executive secretary, shall keep the minutes of the Board meetings, attend all committee meetings, and perform duties generally assigned to this office. The executive secretary shall serve without vote in meetings of the Board or committees.

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. **

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

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

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."

Placeholder for Election ballot

ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments -- 2022

Executive Committee: Chair; Vice Chair, and Chilcoat

Nominating Committee: O'Neal and McDonald

Policies & By-Laws Committee: Vice Chair; McDonald and Peña de Martínez

Government Liaison Committee: Chair; Knox and Campbell

Personnel Committee: Chair; O'Neal and Campbell

[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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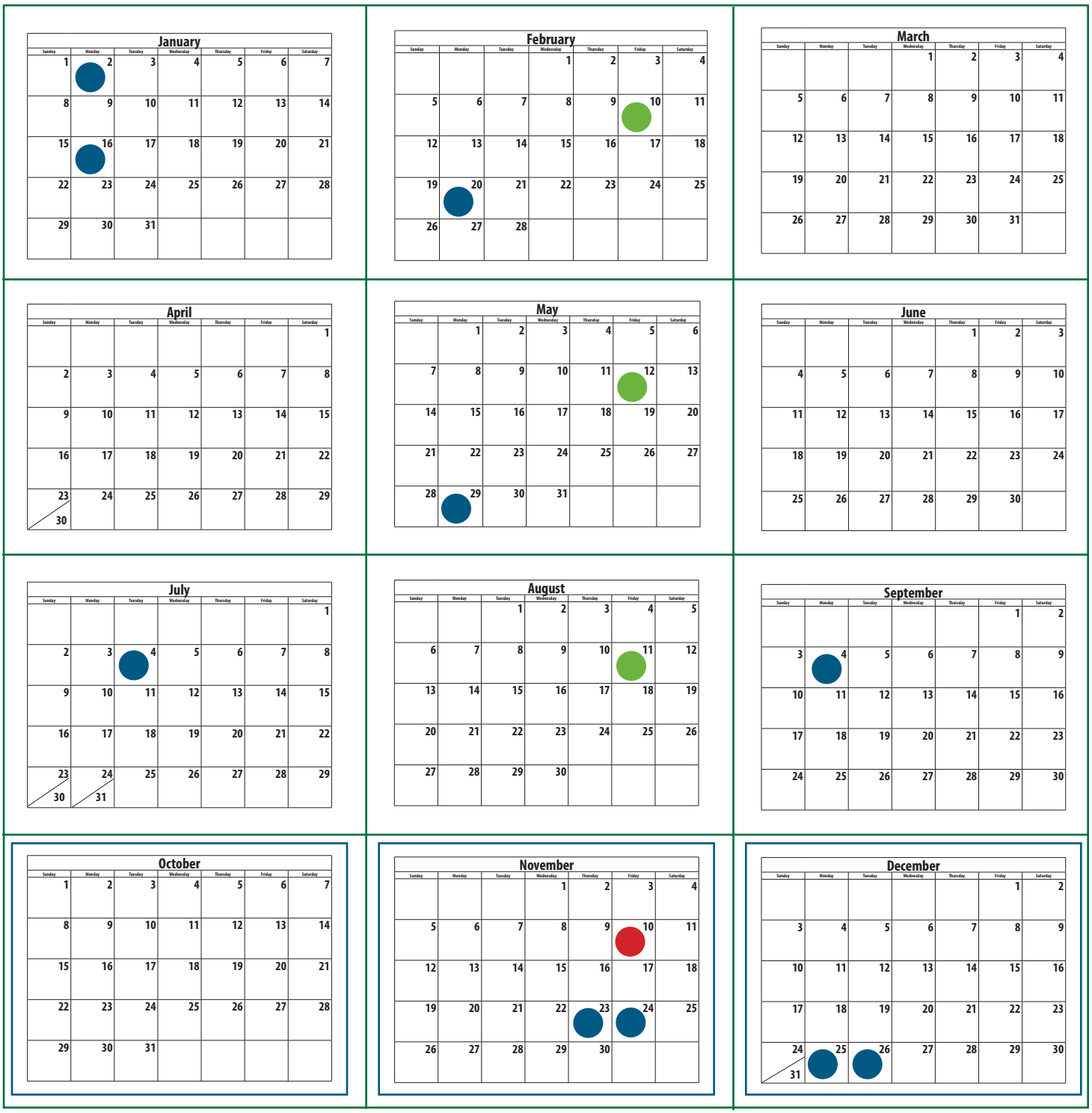

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State Observed Holidays

Jan 2 - New Year's Day (Observed); Jan 16 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (Observed); Feb 20 -George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day (Observed); May 29 - Memorial Day (Observed); July 4 - Independence Day; Sept 4 - Labor Day; Nov 10- Veterans Day (Observed); Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day; Nov 24 - Black Friday (by Governor's Proclamation); Dec 25 - Christmas Eve (Observed); Dec. 26 - Christmas Day (Observed)