

STATE LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Fourth Quarter 2022-2023
May 12, 2023

AGENDA

10:02 a.m.

Call to Order: Lupe Peña de Martínez, Vice-Chairperson

A. Approval of Minutes [February 10, 2023]

Unfinished Business

B. Administration Report/FY2023 Agency Funding

C. State Aid and Scholarships

D. Grants and Special Projects

Other Unfinished Business

New Business

E. State Aid FY2023/Scholarships

F. Reports/Travel and Correspondence

Other New Business

G. Board Information/Election of Officers

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Third Quarter 2022-2023
February 10, 2023

The State Library Board convened on February 10, 2023, in the Bessie Moore Conference Room at the Arkansas State Library. Board members present were Lupe Peña de Martínez (Vice-Chair), Jo Ann Campbell, Joan O'Neal, Deborah Knox, and Donna McDonald, with Donnette Smith attending via Zoom. Pamela Meridith (Chair) was absent due to a family emergency. Staff members present were State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Brooke Crawford, Jenn Wann, Sarah Lipsey, Katie Walton, Kristina Hancock, Jennifer Razer, Michael Strickland, and Jaynie Whatley. Shasta Wagner, ASL's legal liaison with the Arkansas Department of Education, was present.

Peña de Martínez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from November 17, 2022 [A1]. A motion was made by Campbell, seconded by O'Neal. The motion passed.

Brooke Crawford, Administrative Services Manager, covered 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 February 1 is 38 full-time positions and 1 extra help position with 2 shared services positions and 11 vacant positions.

All federal funds were spent, and all reports were submitted to IMLS on December 15, 2022.

ASL is currently in the process of replacing the 2012 Dodge Caravan with a new Chrysler Pacifica minivan that is currently on state contract. Approval to use federal funds for the purchase has been received from IMLS. We are currently awaiting approval from the DFA - Vehicle Fleet Management Division.

The State Library Administrative Agency (SLAA) Survey opened on January 19 with a deadline of March 17. The survey was filled out, submitted, and certified by January 26.

The 94th General Assembly Regular Session convened on Monday, January 9, 2023. The ASL Appropriation Bill is HB1093.

Crawford then completed her report with a brief overview of the State General Revenue [B2] and the Federal LSTA Revenue [B3] 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 form [C3].

Chilcoat presented the items in Tab D on behalf of Debbie Hall, Manager of Grants and Special Projects. The FY21 State Program Report (SPR) was submitted to IMLS at the end of December and is in the review process by our program officer. The federal grant award beginning October 1, 2023, will be \$2,163,113.

Chilcoat presented the revised Arkansas State Library Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance [E1], and the Arkansas State Library Documents Depository Program Rules [E2]. The revisions to these rules were presented to the board members at the previous meeting on November 17, 2022. The revised rules were approved by the board and went out for public comment. The public comment period

has closed, and only one public comment was received [E3]. The commenter recommended extending the scholarship program to include post-graduate certificates in an effort to strengthen workforce. Chilcoat made the assertion that ASL does not have enough funding to take additional programs at this point in time. Knox agreed that if there is not the funding in place, then we should not make any further changes to the documents as they currently are. McDonald reiterated that the original intent of the scholarship assistance was to address the education needs of public library staff who are pursuing a master's degree in library and information Science. After some consideration, the board agreed that there should not be any changes made to the documents based on public comment.

A motion was made by Knox to approve the changes to the Arkansas State Library Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance for final publication. McDonald seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made by O'Neal to approve the changes to the Arkansas State Library Rules Governing the State and Federal Documents Depository Program for final publication. Knox seconded. The motion passed.

Now that the rules have been approved a final time, Shasta Wagner, ASL's legal liaison with ADE, will submit the approved rules to BLR so that they may be put on the Arkansas Legislative Council's agenda.

Chilcoat presented a State Aid waiver request from Arkansas County [F1]. The request is essentially one to override the portion of the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries which requires that the library director hold an MLS degree from an ALA-accredited program. While the Standards carry the same weight as law and therefore cannot be waived, the board members were asked by Chilcoat to consider whether they wished to make any changes to the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries in response to either the request or to the current library environment. A motion was made by O'Neal, seconded by McDonald, to table the discussion concerning the State Aid Waiver Request from Arkansas County. The motion passed.

Chilcoat briefly reviewed Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid [G1], noting any changes during the past quarter. A motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Knox, to approve the list of Public Libraries Qualifying for State Aid. The motion passed.

Chilcoat reviewed the list of recommended FY2023 State Aid Third Quarter payments [G2]. A motion to approve was made by Knox, seconded by Campbell. The motion passed.

One scholarship application [G3] was presented from Brett Williams of the Garland County Library. A motion to approve the scholarship application was made by Campbell, seconded by McDonald. The motion passed.

The Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance [G4] was presented, requesting reimbursement for 11 recipients' coursework. A total of 77 hours were completed for a total cost of \$34,650. A motion to approve was made by O'Neal, seconded by Campbell. The motion passed.

State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat began her report [H1] by mentioning her recent meeting with the newly appointed Secretary of Education, Jacob Oliva. Secretary Oliva came to visit ASL on January 24, 2023. Secretary Oliva previously held the position of Senior Chancellor for the Florida Department of Education. Chilcoat presented Oliva with a brief brochure-type document at the meeting to provide an overview of ASL's work and major programs.

Chilcoat noted that there are several bills filed in the 2023 Legislative Session which were being tracked. Public library directors have been notified of several bills filed that may affect their operations or finances. Chilcoat noted that Senate Bill 81 would have the greatest impact on library operations. Secretary Oliva has been fully briefed about Senate Bill 81, and some members of the public library community have met with Senator Sullivan, the bill's sponsor, to provide information about its impact. Amendments to the original bill were expected.

ASL's 2024-2025 proposed budget (HB 1093) asking for an increase in State Aid to Public Libraries has been approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council, however, it has not yet been passed by the legislature. ASL has asked for an increase from approximately \$5.7 million to \$10 million. The budget has not had a significant increase since 2010. This increase would allow ASL to respond to the recent rules changes and lift library support in consideration of a decade's worth of inflation. Senator John Payton filed an amendment to the bill which, if passed, would task ASL with modifying the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries to allow the Ash Flat Library and similarly situated libraries to qualify to receive State Aid. Smaller municipal libraries are precluded by the Arkansas Constitution from passing a millage, due to having a population below 5,000. Senator Payton is interested in revising the Standards to allow communities to use other forms of funding in lieu of levying a millage.

Having broached the topic of State Aid, the board resumed discussion of the State Aid waiver request from Arkansas County [F1]. Peña de Martínez recalled that board members were previously adamant about holding to the educational standards for aid, given that there are fairly flexible mechanisms in place to satisfy the requirements for those holding director positions. McDonald advised that, given the complexity and history of these issues, as well as the potential passage of legislation requiring changes to the State Aid Standards, the board should direct the State Library staff to investigate revisions to the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries in light of the changing library environment. The motion was made by McDonald, seconded by Knox. The motion passed.

Deputy Director Kristen Cooke began her report [H2] with an update that the Public Library Survey for Arkansas is officially open. The survey is due on April 14. Several meetings have taken place between ASL staff, ADE employees, and vendor representatives to prepare for migration and acquisition of a new data collection service, Counting Opinions. Cooke acknowledged Natalie Marlin and Becky Fischer in their role in getting the Mockingbird starter kits shipped to participating libraries.

Jennifer Wann, Manager of Library Development, presented her report [H3]. There will be a total solar eclipse in April 2024, and an annular eclipse in October 2023. We have ordered and received over a million solar eclipse glasses to be distributed to Arkansas' public libraries. With the help of the Space Science Institute, there will be eight solar science kits to be circulated, including sun oculars, sun scopes, books, and children's activities. There will be three Solar Science Programming Workshops for Arkansas library staff held in March 2023 in Hot springs, Van Buren, and Jonesboro with presenters from the Space Science Institute.

Wann covered [H4] on behalf of Karen O'Connell, Coordinator of the Arkansas Center for the Book. The If All Arkansas Read the Same Book events will be held in person for 2023. This project is currently in the contract stage for the 2023 selected author. Once the contract is completed, the author and title will be announced, followed by the event dates and venues. Oversight of the Literary Landmarks program has transitioned to the Library of Congress Center for the Book. O'Connell will turn in two applications, one for Maya Angelou and the other for Miller Williams, to commemorate literary landmarks in Arkansas.

Wann then covered [H5] on behalf of Amber Gregory, Manager of E-Rate Services. The FY2023 application filing window opened January 18, 2023, and will close on March 28, 2023. Between October 31, 2022, and January 24, 2023, there were 19 virtual E-Rate consultations held with 14 Arkansas public libraries. Gregory has been reappointed to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors to serve as the library representative by FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel.

Wann covered [H6] on behalf of Ruth Hyatt, Coordinator of Youth Services. The Arkansas State Library will be helping Oral Health Arkansas to promote February as Oral Health Month. Hyatt coordinated with 60 participating libraries for the distribution of print materials and 5,000 kits of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss.

Wann covered [H7] on behalf of Janine Jamison-Miller, Coordinator of Training and Development. Jamison-Miller has served as a grantee reviewer for the Penguin Random House Grant for Small and Rural Libraries, available to libraries with a service population of 25,000 or less. The Gravette Public Library was one of 46 libraries nationally that received this grant.

Kristina Hancock, Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, began her report [H8] by announcing that the Early Literacy tactile kits have been distributed to all public libraries. This quarter, BPD circulated a total of 49,117 books. Of that total, 34,318 were by direct mail circulation, 30 were direct mail circulation of Braille books, and 14,799 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD). BARD patron downloads are at a 50% increase from last year. From October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, our Reader Advisors had a total of 6,465 patron interactions.

Michael Strickland, Manager of Information Services, began his report [H9] with an update the public computers have been replaced with newer, faster computers by IT Manager Ken Giesbrecht. The process to fill the vacant position of Interlibrary Loan – Library Assistant left by Sherry Chastain has begun. Win Gates created a new display for the first-floor display case highlighting “University of Arkansas Basketball” which will be available for public viewing until late May of 2023.

Cooke then covered [H10] on behalf of Jessica Kirk, Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator. Mockingbird was live for six months in 2022. During the six months, the platform supported 946 unique requests from libraries across the state, 650 of those requests were successfully filled, creating a 70% successful fill rate. Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog 2022 statistics have uncovered some needed areas of improvement for 2023. Kirk will be reaching out to the libraries to help increase engagement. She anticipates onboarding 3 new libraries next quarter: Baxter County Library in Mountain Home, Cleburne County Library in Heber Springs, and Gentry Public Library. In January, Kirk began serving on ADE’s Summit Planning Committee.

Sarah Lipsey, Division Manager of Collection Management, began her report [H11] with the update that Jennifer Razer was promoted to the previously vacant position of Manager of Digital Services on December 12, 2022. The process to advertise Librarian and Senior Librarian positions for the Digital Services unit has been initiated. The website has experienced periodic issues this quarter; ASL staff are currently exploring ideas with the goal of simplifying the website while reducing the recurring issues.

Jennifer Razer, Manager of Digital Services, presented her report [H12]. State Documents staff has continued to shift the Arkansas Documents collection to the space previously occupied by the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled’s talking book collection to allow for collection growth and easier usability

of materials. Fragile materials have been pulled for inspection, repair, and review for possible inclusion in closed stacks.

Katie Walton, Manager of Acquisitions, began her report [H13] with an update on the Arkansas Digital Library Consortium (ADLC). ADLC is one of the 129 library systems worldwide to surpass one million digital checkouts in 2022 and was ranked number 31 among all public library consortia. OverDrive announced that the Libby App had circulated its one billionth book, which fortuitously came from an ADLC patron. Lafayette County Library joined ADLC in December, bringing the total to 38 member libraries with 135 branches. Walton investigated the return on investment of the Traveler Program to the state of Arkansas and determined that the State Library's subscription to the Traveler resources saves Arkansas schools and libraries over 53 million dollars each year.

Chilcoat then briefly reviewed the current news clippings relating to the library community [H14], the map of the Arkansas Public Library Systems [H15], and the list of Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts [H16].

Chilcoat then reviewed the contact information for the State Library Board [I1] and other contacts in ADE, the Governor's office, and the Attorney General's office [I2]. Chilcoat thanked O'Neal for the continuation of her role as a board member until her replacement is appointed.

The Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws were presented [I3], along with the ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments [I4]. Due to Meridith's absence, board members agreed to serve in their current capacities until new board committee assignments can be made.

A motion to approve the Expense Reimbursement and Travel Policy [I5] for the State Library Board was made by McDonald, seconded by O'Neal. The motion passed.

The section was completed with the staff directory [I6] and the calendar of meetings for 2023 [H7]. Due to concerns of a scheduling conflict with the Youth Services Workshop to be held November 17, 2023, that date is no longer being considered for the November board meeting. An alternate date will be chosen at a later time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Campbell, seconded by McDonald. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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 @ 5/1/23: 34 Full-Time, 2 Shared Services positions, 1 Extra Help, 13 Vacant Positions.

Library Support Assistant in BPD and the Buyer position have been vacated. We currently have 6 positions that have Hiring Freeze Requests turned into OPM, and we are awaiting their approval.

Legislative Session:

Our Appropriation bill, HB 1093, passed and is now Act 566 of 2023. The Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA), SB569, which reflects the actual funding allocations to every state agency, was passed and is now Act 888 of 2023. *(See the attached Acts)*

Performance Evaluations:

Input on the Performance Evaluations started on May 2, 2023. The entire process must be completed and approved by ADE and OPM by May 31st.

Fiscal Year End:

Fiscal Year End Closing for our state funds is June 30. Most expenditures have been processed, so closeout should be very smooth.

Inventory:

Annual Equipment on Loan verification letters went out in March to the few remaining libraries across the state that have items on loan. We are currently working on the annual physical inventory of items located throughout our agency and plan to have it completed by the end of May.

Upcoming Travel:

Trish will be attending AEDC's Minority Matchmaking Event on May 18th. This event is held yearly for agency representatives to meet with Minority Vendors in our state and get information regarding their businesses and the products/services they provide.

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2023
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As Engrossed: H3/7/23

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1093

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION FOR
16 THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
23 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library for the 2023-2024 fiscal
24 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
30	(1) U031U	STATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
31	(2) N161N	STATE LIBRARY DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
32	(3) E012C	STATE LIBRARY DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
33	(4) E021C	STATE LIBRARY MANAGER	9	GRADE GS09
34	(5) E030C	LIBRARY COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS08
35	(6) E041C	SENIOR LIBRARIAN	7	GRADE GS07
36	(7) A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06



1	(8) E052C LIBRARIAN	3	GRADE GS06
2	(9) P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(10) V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
4	(11) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
5	(12) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
6	(13) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE GS03
7	(14) C069C LIBRARY TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS03
8	(15) C085C LIBRARY SUPPORT ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS02
9	(16) C088C MAIL SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS02
10	(17) C089C LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
11	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	49	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 14 for the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - State Operations
 15 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 16 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 17 appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time
 18 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 19 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 20 for the appropriate classification.

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22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the State
 24 Library Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 25 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - State Operations for the
 26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,749,087
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	644,998
33	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,125,091
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	0
4	(06) BOOKS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	<u>230,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,769,176</u></u>

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7 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

8 authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library -

9 Federal Operations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum

10 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",

11 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary

12 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those

13 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

17 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal

18 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

19 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas

20 State Library - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,

21 the following:

23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$502,646
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	22,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	214,844
28	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,357,700
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	145,000
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,282,190</u></u>

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36 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the State
 2 Library Public School Fund Account, to provide aid to public libraries by the
 3 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - Aid to Public Libraries
 4 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
8 (01) AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS ADMINISTRATION - CASH. There is
 11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 12 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 13 Officer of the State, for operating expenses, grants to libraries, and
 14 promotional items by the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library -
 15 Grants Administration - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 16 following:

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$223,000
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	150,000
23 (C) PROF. FEES	0
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (02) GRANTS TO LIBRARIES	0
27 (03) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>0</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$373,000</u>

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 30 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE LIBRARY REVOLVING. There is hereby
 31 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the State
 32 Library Revolving Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Education
 33 - Arkansas State Library - State Library Revolving for the fiscal year ending
 34 June 30, 2024, the following:

36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
2	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,622
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,622</u></u>

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10 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 CARRY FORWARD. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023,
 13 any unexpended balance of monies provided from the State Library Fund Account
 14 for Books and Subscriptions, as provided in the State Operations
 15 Appropriation of this Act, shall be transferred forward and made available
 16 for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

17 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein,
 18 may be carried forward under the following conditions:

19 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024 the Agency shall by written statement
 20 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 21 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

22 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
 23 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
 24 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
 25 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
 26 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
 27 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
 28 written request set forth in (1) above;

29 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a
 30 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 31 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
 32 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
 33 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
 34 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
 35 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
 36 Committee; and

1 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
2 include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals
3 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or
4 Institution.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
6 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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8 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

10 TRANSFER OF FUNDS - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
11 shall establish upon request from the Arkansas Department of Education -
12 Arkansas State Library a special appropriation line item to be used in the
13 acquisition of promotional items. When the Department of Education -
14 Arkansas State Library wishes to transfer monies from its operating expenses
15 to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal
16 Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by the Arkansas
17 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum
18 number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general
19 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
20 General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums
21 in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue
22 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the
23 Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
24 the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library may operate more
25 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Education -
26 Arkansas State Library authorizing broad powers under this Section.
27 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
28 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
29 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this Section. The requirement of
30 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
31 severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the
32 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
33 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
35 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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1 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE
3 FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES PROVISIONS.

4 (i) The Department of Education – Arkansas State Library provides
5 grants and aid to Libraries across the state. The Arkansas State Library
6 has developed the Standards for State Aid to public libraries which creates
7 standards public libraries must meet to be eligible for state aid.

8 (ii) The Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries contains the
9 requirement that a public library shall maintain a one-mill county or city
10 property tax, and the requirement that the library have a qualified
11 librarian.

12 (iii) Less populated areas in the State may not have the ability to
13 pass and maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

14 (iv) Due to the importance that the public library represents to rural
15 communities, the Arkansas State Library shall review and modify the
16 requirements that prevent rural public libraries from receiving state grant
17 and aid that is authorized by the General Assembly, as set out in subsection
18 (v).

19 (v) Therefore, the Arkansas State Library shall promulgate rules that
20 allow a public library to adequately demonstrate a source of revenue in lieu
21 of the requirement to maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

22 (vi) One month prior to the distribution of state aid to public
23 libraries for the 2025 Fiscal Year, the Arkansas State Library shall report
24 to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in
25 legislative session, the revised Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries
26 which shall address in writing the actions taken to address the issues as set
27 out in this section. The report shall include all criteria, including but
28 not limited to how a local public library may become certified to receive
29 funding from the Arkansas State Library.

30 (vii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July
31 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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33 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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7 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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28 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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31 **APPROVED: 4/11/23**

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2023
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 569

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW; TO
9 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
10

Subtitle

11 TO AMEND THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW;
12 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to amend the
20 Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.
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22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 303(x) is
23 repealed as obsolete.

24 ~~(x) Higher Education Institutions Performance Fund.~~

25 ~~(1) The Higher Education Institutions Performance Fund shall be~~
26 ~~used to provide additional support for institutions of higher education on~~
27 ~~the basis of institutional performance as determined by the~~
28 ~~Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to the Legislative~~
29 ~~Council.~~

30 ~~(2) The Higher Education Institutions Performance Fund shall consist~~
31 ~~of:~~

32 ~~(A) Those general revenues as may be provided by law; and~~

33 ~~(B) Any other funds provided by law.~~
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35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 304(8)(B) is
36 repealed as obsolete.



1 allocations set forth in this subsection:

2 Name of Fund or Fund Account	Maximum Allocation
3	
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND	
5 (1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	
6 Public School Fund Account	\$2,291,068,275
7 (2) State Library Public School Fund Account	\$ 5,641,919
8 (3) Division of Career and Technical Education Public	
9 School Fund Account	\$ 22,730,645
10 (4) Division of Career and Technical Education Public	
11 School Fund Account - Adult Education	\$ 8,139,176
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13 GENERAL EDUCATION FUND	
14 (1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	
15 Fund Account	\$ 18,260,460
16 (2) Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account	\$ -
17 (3) Division of Public School Academic Facilities	
18 and Transportation Fund Account	\$ 2,854,502
19 (4) Educational Television Fund Account	\$ 5,823,608
20 (5) School for the Blind Fund Account	\$ 8,210,740
21 (6) School for the Deaf Fund Account	\$ 11,808,489
22 (7) State Library Fund Account	\$ 3,858,205
23 (8) Division of Career and Technical Education Fund	
24 Account	\$ -
25 (9) Rehabilitation Services Fund Account	\$ 11,922,857
26 (10) Child Care Grant Fund Account	\$ 7,056,193
27 (11) Child Care and Early Childhood Education	
28 Fund Account	\$ 2,576,668
29 Technical Institutes:	
30 (12) Northwest Technical Institute Fund Account	\$ 3,304,826
31	
32 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND	
33 (1) Department of Human Services Administration	
34 Fund Account	\$ 24,487,611
35 (2) Children and Family Services Fund Account	132,028,047
36 (3) Youth Services Fund Account	48,976,015

1	(4) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account	65,496,503
2	(5) Medical Services Fund Account	2,439,870
3	(6) Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account	1,389,725,705
4	(7) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account	101,377,245
5	(8) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund	
6	Account	5,510,773
7	(9) County Operations Fund Account	53,740,856
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9	STATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND	
10	(1) Division of Arkansas Heritage Fund Account	\$ 7,752,638
11	(2) Department of Agriculture Fund Account	19,466,991
12	(3) Department of Labor and Licensing Fund Account	3,908,028
13	(4) Division of Higher Education Fund Account	11,923,990
14	(5) Higher Education Grants Fund Account	40,619,625
15	(6) Arkansas Economic Development Commission	
16	Fund Account	21,238,499
17	(7) Division of Correction Inmate Care	
18	and Custody Fund Account	394,337,302
19	(8) Division of Community Correction Fund Account	103,989,443
20	(9) Department of the Military Fund Account	7,905,818
21	(10) Parks and Tourism Fund Account	22,067,735
22	(11) Division of Environmental Quality	
23	Fund Account	4,201,485
24	(12) Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account	79,785,641
25		
26	ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT FUND	\$ 31,701,900
27	COUNTY AID FUND	\$ 21,428,616
28	COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND	\$ 25,765,944
29	CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 2,182,877
30	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$ 13,246,341
31	PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	\$ 81,845,348
32	PERFORMANCE FUND	\$ -
33	MOTOR VEHICLE ACQUISITION REVOLVING FUND	\$ -
34	MUNICIPAL AID FUND	\$ 29,372,099
35	DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FUND	\$ 82,422,233
36	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-TANF	\$ 3,685,419

1	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-ADULT EDUCATION	\$	1,025,268
2	STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FUND	\$	1,962,217
3	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$	3,608,348
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5	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION		
6	(1) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	61,997,087
7	(2) ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	37,098,010
8	(3) HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	19,215,030
9	(4) SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	16,933,028
10	(5) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$	127,791,350
11	(6) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-UA SYSTEM	\$	3,479,474
12	(7) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY	\$	2,369,274
13	(8) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-DIVISION OF		
14	AGRICULTURE	\$	65,800,138
15	(9) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CLINTON SCHOOL	\$	2,336,896
16	(10) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CRIMINAL JUSTICE		
17	INSTITUTE	\$	2,458,634
18	(11) SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCES, AND ARTS FUND	\$	1,133,048
19	(12) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH FUND	\$	21,475,331
20	(13) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FUND	\$	60,401,230
21	(14) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND	\$	88,012,881
22	(15) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -		
23	CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	\$	350,000
24	(16) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -		
25	PEDIATRICS/PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH	\$	1,985,100
26	(17) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -		
27	INDIGENT CARE	\$	5,438,340
28	(18) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO FUND	\$	17,037,500
29	(19) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FUND	\$	26,150,654
30	(20) UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS FUND	\$	56,823,973
31	(21) ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE FUND	\$	8,885,744
32	(22) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE FUND	\$	11,356,380
33	(23) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME FUND	\$	3,537,885
34	(24) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT FUND	\$	6,518,999
35	(25) COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY		
36	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$	3,616,471

1	(26) EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,577,373
2	(27) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND	\$ 4,015,302
3	(28) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND - ADTEC	\$ 1,527,000
4	(29) NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE FUND	\$ 9,175,555
5	(30) NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 7,583,685
6	(31) NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	\$ 11,438,222
7	(32) PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY	
8	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 9,105,931
9	(33) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH	
10	MOUNTAIN FUND	\$ 3,373,487
11	(34) SAU-TECH FUND	\$ 5,457,310
12	(35) SAU-TECH FUND-ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY	\$ 375,036
13	(36) SAU-TECH FUND-FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY	\$ 1,680,943
14	(37) SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 6,189,410
15	(38) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
16	BATESVILLE FUND	\$ 4,276,121
17	(39) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
18	HOPE-TEXARKANA FUND	\$ 4,742,486
19	(40) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
20	MORRILTON FUND	\$ 5,193,324
21	(41) BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE FUND	\$ 5,807,841
22	(42) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS FUND	\$ 3,350,898
23	(43) OZARKA COLLEGE FUND	\$ 3,171,953
24	(44) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE	
25	FUND	\$ 14,380,567
26	(45) SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 5,354,958

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28 (b) ALLOCATION B. Then after making the maximum annual allocations provided

29 for in subsection (a) of this section, the Treasurer of State shall then make

30 allocations from the remaining general revenues available for distribution,

31 as set forth in this subsection, to the funds and fund accounts listed below

32 until there has been transferred a total of one hundred ninety two million

33 six hundred forty eight thousand five hundred and thirty nine dollars

34 (\$192,648,539) or so much thereof that may become available; provided, that

35 the Treasurer of State shall make such monthly allocations in accordance with

36 each fund or fund account's proportionate part of the total of all such

1 allocations set forth in this subsection:

2 Name of Fund or Fund Account	Maximum Allocation
3	
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND	
5 (1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	
6 Public School Fund Account	\$ 118,298,100
7 (2) State Library Public School Fund Account	\$ -
8 (3) Division of Career and Technical Education Public	
9 School Fund Account	\$ 79,174
10 (4) Division of Career and Technical Education Public	
11 School Fund Account - Adult Education	\$ 350,000
12	
13 GENERAL EDUCATION FUND	
14 (1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	
15 Fund Account	\$ -
16 (2) Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account	\$ -
17 (3) Division of Public School Academic Facilities	
18 and Transportation Fund Account	\$ -
19 (4) Educational Television Fund Account	\$ -
20 (5) School for the Blind Fund Account	\$ -
21 (6) School for the Deaf Fund Account	\$ -
22 (7) State Library Fund Account	\$ -
23 (8) Division of Career and Technical Education Fund	
24 Account	\$ -
25 (9) Rehabilitation Services Fund Account	\$ -
26 (10) Child Care Grant Fund Account	\$ -
27 (11) Child Care and Early Childhood Education	
28 Fund Account	\$ -
29 Technical Institutes:	
30 (12) Northwest Technical Institute Fund Account	\$ -
31	
32 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND	
33 (1) Department of Human Services Administration	
34 Fund Account	\$ -
35 (2) Children and Family Services Fund Account	6,662,228
36 (3) Youth Services Fund Account	-

1	(4) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account	-
2	(5) Medical Services Fund Account	-
3	(6) Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account	-
4	(7) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account	2,206,748
5	(8) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund	
6	Account	-
7	(9) County Operations Fund Account	43,252
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9	STATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND	
10	(1) Division of Arkansas Heritage Fund Account	\$ -
11	(2) Department of Agriculture Fund Account	-
12	(3) Department of Labor and Licensing Fund Account	-
13	(4) Division of Higher Education Fund Account	31,611
14	(5) Higher Education Grants Fund Account	-
15	(6) Arkansas Economic Development Commission	
16	Fund Account	-
17	(7) Division of Correction Inmate Care	
18	and Custody Fund Account	40,000,000
19	(8) Division of Community Correction Fund Account	750,000
20	(9) Department of the Military Fund Account	2,086,380
21	(10) Parks and Tourism Fund Account	-
22	(11) Division of Environmental Quality	
23	Fund Account	-
24	(12) Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account	1,564,044
25		
26	ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT FUND	\$ -
27	COUNTY AID FUND	\$ -
28	COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND	\$ -
29	CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ -
30	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$ -
31	PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	\$ -
32	PERFORMANCE FUND	\$ -
33	MOTOR VEHICLE ACQUISITION REVOLVING FUND	\$ -
34	MUNICIPAL AID FUND	\$ -
35	DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FUND	\$ 6,265,294
36	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-TANF	\$ -

1	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-ADULT EDUCATION	\$	-
2	STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FUND	\$	-
3	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$	-
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5	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION		
6	(1) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	544,585
7	(2) ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	-
8	(3) HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	-
9	(4) SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FUND	\$	-
10	(5) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$	6,405,192
11	(6) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-UA SYSTEM	\$	-
12	(7) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY	\$	-
13	(8) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-DIVISION OF		
14	AGRICULTURE	\$	-
15	(9) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CLINTON SCHOOL	\$	-
16	(10) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CRIMINAL JUSTICE		
17	INSTITUTE	\$	-
18	(11) SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCES, AND ARTS FUND	\$	-
19	(12) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH FUND	\$	-
20	(13) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FUND	\$	187,833
21	(14) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND	\$	5,000,000
22	(15) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -		
23	CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	\$	-
24	(16) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -		
25	PEDIATRICS/PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH	\$	-
26	(17) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -		
27	INDIGENT CARE	\$	-
28	(18) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO FUND	\$	-
29	(19) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FUND	\$	-
30	(20) UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS FUND	\$	81,644
31	(21) ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE FUND	\$	58,990
32	(22) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE FUND	\$	-
33	(23) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME FUND	\$	21,066
34	(24) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT FUND	\$	31,911
35	(25) COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY		
36	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$	166,954

1	(26) EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	\$	224,062
2	(27) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND	\$	116,869
3	(28) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND - ADTEC	\$	-
4	(29) NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE FUND	\$	49,515
5	(30) NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$	22,041
6	(31) NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	\$	208,515
7	(32) PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY		
8	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$	-
9	(33) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH		
10	MOUNTAIN FUND	\$	108,590
11	(34) SAU-TECH FUND	\$	-
12	(35) SAU-TECH FUND-ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY	\$	-
13	(36) SAU-TECH FUND-FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY	\$	-
14	(37) SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$	19,123
15	(38) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT		
16	BATESVILLE FUND	\$	301,316
17	(39) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT		
18	HOPE-TEXARKANA FUND	\$	-
19	(40) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT		
20	MORRILTON FUND	\$	-
21	(41) BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE FUND	\$	147,771
22	(42) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS FUND	\$	30,462
23	(43) OZARKA COLLEGE FUND	\$	240,038
24	(44) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE		
25	FUND	\$	345,231
26	(45) SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$	-

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28 SECTION 7. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED

29 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DUPLICATE ACTS. If the

30 House bill to amend the Revenue Stabilization Law and the Senate bill to

31 amend the Revenue Stabilization Law of the 2023 Regular Session of the 94th

32 General Assembly are both enacted and adopted by the 94th General Assembly in

33 identical form, then the last Act passed or latest expression shall supersede

34 the other.

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36 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that changes in the state's fiscal
2 laws must take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, and that if the
3 current legislative session is extended such that the ninety-day period after
4 adjournment sine die is later than July 1, 2023, the changes required by this
5 act will not be timely. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and
6 this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
7 and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

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10 **APPROVED: 4/13/23**
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STATE GENERAL REVENUE
EPA0100 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2023
BY COMMITMENT ITEM
APR 30, 2023

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	46.4%	\$1,263,395	\$404,846	24%
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%	\$461,570	\$121,663	21%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$2,256,474	\$2,256,474	62.8%	\$1,729,812	\$526,662	23%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$1,125,091	\$1,113,062	31.0%	\$940,061	\$173,002	16%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$7,428	\$2,558	0.1%	\$2,558	\$0	0%
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	\$1,115,620	31.1%	\$942,618	\$173,002	16%
509:00:46	Books/Subscriptions	\$220,243	\$220,243	6.1%	\$209,286	\$10,957	5%
	TOTALS	\$3,609,236	\$3,592,337	100.0%	\$2,881,716	\$710,621	20%
	M&R paid to ASL account					\$0	100%

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 FEL0100 FEL0200 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2023
 BY COMMITMENT ITEM
 APR 30, 2023

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%	\$329,124	\$129,834	28%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$22,000	\$22,000	0.7%	\$10,990	\$11,010	50%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$183,704	\$183,704	5.9%	\$150,423	\$33,281	18%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$664,662	\$664,662	21.3%	\$490,537	\$174,125	26%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$2,267,204	\$2,267,204	72.7%	\$1,586,229	\$680,975	30%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$137,700	\$137,700	4.4%	\$71,303	\$66,397	48%
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%	\$1,657,532	\$797,372	32%
	TOTALS	\$3,119,566	\$3,119,566	100.0%	\$2,148,069	\$971,497	31%

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

STANDARDS FOR STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Authorized by Act 489, Acts of Arkansas, 1979

1.0 ORGANIZATION

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

2.0 GOVERNANCE

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

3.0 FINANCE

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

4.0 PERSONNEL

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

5.0 FACILITIES

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

6.0 RESOURCES AND RESOURCE SHARING

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

7.0 NOTIFICATION

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

8.0 RIGHT OF APPEAL

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

ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY
RULES GOVERNING DISTRIBUTION OF
SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

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

Email Address

Phone Number

Fax Number

Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

Date

AGREEMENT

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

Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Participant's Signature

Date

RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of State Librarian

Date

ACTION TAKEN

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

Signature of State Library Board Chairman

Date

Manager of Grants & Special Projects - Debbie Hall

Federal Grants to States Program (LSTA)

FFY21 State Program Report

The FFY21 State Program Report (SPR) has been approved. This is the first year that I have not been required to make any edits to the original submission before final approval. Attached is the Letter of Approval to Jennifer and the Feedback document from our Program Officer, Dennis Nangle.

LSTA Grants to States Annual Conference

I attended the Grants to States Conference in Seattle on March 28 and 29. IMLS always gives awards for different aspects of the Grants to States program. This year we won an award for submitting the LSTA and ARPA award reports on time. A majority of the states were granted an extension on the ARPA grant.

Acronyms

ADE - Arkansas Department of Education

ASL - Arkansas State Library

G2S - Grants to States

IMLS - Institute of Museum and Library Services

LSTA - Library Services and Technology Act

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

FFY - Federal Fiscal Year

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April 12, 2023

Jennifer Chilcoat
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Dear Jennifer,

The review of your State Program Report submitted for your award LS-250196-OLS-21 has been completed. We appreciate the substantial time and effort in documenting activities funded by the LSTA Grants to States Program as well as SLAA staff participation throughout the review process. Based upon the information in the report you have certified, your Program Officer, Dennis Nangle, has recommended the report for approval. This letter serves as verification that your report is now approved.

Your Program Officer may have reviewed with your LSTA Coordinator issues related to the purposes and priorities of the LSTA Grants to States Program; provided clarification or guidance for future reporting; or directed SLAA staff to appropriate materials. If there are questions, please contact me or Dennis Nangle.

As you prepare to report on the next fiscal year award, please keep in mind that it is in our collective interest to provide Congress and our communities with data related to the positive impact of library services and programs funded through the LSTA Grants to States Program as well as to clearly account for how those funds are used. We value each State Library Administrative Agency's effort to ensure a high standard of complete and consistent reporting that is so critical to the research process.

Sincerely,

Teri DeVoe
Associate Deputy Director, State Programs

cc:
Deborah N. Hall

Arkansas 2021 SPR- Program Officer Review

ARPA: Institutional Capacity Subawards (2021-AR-87784)

- The photos are wonderful- the outdoor programming space is amazing!
- Similar to your other ARPA projects, the soundbites from the recipient libraries are helpful and illuminating. What an impact these funds had!

Traveler- Statewide Databases (2021-AR-88421)

- Thanks for the detailed additional materials!
- Perfect way to concisely yet in a detailed fashion articulate in the budget description the breakdown of databases and providers. It's immediately clear to me where all that money went :)

Arkansas Digital Library Consortium (2021-AR-88422)

- Congrats on joining the million checkout club!
- I really appreciate all the year-specific info and data you provide. It's wonderful to see how quickly ADLC is growing, both in patron use and in library membership.

Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (2021-AR-88439)

- Great BARD stats- congrats!

Continuing Education (2021-AR-88604)

- Thanks for sharing all the great CE work that occurred this year!
- As always, I so appreciate the detailed Outcomes Survey responses.

IT Management and Support (2021-AR-88662)

- Thanks for the helpful LSTA/ARPA cost breakdowns in the budget details!

ARPA: Information Access Subawards (2021-AR-88783)

- Love the IMLS/AR State Library credit on the database listings!
- The additional materials, as usual, are really illuminating and helpful companions to the report. Thanks!
- I applaud you for not only diving into subgrants for the first time, but tackling bundling all of these awards into a clear, concise, yet impactful report.
- Also loving these details "lessons learned" from your subrecipients! Very grounding and informative.

Digital Services (2021-AR-88793)

- Thanks for the detail about GPO adjusting what types of materials they provide to FDLP locations.
- I appreciate the detailed activities related to the work being done in this division of state library services. The way the activities are broken down and the data provided could serve as a model for other SLAAs that participate in the FDLP.

Library Consulting (2021-AR-88796)

- I love how beekeeping is casually thrown in as a consulting visit topic :)

Arkansas Center for the Book (2021-AR-88798)

- Love the cross-state collaboration with Indiana!
- The family book club idea sounds like an exciting model for others to adopt.
- Pursuing the option to make the author recording available six months after the event, with geolocation instead of a password, is a brilliant way to keep author content non-public but still accessible.

Summer Reading Program (2021-AR-88799)

- I'm very envious of the cinnamon roll break :)

Youth Services (2021-AR-88800)

- The "helping from home" training is a brilliant idea, even beyond the pandemic!

ARPA: Continuing Education (2021-AR-89012)

- That's an amazing outcome from the ALL-In participant! Thanks for sharing.

LSTA Program Administration (2021-AR-Admin)

- Excellent delineation between LSTA and ARPA admin costs. Thanks!

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Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, DIRECTOR, AND AREA SERVICED:	2021 Population Served	LIB. TAX UNITS *	QTRLY MLS AWARD
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 150,001 OR MORE :			
Central Arkansas Library System Nate Coulter, MLS - U of Wisconsin-Madison (Perry and Pulaski Counties, excluding North Little Rock)	344,114	4	YES
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library Clare Graham, MLS - UNT (Saline, Hot Spring, Grant, Dallas, and Cleveland Counties)	190,293	5	YES
Washington County Library System Glenda B. Audrain, MLS - U of AL (Washington County)	154,827	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	689,234		
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)	140,800	2	YES
Crowley Ridge Regional Library Vanessa Adams, MLS - U of Missouri (Craighead and Poinsett Counties)	134,878	4	YES
Garland County Library Adam Webb, MLS - UNT (Garland County)	100,330	1	YES
Fort Smith Public Library Jennifer Goodson, MLIS-U of OK (Fort Smith District of Sebastian County)	89,576	1	YES
Fayetteville Public Library David Johnson, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (Fayetteville)	95,230	1	YES
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library Misty Hawkins, MLS - U of OK (Franklin, Johnson, Logan, and Yell Counties)	84,388	4	YES
White River Regional Library Debra Sutterfield, MLS - U. of AL (Cleburne, Fulton, Izard, Sharp, and Stone Counties)	81,174	5	YES
White County Library Darla Ino, MLS - U of TN - Knoxville (White County)	77,207	1	YES
Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Mike Rogers, MLS - UNT (Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties)	79,532	3	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	883,115		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 50,001 TO 75,000:			
Lonoke County Library Kathleen Ashmore, MLS - Valdosta State U (Lonoke County)	74,722	1	YES
Rogers Public Library Hannah Milligan, MLS - U of So. Florida (Rogers)	71,112	1	YES
Union County Library Michael O'Connell, MLIS - Catholic Univ of America (Union County and contracted with Ouachita County)	65,387	4	YES
Pine Bluff and Jefferson County Library Adam Webb, MLS - UNT (MLS of record) (Jefferson County)	65,861	2	YES
Texarkana Public Library (Total Population 65,974) Laquita Dedmon, MSLS - UNT - <i>Interim</i> (Arkansas only 29,657) (Texarkana, AR and TX)	29,314	1	YES
North Little Rock Public Library Crystal Gates, MLIS - LSU (North Little Rock)	64,162	1	YES
Mississippi-Crittenden Co. Regional Library Lowell Walters, MSLS - Clarion (Mississippi and Crittenden Counties)	63,036	2	YES
Pope County Library Judy Mays, MLS - UNC/Chapel Hill (MLS of record) (Pope County)	63,789	1	YES
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Judy Calhoun, MLS - Florida State U (Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew and Lincoln Counties)	61,664	5	YES
Crawford County Library System Eva White, MLS - TWU - <i>Interim</i> (Crawford County)	60,378	1	YES

Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid

Scott-Sebastian Regional Library Rene Myers, MLIS - U of WI/Milwaukee (Scott County and Sebastian County, South District)	48,646	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	668,071		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 25,001 to 50,000:			
Carroll and Madison Library System April Griffith, MLS - Clarion U (Carroll and Madison Counties)	45,395	2	YES
Tri-County Library System Marilyn Archer, MLS - Emporia State U. (Howard, Little River and Sevier Counties)	40,425	3	YES
Baxter County Library Kim Crow-Sheaner, MLS - UNT (Baxter County)	42,144	1	YES
Independence County Library VACANT 2/2022 (Independence County)	37,732	1	YES
Boone County Library Ginger Schoenenberger - MLS - Clarion Univ (Boone County)	37,830	1	YES
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library VACANT 6/2002 (Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties)	31,208	3	NO
Columbia County Library VACANT 3/2023 (Columbia County and contract with Lafayette County)	28,835	2	YES
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Brenda Miner (MLS - U of OK) (Montgomery and Polk Counties)	27,964	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	291,533		
LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX SERVING LESS THAN 25,000:			
West Memphis Public Library Rebecca Bledsoe (West Memphis)	24,150	1	NO
East Central Arkansas Regional Library John Paul Myrick, MLS - U of Alabama (Cross and Woodruff Counties)	22,797	2	YES
Clark County Library Betsy Fisher, MLIS - Wayne State Univeristy (Clark County)	21,321	1	YES
Hempstead County Library Courtney McNiel, MLS - Florida State U. (Hempstead County)	19,694	1	YES
Conway County Library Jay Carter, MLIS - USF (Conway County)	20,873	1	YES
Ashley County Library David Anderson, MLS - TWU (Ashley County)	18,674	2	YES
Southwest Arkansas Regional Library Courtney McNiel, MLS - Florida State U. (Nevada and Pike Counties)	18,253	2	YES
Arkansas County Library Allie Stevens, MLIS - LSU (Interim) (Arkansas County)	16,722	2	YES
Jackson County Library Jennifer Ballard, MLIS - U of AL (Jackson County)	16,811	1	YES
Marion County Library Dana Scott, MLS - TWU (Marion County)	16,978	1	YES
Lawrence County Library Ashley Burris, MLIS - U of AL (Lawrence County)	16,292	1	YES
Forrest City Public Library Arlisa Price, MSL - UNT (Forrest City)	12,792	1	YES
Newton County Library Kenya Windel, MLS - UNT (Newton County)	7,204	1	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	232,561		
TOTAL POPULATION SERVED	2,764,514		

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 Crosssett	13,968	21,078							
Ashley Co. Lib.	Crosssett (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						

FY2023 State Aid

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
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Cleveland Co.	7,514	11,339	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Dallas Co.	6,308	9,519	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Grant Co.	18,090	27,298	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Hot Spring Co.	33,148	50,020	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Saline Co.	125,233	188,977	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library		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						
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Pike Co.	10,066	15,190	12,000						

FY2023 State Aid

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
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

Counties Not Qualifying	Total Released for FY2023 State Aid		5,641,919	<i>Fifth Payment (optional) is the distribution of the remainder of the reserves held for scholarships, multi-county regionals and MLS awards. (Director discretion).</i>
Prairie	Reserved for Scholarships	(150,000)		
Searcy	Multi-County Regionals	(564,000)		
Benton	MLS Awards, 42 headquarters libraries	(756,000)		
Miller	Total Designated	(1,470,000)		
St. Francis	Balance for Per Capita Distribution		4,171,919	
Source:	4,171,919/2,764,685=		1.50900338	
https://arstatedatacenter.youraedi.com/scripts/subcountyestimates.php				
AR Data Center - 2021 estimates				
Multi-County Regionals & MLS Awards are based on July 1st status.				
Only positive changes to the payout amounts are permitted during the year due to recipient budget expectations.				

	As of:	5/1/2023
ACTUAL:	State Aid:	4,118,937
	Scholarships:	95,400
	Amt Paid Out	4,214,337
	Adjustments	-
	Balance	1,427,582

**Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance
Summer Semester, 2023**

Library Name	Individual Name	Library School	# of Hours -- Summer 2023	Recommend Award in the amount of
Bentonville Public Library	Bella Wu	U of So. MS	6	\$2,700
Bentonville Public Library	Rachel Bright	U of KY	3	\$1,350
Central Arkansas Library System	Elizabeth Wooley	Emporia	7	\$3,150
Central Arkansas Library System	Jordan Ford	LSU	0	\$0
Central Arkansas Library System	Tara Protiva-Brown	Emporia	8	\$3,600
Crawford County Library System	Madison Swaim	TWU	0	\$0
Fayetteville Public Library	Clara Davis	U of OK	3	\$1,350
Garland County Library	Brett Williams	UNT	0	\$0
Rogers Public Library	Keli Wright	U of Illinois	4	\$1,800
Springdale Public Library	Kimberly Jones	UNT	0	\$0
Springdale Public Library	Abby Miller nee Grimsle	UNT	9	\$4,050
			40	\$18,000

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State Librarian – Jennifer Chilcoat

2023 Legislative Session

The 94th General Assembly - Regular Session ended officially when the legislature adjourned sine die on May 1. In my last report, I noted several bills that we were following. We will be working with ADE's administrative and legal teams to review passed legislation and offer any guidance that will help libraries to respond appropriately. Most of the new legislation will go into effect in early August, and I expect to make a more substantive report at the August meeting.

2024-2025 Agency Budget

Last quarter, I reported that the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) passed our appropriation bill, House Bill 1093, which included an increase in state aid to \$10 million from \$5.6 million, freeing it for consideration by the legislature. After its passage in ALC, an amendment to HB 1093 was filed, tasking the State Library with finding a way to provide State Aid to Libraries whose cities or counties were willing to provide other types of financial support in lieu of the required millage in current State Standards. The amended appropriation request passed through both chambers and is now Act 566.

The budget itself is guided by the Arkansas Revenue Stabilization Act and can be quite different from our appropriation. Our actual budgeted amount for State Aid to Public Libraries for the 2024 fiscal year will remain at \$5,641,919. Whereas we had hoped to comply with HB 1093's amendment one year early, we are now looking to implement those changes for the 2025 fiscal year, in the hope of being able to secure more money for State Aid when the Legislature meets in Fiscal Session early next year. In spite of the change in timeline, I will continue working with Kristen Cooke, Debbie Hall, Jenn Wann and, occasionally, Shasta Wagner from ADE's legal team to explore what changes to the State Standards might improve the health of Arkansas' public libraries.

Measurement, Evaluation and Assessment Committee

COSLA President Julie Walker has asked me to represent COSLA on PLA's Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment Committee (MEAC). This dovetails nicely with my work on the Library Statistics Working Group. My motivation is driven by both our need for meaningful data at the state level, along with my experience in public libraries, where the difficulties inherent in our data collection methods sometimes impacted our trust in the data we collected. I am looking forward to my work on this committee, which entails a two-year term with the possibility of being reappointed for a second term.

Additional Activities

- ALL-In Training, February 15
- Library Development District 1 Meeting, Springdale, February 17
- Meeting with Engage Arkansas' Shana Chaplin, February 22
- COSLA Library Data Think Tank Meeting, February 22
- COSLA Member Update, February 23
- Executive Team Federal Budget Meeting, February 24, 27

- State Aid Standards Work Session, February 28
- Joint Budget Committee Special Language Committee, Capitol MAC, March 1
- ASL Managers Meeting, March 1, April 5, May 3
- Arkansas Gems Title Selection Meeting, March 2
- COSLA Fund Libraries Fly-In Briefing, March 2
- Libraries and FCC Broadband Map Challenge Process, March 3
- COSLA Fund Libraries Fly-In, Chiefs-Only Meeting, March 6, 7
- COSLA Fund Libraries Fly-In, March 8-10
- COSLA Western Council Quarterly Meeting, March 14
- ASL Youth Services Workshop, provided welcome statement, March 17
- Arkansas Gems Process Discussion with ADE, March 21
- COSLA Southern Council Conference Planning, March 23
- Arkansas Gems Design Meeting, March 31, April 20
- Heartland Forward Broadband Mapping Discussion, April 3
- Standards for State Aid Staff Meeting, April 6
- ALL-In Capstone Meeting/Workshop, Bentonville, April 11-14
- LSWG Spring Meeting, April 24
- Bentonville Public Library Groundbreaking, Bentonville, April 27

Future meetings/events include:

- Meetings with LSWG, MEAC, and ALA Conference, Chicago, June 20-26

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

Deputy Director - Kristen Cooke

Ongoing Projects

PLS (Public Libraries Survey)

The PLS (Public Library Survey) closed on April 21, 2023. A notification email was sent to libraries on February 6, 2023, announcing the opening of the survey. All libraries receiving State Aid to Public Libraries had accessed the survey by March 3, 2023. As of the writing of this board report, only one library receiving State Aid has not begun the survey. I have begun validating the data at the state-level to prepare Arkansas' data for submission to the federal portal. However, this cannot be completed until all survey data is submitted by the libraries.

A presentation outlining the changes to the 2022 survey was offered on February 16, 2023, and training for new submitters/Directors was provided on March 14, 2023. Submitters were also offered the option to attend virtual office hours in a drop-in format for support.

Migration to a new collection platform, Counting Opinions, is underway. Ten years' worth of historical PLS data has been uploaded onto the new platform and training has begun on the reporting functions available through the platform. The 2022 survey is the last collection cycle that will be submitted through the Baker & Taylor collection tool. Initial impressions are that the reporting tools in the new platform will prove valuable and convenient for Arkansas State Library personnel and local library directors.

State Aid Standards Revisions

I am working with and supporting Director Chilcoat as steps are taken to amend the rules for State Aid to Public Libraries.

2023 DC Fly-in

Director Chilcoat, Board Member Donna McDonald, and I had the honor of visiting with Arkansas' US Senators, Congressmen, and their staff to discuss the significant positive impact libraries provide to their communities. We were also able to highlight some of the distinct infrastructure challenges libraries face without access to adequate capital revenue.

Soon, legislators will also have the chance to reauthorize the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is currently authorized through 2025. The LSTA program funds provide essential support for many of ASL's programs, so the Fly-In presented opportunities to discuss those programs with our delegation.

There is a lot to be proud of in Arkansas libraries!

Budget Planning

Members of the executive committee met throughout February and March to review departmental budget proposals and address funding challenges for the agency.

Agency Projects

I have the pleasure of assisting my colleagues in several programs during this reporting period. Those include reviewing current State Aid to Public Libraries Standards, supporting Mockingbird implementation, Arkansas Gems, and the All-In Leadership Institute.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

January 11, February 2, 24, 27	Administrative Team: Budgeting
January 11-12	Training. ADE: Supervisory Training
January 23	Meeting. DHS: Unwinding the Public Health Emergency
February 1, March 1	Meeting. ASL Managers
February 2, 7, 28	Meeting. State Aid Standards
February 7	Meeting, Auto Graphics & Sirsi
February 9	Meeting, IMLS State Data Coordinators Meeting
February 10	Meeting, Secretary Oliva
February 15	ASL Event, ALL In Leadership Institute
February 23	Meeting, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies
	Update
February 24	Presentation, Changes to the 2022 Arkansas PLS
February 28	Meeting, Counting Opinions
March 2	Meeting, Arkansas Gems Selections
March 7-10	Washington DC Fly-in
March 9	Meeting, IMLS State Data Coordinators
March 14	Presentation, PLS for New Submitters/Directors
March 17	Presentation, Drop-in Office Hours PLS (2 sessions)
March 22	Presentation, Drop-in Office Hours PLS (1 session)

Upcoming Events:

June 24-27 Annual Conference, ALA, Chicago

Manager of Library Development – Jennifer Wann

On-Going Projects:

Library Consulting Services

Consulting topics included, but were not limited to: difference between budget and appropriation; solar science programming; funding and budgets for regional expenses; record retention policy; policy for public comment at board meetings; library development districts; internships during MLIS program; disaster planning; age requirements to obtain library card; differences between advisory and administrative boards; collection development policy; sample bylaws; authority to fill open board positions; continuing education for board members; request for consideration policy; limits on millage amount; allowable expenses for board members; non-board members serving on ad hoc committees of the board; state aid formula for regional libraries; audits for regional libraries.

ALL-In

Sessions:

- 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

The 2022 ALL-In program formally concluded with a three-day session held at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, April 12-14. The agenda included each participant giving a seven-minute presentation on a leadership or library topic of their choosing; a discussion of *Watership Down* by Richard Adams through the lens of leadership; and an interactive session presented by Amy Herman using original works in the museum's galleries to uncover how one's perceptions affect the ability to navigate workplace and leadership challenges effectively.

Public Library Staff/Board Development

- Board of Trustees Training
 - Lincoln Public Library (Washington County)
 - Newton County Library
 - Pope County Library
- Solar Science Programming in Public Libraries
 - Crawford County Library
 - Garland County Library
 - Craighead County – Jonesboro Public Library

State Aid Standards

A State Aid Standards Advisory Committee consisting of five (5) public library directors was convened to review the current State Aid Standards and to make recommendations for revisions to the standards.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

February 1	ASL Managers Meeting
February 8	Board Training, Lincoln Public Library

February 9	ASL Board Meeting
February 15	ALL-In Session with current Cohort
February 21	Library Development Quarterly Staff Meeting
February 27	Site visit to Camp Aldersgate as possible workshop venue
March 1	Site visit to Crystal Bridges in preparation for ALL-In session
March 7-8	Solar Science Programming Workshops
March 20	Site visit to Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center as possible workshop venue
March 29	Site visit to Benton Event Center as possible workshop venue
April 3	Board Training, Newton County Library
April 5	ASL Managers Meeting
April 12-14	ALL-In Capstone Session
April 19	Board Training, Pope County Library

Upcoming Events:

May 9	Site visit to Fort Smith Public Library for IAARTSB program
May 11	Site visit to Monticello Public Library for IAARTSB program
May 17	Site visit to Cabot Public Library for IAARTSB program
May 24	Customer Service training for the Southeast Regional Library System

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

On-Going Projects:

Library of Congress Center for the Book Updates

Guy Lamolinara announced at the February 23rd State Center for the Book Affiliates meeting that the Library of Congress will not be acquiring the Literary Landmark program after all. State Affiliate Centers are hopeful that another organization will take on the oversight of the program.

The National Book Festival will be held earlier than usual this year; on Saturday, August 12. “Everyone Has a Story” will be the theme. State Affiliate Centers have been invited to create author videos for our “Great Reads” selections. Our Great Reads selections this year are:

- *House Finds a Home* by Katy Duffield and illustrated by Jen Corace (New York: Viking, 2022).
- *US History in 15 Foods* by Anna Zeide (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2023).

Book Club Project

Attendance reports indicate 1,188 book club readers from January to April (to date), with March and April statistics still being submitted to the Center. From February through April, the Center shipped 189 book club kits, with 2,268 books provided. Although we are at capacity for the number of book clubs we are able to support, there is continued interest in book club programming around the state.

Arkansas Gems

Title selections for the 2023 Gems have been finalized, and the poster design process has been initiated. The Center Coordinator is in the process of obtaining permissions to use book cover art on the poster. We are excited to share that the poster will have a solar eclipse theme this year.

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book

The critically acclaimed *Beasts of Prey* series by Ayana Gray (New York: G. P. Putnam’s Sons) has been selected for the 2023 If all Arkansas Read the Same Book statewide read. In-person events are scheduled in three locations this summer:

- Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Smith Public Library
- Saturday, July 15, 2023, 12:00 p.m. at the Cabot Public Library
- Saturday, August 5, 2023, 5:00 p.m. at the Monticello Branch Library

More information about the 2023 If All Arkansas Read the Same Book program is available on the ASL website: <https://www.library.arkansas.gov/programs/arkansas-center-for-the-book/if-all-arkansas-read-the-same-book/>.

Book Nook with Arkansas Style on KARK Channel 4 – The Coordinator continued to assist with

with book discussions related to this reading program on the novels *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister and *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry. Discussions will continue in May on *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

February 10	ASL Board Meeting
February 15	ALL-In session with Jay Turner
March 2	Arkansas Gems Meeting
March 17	Youth Services Spring Workshop via Zoom
March 21	Arkansas Gems Meeting
March 31	Arkansas Gems - Design Kickoff Meeting
April 11	Site visit with Mary Leverance, Preservation & Conservation Coordinator at the University of Arkansas Libraries (Library Annex, University of Arkansas)
April 12 - 14	ALL-In Capstone at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
April 17	Potential Poetry Program Meeting via Zoom
April 17	Book launch event for <i>Rise of the Mavericks</i> by Philip C. Shackelford
April 18	Ayana Gray recording for AIMM Conference - via Zoom
April 20	Arkansas Gems - Design Meeting - Mood Boards

Upcoming Events:

June 8	If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event, Fort Smith, AR
July 15	If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event, Cabot, AR
August 5	If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event, Monticello, AR
August 12	National Book Festival, Washington DC

Manager of E-Rate Services - Amber Gregory

On-Going Projects:

E-Rate Update

- The FY 2023 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) application filing window opened January 18, 2023, and closed on March 28, 2023.
- FY 2023 E-Rate numbers:
 - Amount requested: \$1,181,201
 - Category 1: \$852,867
 - Category 2: \$328,334
 - Participation: 124 of 221 (56%) Arkansas public library locations

Virtual E-Rate Meetings with Arkansas Public Libraries

Between January 25 and April 25, 2023, 69 virtual E-Rate consultations were held with 35 Arkansas public libraries. Assistance was given with E-Rate Forms 470, 471, 472, 486, competitive bidding, Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) review, service substitutions, and out-of-window waiver requests with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

Arkansas County Library
 Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System
 Ashley County Library
 Baxter County Library
 Boone County Library
 Bradley County Library
 Chicot County Library
 Clark County Library
 Columbia County Library
 Craighead County/Jonesboro Public Library
 Crittenden County Library
 Dallas County Library
 Desha County Library
 Elkins Public Library
 Farmington Public Library
 Fort Smith Public Library
 Gentry Public Library
 Grant County Library

Gravette Public Library
 Iva Jane Peek Public Library
 Lonoke County Library
 Malvern/Hot Spring County Library
 Marion County Library
 Mississippi County Library
 Newton County Library
 Pope County Library
 Prairie County Library
 Prescott/Nevada County Library
 Public Library of Camden and Ouachita County
 Public Library of Pine Bluff/Jefferson County
 Sevier County Library
 Southeast Arkansas Regional Library
 Star City Branch Library
 Van Buren County Public Library
 White County Regional Library

Broadband Mapping

The FCC released new broadband maps on November 18, 2022, and the new maps do not include community anchor institutions. Stakeholders are actively working to learn about the location challenge process for libraries and best practices for accurately depicting library broadband coverage on the FCC broadband maps. Efforts will continue to evolve as updated versions of the map are released.

Conference Calls/Meetings/Training:

Feb 2 – April 18

Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) member calls

Feb 14 - April 11	E-Rate calls with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)
March 3	FCC Broadband Map Call
March 7 - April 19	E-Rate Task Force (ERTF) monthly meetings
March 14	Arkansas State Broadband Office call
March 16, April 20, 21	USAC Board of Directors meetings
April 3	Heartland Forward State Digital Equity Plan virtual meeting
April 11 - 14	Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL-In)

Upcoming Events:

May 15 - 17	Diamond State Networks 2023 Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, AR
June 23 - 27	American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition, Chicago, IL
July 24 - 25	USAC Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC

Coordinator of Youth Services- Ruth Hyatt

On-Going Projects:

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

The PSA recordings for the 2023 Summer Reading Program are ready and available to all libraries for distribution to local media.

Programmers Zooms

Youth Services staff meet weekly for a 1 hour zoom to share ideas, questions and professional development opportunities.

Youth Services Spring Workshop

The Spring workshop was held virtually on March 17. Tracks were held for both public and school librarians. Topics included: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten; Arkansas Book Awards; Preparation for Summer Reading 2023; Student Engagement Tools; STEM Integration into the K-12 Library.

Arkansas Choice Book Awards

Arkansas Diamond 2023 -2024 Nominees

- *I Can Help* by Reem Faruqi; Illustrated By: Mikela Prevost
- *All We Need* by Kathy Wolff; Illustrated by Margaux Meganck
- *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman; Illustrated by Loren Long
- *Don't Hug Doug* by Carrie Finison; Drawings by Daniel Wiseman
- *Except Antarctica* by Todd Sturgell
- *Mel Fell* by Corey R. Tabor
- *Norman Didn't Do It* by Ryan Higgins
- *Outside Inside* by LeUyen Pham
- *Poultrygeist* by Eric Geron; Illustrated by Pete Oswald
- *Survivor Tree* by Marcie Colleen; Illustrated by Aaron Becker
- *Time for Bed, Old House* by Janet Costa Bates; Illustrated by A.G. Ford
- *When Langston Dances* by Kaija Langley; Illustrated by Keith Mallett

2023-2024 Charlie May Simon Nominees

- *Amari* by B. B. Alston
- *The Swag Is in the Socks* by Kelly J. Baptist
- *Sunshine* by Marion Dane Bauer
- *Long Road to the Circus* by Betsy Bird and David Small
- *Across the Desert* by Dusti Bowling
- *Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Ophie's Ghosts* by Justina Ireland
- *The Beatryce Prophecy* by DiCamillo Kate
- *Allergic: A Graphic Novel* by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
- *Twenty-One Steps: : Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* by Jeff Gottesfeld; Illustrated by Matt Tavares
- *Summer of Brave* by Amy Noelle Parks
- *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *What Lives in the Woods* by Lindsay Currie

- *The Ambassador of Nowhere Texas* by Kimberly Willis Holt
- *Wild River* by Rodman Philbrick
- *The Elephant in the Room* by Holly Goldberg Sloan.

Oral Health Arkansas

Sixty libraries distributed five thousand packages of Oral Health and materials to help adults and youth quit smoking as part of their improved oral health plan. Libraries held programs with the help of local dentists and Extension Services programmers.

Tornado Relief Bedtime Story Kits

Thirty kits of picture books, a reading buddy, coloring book, crayons and a toothbrush, as well as enough materials for 24 kits for older children to select a novel and toothbrush were delivered to the Tornado relief station at the Immanuel Baptist Church City Center.

Upcoming Events

April 20	Virtual workshop: Boot Camp #4 Evaluating Summer Programs
May 12	ALPS Infobits Presentation: Youth Services: Always an Adventure
June 20, June 27, July 18, and August 1	Educational Co Op presentations via zoom: Arkansas Choice Book Awards
July 10-12	ADE, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Summit Presentation: Arkansas Choice Book Awards: When you promote, students vote!

Coordinator of Training and Development - Janine Jamison-Miller

On-Going Projects:

Consulting Services

Consulting topics included, but were not limited to: accessing PCI Webinar content, individual surveys for professional development offerings, request for specialized trainings, and NARCAN training.

The Coordinator of Training & Development met with the Friends of the Library in West Fork to view the space purchased by the Friends to further the vision of the West Fork Public Library.

Continuing Education

Library Juice Academy

During January-March 2023, 33 Library Juice Academy courses were requested and 30 evaluations were returned.

People Connect Institute (PCI) Webinars

During February-April 2023 PCI Webinars offered 12 live weekly webinars. There were 129 registrations received and 1,077 views of recorded archived webinar content between February-April 2023.

Friends of the Library

A Gathering of Friends participants met to discuss upcoming conference opportunities, Friends of the Library survey results, group communication opportunities, fundraising, foundations, using gaming to facilitate membership drives, Friends of the Library book club discussions, opportunities for Friends to support Solar Science Programming, and forming a Friends of the Library Advisory Council.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

February 8, March 8, April 5	Continuing Education Coordinator's Meeting
February 10	Arkansas State Library Board Meeting
February 15	ALL-In Workshop w/Jay Turner
February 21	Library Development Team Meeting
March 2	Arkansas Gems Selection Meeting
March 3	Arkansas Department of Education First Friday (virtual)
March 9	Solar Science Programming Workshop
March 14-16	Southeast Collaborative Conference (virtual)
March 17	ASL Youth Services Virtual Workshop
March 31	College & University Librarians of Arkansas (CULAR) Presentation
April 11	Site Visit: West Fork Public Library
April 12-14	ALL-In Capstone Meeting
April 23	Arkansas Association of Instructional Media Conference
April 24	A Gathering of Friends (virtual)

Upcoming Events:

May 12	Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals Infobits Conference Presentation
May 18	Friends of the Library Training: Pea Ridge Community Library
June 8	Friends of the Library Training: Independence County Library
June 23	Reference & Instruction Services Community of Interest Presentation

Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind - Kristina Hancock

CIRCULATION

In the first half of the Federal fiscal year from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 the Arkansas State Library's Library for the Blind program circulated a total of 86,594 books. Of this figure, 57,287 were by direct mail circulation, 57 were direct mail circulation of Braille books, and 29,307 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD). Patron downloads accounted for around 24 percent of total circulation. This is an increase of 17% from our March 31, 2022, board report. I'm attributing this to the Braille E-Reader as BARD supplies Braille E-Reader files and the popularization of our monthly book club. Circulation of books through Duplication on Demand accounted for 99 percent of all direct mail circulation.

READER INTERACTION STATISTICS

For the first half of the Federal fiscal year, October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 our Reader Advisors had a total of 13,991 patron interactions. Of those, 5,105 were phone calls received, 850 emails were received and responded to, 888 voicemails were received and responded to, 1,026 were new patron outreach calls, and 6,214 were work follow up tasks. Work follow up includes curating a book order for a patron, or searching for and providing reference information.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) READERSHIP

There are 938 Arkansas Library for the Blind readers registered with the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD program. Of those patrons, 492 actively download digital audio and braille books and magazines. So far in FFY 22, those patrons downloaded 29,307 BARD books and read them on 1,773 registered Apple and Android mobile devices. The free Apple App enables BARD books to be downloaded easily to an Apple iPhone, iPad, or other mobile Apple device. The free Android App enables users to download books directly to any Android device with an OS of 4.1 or higher.

OUTSOURCING BRAILLE

On July 1, 2018, the Library entered into a contract with the Utah State Library for the Blind in Salt Lake City 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 92 Braille books circulated since FY 21 began.

TRAVEL

May 1-5

Kristina Hancock and Natalie Marlin will be attending the National Library Service Northern and Southern Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Manager of Information Services – Michael Strickland

On-Going Projects:

First-Floor Displays

This quarter, Win Gates has created displays that are totally Arkansas. Display number one celebrates Arkansas festivals. Display number two tells the story of the New Madrid earthquakes and highlights Arkansas earthquakes. Display number three highlights the variety of animals we have in Arkansas. The displays will be available for public viewing through the end of May.

Paper Plant Patents Ended

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has recently ended the distribution of plant patents in paper format. They have been replaced with eGrants, which anyone can view and print from the application file in Patent Center. However, the eGrants only have the text portion of the plant patent, not the images.

To view the color images of a plant patent, a searcher must now select the “Supplemental Context” section of the application file.

To view the black and white version of the images in a plant patent, the issued patent in Patent Public Search will continue to be available for searching by keyword, U.S. Patent Classification, patent number and other fields. The black and white images appear in the pdf of the plant patent at the end.

Presentations/Meetings/Training:

Jan 19	Meeting, Information Services Staff Meeting (Virtual)
Jan 30	Library Support Assistant (Interlibrary Loan), Sherry Chastain officially retired
Feb 1	Meeting, ASL February Manager’s Meeting (virtual)
Feb 16	Meeting, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Annual Check-In Call
Mar 1	Meeting, ASL March Manager’s Meeting (virtual)
Mar 7	Training, Judi King conducts postage training for Information Services Staff
Mar 27-30	Training, 44 th Annual USPTO Training Seminar (virtual)
Apr 5	Meeting, ASL April Manager’s Meeting (virtual)

Upcoming Events:

May 2-3	Training, National Small Business Week Virtual Summit, U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE
May 3	Meeting, ASL May Manager’s Meeting (virtual)
May 17	Training, IP Basics (virtual)

Information Services Quarterly Statistics:

Interlibrary Loan Statistics

	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023	Mar. 2023	Quarterly Total
Requests Filled:	121	129	135	385
Requests Unfilled:	52	42	51	145
Total Requests:	173	171	186	530

Circulation Statistics

Materials Checked Out:	71	40	57	168
Patrons per day:	121	96	152	379
Public Computer Use:	27	17	17	61
Total Circulation Calls:	61	81	44	186
Call-in Circ Reference:	2	2	1	5
Walk-in Circ Reference:	3	0	2	5

Reference Statistics

Requests total:	26	43	40	109
Census:	0	0	0	0
Patents:	1	1	1	3
Trademarks:	1	0	1	2
Copyright:	0	0	1	1
Notaries	8	6	16	23

Division Manager of Collection Management – Sarah Lipsey

On-Going Projects:

Division Personnel

We have not yet received approval from the Office of Personnel Management to advertise the vacated Senior Librarian and Librarian positions in the Digital Services unit. We have adjusted workflows for the unit and cross-trained Librarian Lanette Madison of Acquisitions to assist with state documents. At present the workload is manageable, but we will need to reassess the situation if the vacancies prove long term.

Collection Management

Weeding conducted by the Acquisitions unit is currently on hold due to lack of space to store discarded books. The state's Marketing and Redistribution Office (M&R) is currently not able to make agency pickups as they work the bugs out of a new software, but weeding will continue once M&R operations resume and we are able to free up space for additional discards.

Now that the shifting of the Arkansas Documents and Rules collections are complete, we are assessing remaining free space downstairs with the aim of creating additional room for rare and closed stacks materials upstairs.

SirsiDynix Symphony

The NCIP connection between ASL's Symphony integrated library system and the ShareIt Mockingbird platform is officially operational and has been running as intended for several months. All related support tickets are closed. Cue the celebrations.

Digitization Project

We are initiating a new project to digitize the Arkansas Statutes Annotated (ASA) of 1947. The ASA is a critical resource for conducting historical legislative research. We hold one print set in our collection, but print copies are rare so we would be unable to replace a missing volume.

Digital copies of the ASA are non-existent, whether in proprietary sources like Hein or open collections, so we will be creating a new and unique resource. Consequently, we will conduct a substantial amount of post-editing after imaging the physical volumes. In addition to the digitized facsimile, we will create computer-readable transcripts with embedded hyperlinks to facilitate navigation. While this is a substantial amount of work, we believe the resulting product is well worth the effort and will be a valuable resource to all legislative researchers.

Project participants are currently Division Manager Sarah Lipsey, Senior Librarian Elizabeth Clements and Librarian Ethan Beard.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

February 1, 8, 15, & 22 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.

February 3 SirsiDynix Vendor Consult, Virtual.

Quarterly meeting with SirsiDynix to discuss ILS status and related issues. Participants: Kirby Gill of SirsiDynix, Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

February 7 NCIP Vendor Consult, Virtual.

Troubleshooting session to identify and diagnose ongoing issues with the NCIP connection between SirsiDynix Symphony and AutoGraphics ShareIt. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Library Coordinator Jessica Kirk, support personnel from SirsiDynix and AutoGraphics.

February 24 Executive Team Meeting.

Budget meeting. Participants: State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Administrative Services Brooke Crawford, Manager of Grants and Special Projects Debbie Hall.

February 27 Executive Team Meeting.

Budget meeting. Participants: State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Administrative Services Brooke Crawford, Manager of Grants and Special Projects Debbie Hall.

March 1, 8, 15 & 29 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.

March 6 - April 3 Library Juice Academy Course, Virtual.

Online professional development class: Understanding the BIBFRAME Model and Vocabulary.

Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

April 5, 12 & 19 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.

April 21 Collection Management Project Meeting, Arkansas State Library.

Meeting to discuss and get input on various new area projects. Participants: State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey.

Manager of Digital Services – Jennifer Razer

Ongoing Projects

Personnel

There are currently two vacant positions due to retirement and promotion in Digital Services - State Documents. We hope to fill both positions as soon as possible.

State Documents Depository

Division Manager, Sarah Lipsey, and Manager of Digital Services, Jennifer Razer monitored the legislative session for bills affecting State Documents. The Arkansas Class book has been updated to reflect the creation of and changes in Boards, Commissions, and other applicable changes related to the session.

The State Documents staff continues to work to keep digital submissions up to date while we have two vacancies in the unit. To relieve the workload of staff due to double vacancies, we are no longer uploading digital content to both CONTENTdm and Preservica. Staff are now uploading digital content to Preservica only. Users can access digital content uploaded into Preservica through the library's online catalog.

Razer has been working on reorganizing the file structure in Preservica to make the public interface more user friendly and allow for users to see at a glance state agency rules and publications for easier access.

Razer trained Lanette Madison, Cataloger, in the process of uploading existing title electronic state documents to Preservica, to assist state documents staff with the processing of digital submissions. Madison has also been trained in uploading new title digital submissions to Preservica to further assist state documents staff.

Razer also trained Emm Coats, Federal Documents Library Technician, on processing existing print state documents and marking them received in our library catalog. Coats was also trained in processing monthly discard lists from the state documents depository libraries.

Digital Services Librarian, Ethan Beard, has contacted several agencies requesting updated liaisons and to have our gov-docs account be subscribed to distribution lists for news releases and other applicable documents for inclusion into the State Documents collection. Shipping list [408](#) was sent out to depository libraries.

New additions to the Arkansas Documents Digital Collections of particular interest include:

OCLC #: 1370257901 [Executive orders \(Sanders'\)](#)

OCLC #: 1362884555 [Arkansas broadband master plan : assessment and recommendations](#)

OCLC #: 1362529359 [Taxation report](#)

Federal Documents Depository

Library Coordinator for Digital Services, Wendy Etchison, has met with Razer to train on the duties of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Regional Coordinator job duties to allow Razer to better understand the role and assist when necessary. Etchison also provided FDLP Coordinator training to the Federal Documents Librarian at Arkansas Baptist College and continues to assist them as they fulfill their role as a selective depository library within the FDLP.

Etchison is working with Ouachita Baptist University staff as they prepare to leave the FDLP program and reviewing their collection holdings.

Etchison and Coats are working on completing inventory of the microfiche collection.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

February 7 Ouachita Baptist University and Government Publishing Office-Virtual Meeting of the depository coordinator at Ouachita Baptist University (OBU) and the Government Publishing Office (GPO) to determine the disposition plan of the federal documents collection at OBU. Participants: Digital Services Library Coordinator Wendy Etchison.

February 8 State Documents Collaborative Group (GODORT)-Virtual Meeting of the State Documents Collaborate Group with the focus on digitization strategies. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer

February 14 Collection Management Budget Meeting, Arkansas State Library
Participants: Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

March 1 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

March 7 Archives, Special Collections, Repositories Special Interest Group - Virtual Meeting to discuss community interest in forming a working group focused on shared interests in archives and special collections. Participants: Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

March 8 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

March 9 Federal Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Digital Services Library Coordinator Wendy Etchison.

March 15 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

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

March 30 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and State Documents Librarian Ethan Beard.

April 6 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

April 12 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.
Standing meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

April 17 National Collection Service Area Meeting (NSCA)
Meeting of depository coordinators facilitated by GPO staff to discuss preservation steward updates, updates to the Regional Online Selection Authorization (ROSA), microfiche and print document updates as well as updates to the FDLP eXchange. Participants: Federal Documents Library Coordinator Wendy Etchison.

April 26 Society of Southwest Archivist Virtual Conference: Approaches to the Digitization of Archival Collections: A Hybrid Model – Virtual Workshop
Full day workshop hosted by New Mexico University Library faculty/staff with the goal of inspiring archivist and librarians to undertake digitization projects and gain a better understanding of the digitization process, various standards, and assist attendees with developing customized digitization toolkits and resources when creating digital collections. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

Manager of Acquisitions -Katie Walton

On-Going Projects:

Acquisitions

Acquisitions Senior Librarian Elizabeth Clements accepted a Cataloging position at another library, and her last day is May 9. She has been an instrumental part of the department for four years and will be sorely missed, but we wish her the best in her new role. We have already begun submitting paperwork to fill her position but are aware that many state-funded jobs are currently frozen and are making plans for how to cover those duties in the interim. Some projects such as discarding, collection maintenance, and digitization will be paused, and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton will take on the Senior Librarian's more time-sensitive ordering and processing duties.

There is very little left to discard from the large weeding project we completed in the circulating collection, but the basement is still full of boxes of books that are waiting to be removed by M&R. Once M&R resumes their pickups, we will discard the final carts of books. We would still like to weed the Reference collection, but that will have to wait until the Senior Librarian position is filled.

With the cost increase in many online resources and print periodicals, there was not as much left in the budget to purchase physical books outside of the ALA and Matthew Bender standing orders. We will need to cut some of our subscriptions next year to stay within our budget during the 2024 State Fiscal Year.

Since the State Documents department is also down two staff members, Librarian Lanette Madison has been helping them when time allows. She temporarily paused processing existing electronic State Documents to give her more time to better assist them with processing new electronic monographs and serials.

Arkansas Digital Library Consortium

There are currently 94,737 titles in the shared collection- 67,329 eBooks, 22,754 audiobooks, and 4,654 magazine titles. The reduction in the number of titles in the collection is due to the removal of expired metered access content. The consortia collection has always had an automatic weeding plan in place which would automatically weed any titles that were expired, no longer available to purchase, and had no holds. Some Advantage libraries had opted in with a similar automatic weeding plan as well, but there were many that hadn't. In February, OverDrive set up automatic weeding plans with those same three parameters for all its member libraries. ADLC had quite a few libraries that hadn't weeded out any of their expired titles, and since these weeded titles weren't available to purchase anymore, there was no way to fulfill any holds that might have been placed in the future. Although we were excited to celebrate that we had surpassed 100k titles in 2022, it's more important that we have a well-maintained collection with titles patrons can conveniently check out.

As of April 26, there have been 342,760 checkouts during the last quarter by 29,489 users which represents an increase in circulation from the last quarter despite the reduction in the number of titles available in the collection.

2023 Selection Committee members include:

- Tier 1- Allie Stevens, Calhoun County Library
- Tier 2- Ashley Burris, Lawrence County Library
- Tier 3- Carlene Morrison, Independence County Library

- Tier 4- Katie Allen, Garland County Library
- Tier 5- Hope Rider, Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library System
- Tier 6- Leigh Espey, Mid-Arkansas Regional Library System- Saline County

Arkansas Traveler Statewide Resources

Later this fall the Arkansas State Library will send out a request for proposals (RFP) for the Traveler Statewide Digital Resource Program. This RFP process occurs every three years and serves as an opportunity to reevaluate which databases and online resources would best serve residents of Arkansas. Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton created a [survey](#) about the program, training opportunities, and collection offerings to aid the Traveler Advisory Committee in their decision making. The survey was sent to the AAIM, ArLA, and ARCULI listservs with the request that recipients both fill out the survey and forward it onto anyone that might be interested in sharing their thoughts about the program. There have already been 97 responses, and we will continue to gather them over the next few months. There has been one change to the Traveler Advisory Committee. Stormy Evans resigned from the Cross County Library in February, so John Paul Myrick from East Central Arkansas Library System will step in as the Public, Multi-County representative in his absence.

Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

February 4 AAIM Board Meeting
 Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media quarterly board meeting.

February 6-March 19 Completed Library Juice Academy Course
 Librarian Reba Driver completed the six-week Library Juice Academy course "Cataloging and Classification."

February 9 Presented Virtually for COSLLE
 Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton virtually presented on ProQuest's *CultureGrams* as part of the Arkansas Library's Association's Community of School Librarians and Library Educators.

February 22 OverDrive Conference Call
 Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher and Nicole Martin of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

March 2023 Completed Library Juice Academy Course
 Librarian Lanette Madison completed the four-week Library Juice Academy course "Introduction to Digital Preservation."

March 1 Attended OverDrive Webinar
 Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton virtually attended the webinar "Expand Content Discovery and Leverage Patron Interests with Libby" presented by OverDrive training staff.

March 2 Arkansas Gems Selection Meeting
 Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended a meeting with Library Development staff to discuss potential titles for the 2023 Arkansas Gems poster.

March 3 eBook Consortia Meeting
 Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended a meeting with Parker Zimmerman from the University of Texas to discuss the logistics of facilitating eBook consortium.

March 7 Attended Archives COI Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended a meeting with Archives and Special Collections staff around the state to discuss the possibility of creating an ArLA Community of Interest.

March 22 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher and Nicole Martin of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton

March 24 ADLC Selection Committee Training
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton met with Katie Allen from Garland County to discuss the basics of purchasing for the ADLC shared pool in preparation for the larger Selection Committee meeting.

March 29 InfoBase Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation to introduce new customer service representatives. Participants: Derek Herman, Billy Morrow, Christina Toulouse, Carter Cook, and Matthew Follett of InfoBase and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

March 30 ADLC Selection Committee Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton hosted a meeting for ADLC Selection Committee Members to assign purchasing responsibilities, create a purchasing schedule, and discuss procedural changes.

April 22-25 Attended AAIM's Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR
Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton attended the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media's Conference. In addition to presenting, Katie assisted the Exhibit Chair with overseeing the Exhibitors Hall and attended Business and Board meetings as the Commercial Representative.

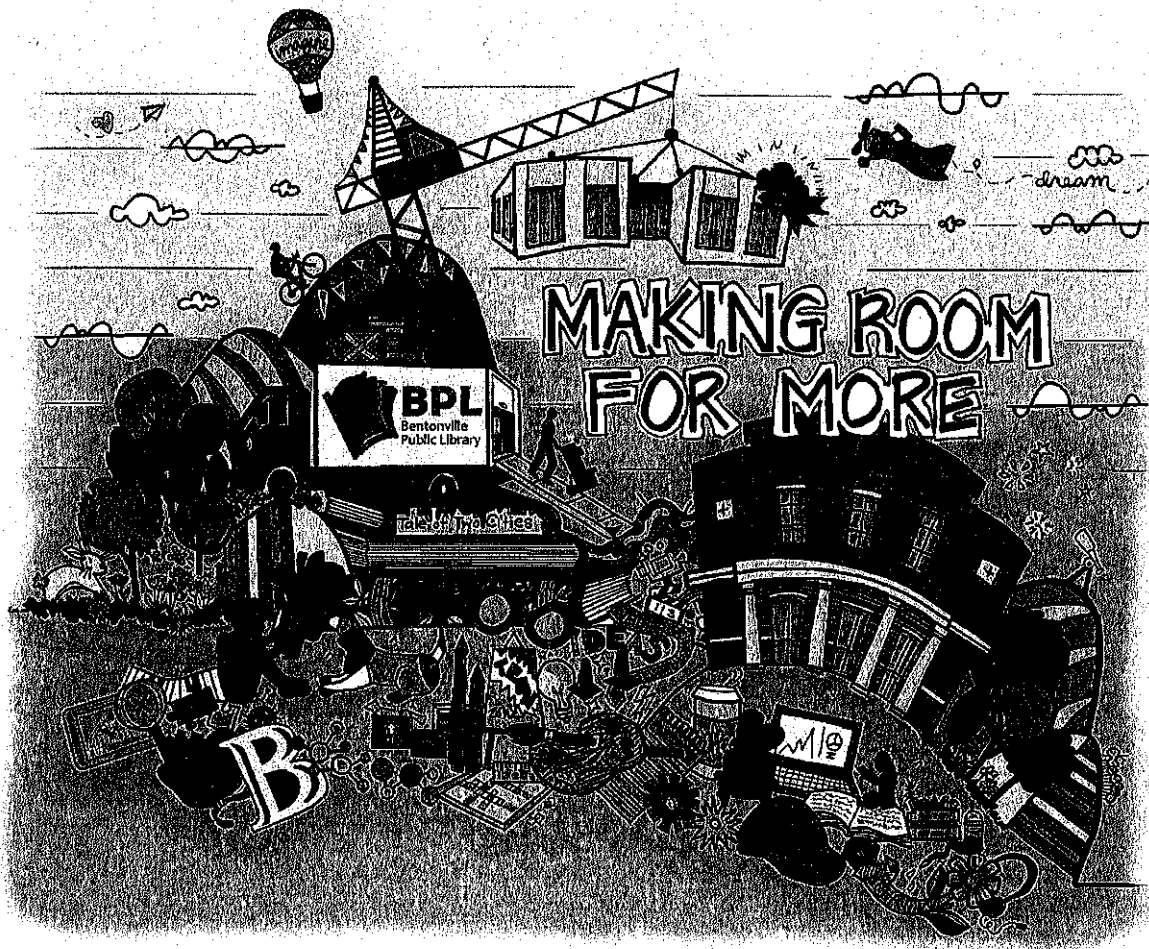
April 22 AAIM Board Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media quarterly board meeting.

April 24 Presented at AAIM's Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR
Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton presented a breakout session on ProQuest's CultureGrams at the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media's Annual Conference.

April 25 Presented at AAIM's Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR
Acquisitions Manager Katie Walton presented a breakout session on the Traveler Databases at the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media's Annual Conference.

April 25 AAIM Board Meeting
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media quarterly board meeting.

April 26 OverDrive Conference Call
Scheduled vendor consultation. Participants: Andy Bucher of OverDrive and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.



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Program Guide

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Thursday, April 27, 2023 | 1:00pm - 1:30pm

Welcome and Acknowledgements from Library Director Hadi Dudley

Remarks from MSR Design and Flintco

Library Service Award Presentations

Distinguished Service Award

Best Friend Award

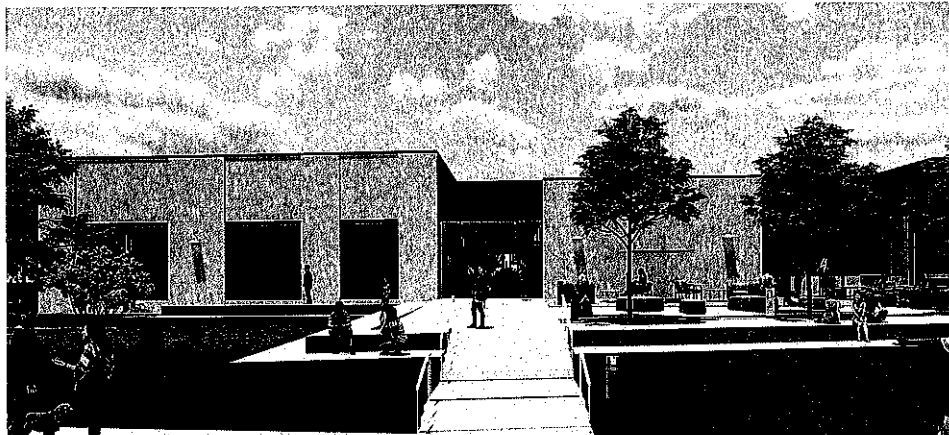
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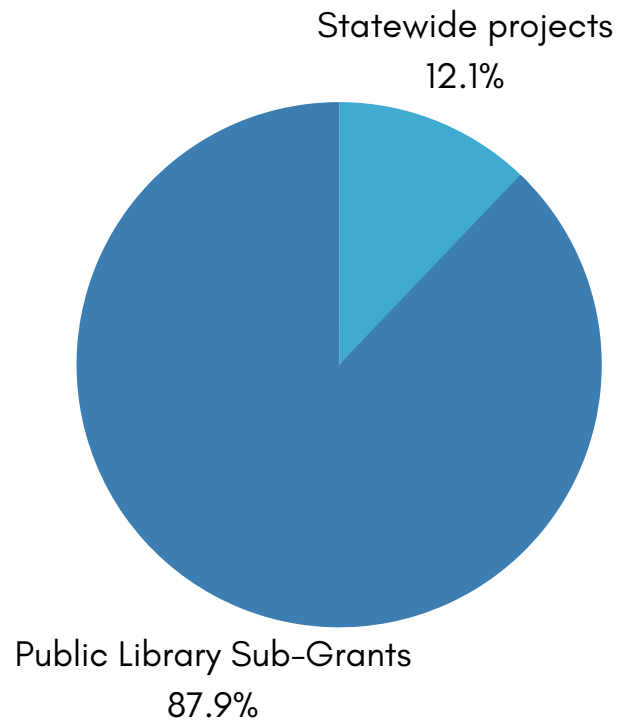
ARPA FUNDS IN AR

Total Grant \$2,660,308

Sub-Grants Funded \$2,337,617

75 libraries across 167 buildings

- 554 computers
- 146 software licenses
- 37 databases
- 7,509 print materials
- 6,860 eBooks
- 2,906 A/V items
- 17 Equipment Purchases
- 48,419 items digitized
- And much more!



Statewide Projects \$322,691

- Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog
- Arkansas Library Leadership Institute
- Youth Services
- Eclipse Project - 1 million eclipse glasses
- Arkansas Digital Library Consortium



Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) project highlights



Traveler Statewide Database Program

Over \$53 million in savings for schools & libraries
 96 free databases for every resident
 Resources for children, adults, job seekers, & more

Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

186,189 books circulated in FFY21
 213 Early Literacy Tactile Kits distributed
 913 readers in the (BARD) Braille and Audio Reading
 Download Program



Arkansas Digital Library Consortium

135 libraries participating
 Over 96 thousand items available
 Over 4,300,000 loans made
 Over 1 million check outs annually

OTHER LSTA PROJECTS

Library Consulting	\$245,388	Summer Reading Program	\$112,723
Digital Services	\$195,148	Arkansas Center for the Book	\$51,400
IT Management & Support	\$136,034	Continuing Education	\$37,546
Collection Management	\$133,301	Youth Services	\$31,428
Information Services	\$118,109	E-Rate & Technology Support	\$9,503

Infrastructure Needs in Arkansas' Public Libraries

Jonesboro's Main Library (District 1)

A leaking roof has caused the ceiling tiles to crumble onto the floor and has soaked parts of the collection.



Searcy Public Library (District 2)

Exterior walls are cracked and spalling.



Gentry Public Library (District 3)

A roof leak has allowed water to penetrate the walls, setting them up for mold and mildew problems.



Prescott/Nevada County Public Library (District 4)

Standing water, cold temperatures, and age have led to spalling of the entryway, creating a tripping hazard and limiting accessibility.





HOW LIBRARIES BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

1 **E-Rate** funds internet access on library property.

In FY22, 122 Arkansas libraries used over \$1 million in broadband funding for internet access and network equipment to better connect their patrons and communities. Average broadband speed increased from 84 Mbps (2020) to 171 Mbps (2021).

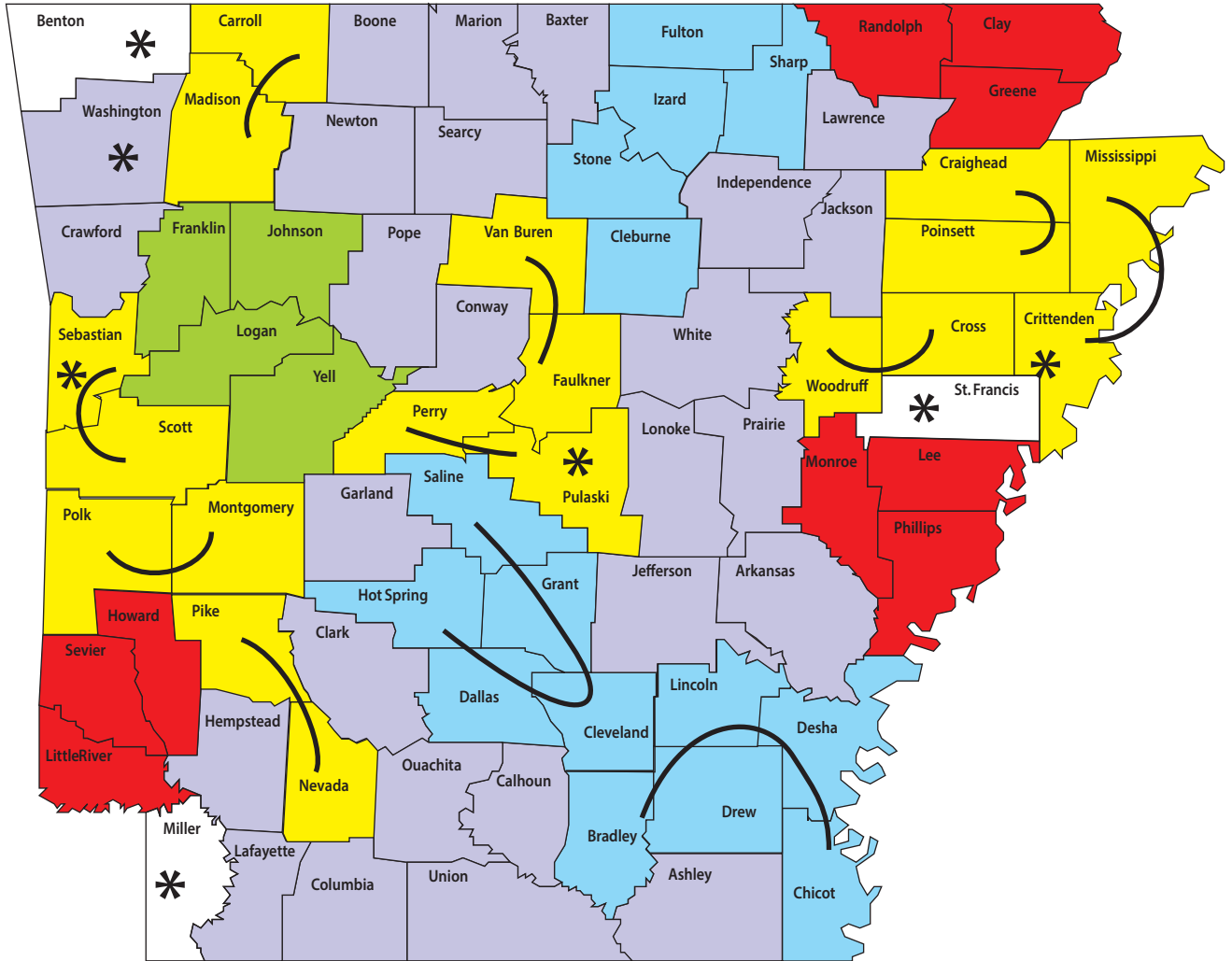
2 **Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)** creates at-home connections with loaned devices & hot spots.

\$278,911 used for laptops, tablets, and hot spots with data plans across 13 library systems. Arkansas River Valley Reginal Library System doubled their hot spot lending program and partnered with an adult learning alliance to support program participants in completing their educational goals including GED completion and community college enrollment.

3 **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** provides household discounts for internet access.

Libraries promote this program at multiple points of service including to patrons using public access computers and those checking out hot spots or devices.

Arkansas Public Library Systems



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

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

Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts

Library Name	Mailing Address	City	Zip Code
LDD III			
Central Arkansas Library System	100 Rock Street	Little Rock	72201-1624
Conway County Library	101 West Church	Morrilton	72110-3399
Fairfield Bay Library	369 Dave Creek Pkwy.	Fairfield Bay	72088-1183
Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library	1900 Tyler	Conway	72032-3240
Lonoke County Library	204 East 2nd Street	Lonoke	72086-2858
Mid-Arkansas Regional Library	202 East Third Street	Malvern	72104-3910
North Little Rock Library Public System	2801 Orange	North Little Rock	72114-2296
Saline County Library	1800 Smithers Drive	Benton	72015-3108
White County Library System	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	agriffith@camals.org	April Griffith	Carroll & Madison Library System
479-471-3226	479-471-3226	ewhite@crowfordcountylib.org	Eva White	Crawford County Library
479-856-7000	479-571-0222	djohnson@faylib.org	David Johnson	Fayetteville Public Library
479-783-0229	479-782-8571	jgoodson@fortsmithlibrary.org	Jennifer Goodson	Fort Smith Public Library
479-736-2054	479-736-8567	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
870-446-2983	870-446-2983	director@newtoncountylibrary.org	Kenya Windel	Newton County Library
479-451-8442		pearidgecommunitylibrary@gmail.com		Pea Ridge Library
479-968-4368	479-968-3222	ssimpson@popelibrary.org	Judy Mays	Pope County Library
479-621-1152	479-621-1165	hmilligan@rogersar.gov	Hannah Milligan	Rogers Public Library
479-996-2856	479-996-2236	rmyers@co.sebastian.ar.us	Rene Myers	Scott-Sebastian Regional Library
870-448-2420	870-448-5453	path353@yahoo.com	Pat Halsted	Jim G. Ferguson/Searcy County Library
479-524-4236	479-524-3908	sfreedle@siloomsprings.com	Stephanie Freedle	Siloam Springs Public Library
479-298-3753	479-298-3515	sulphurspringslibrary2021@gmail.com	Melinda Griffin	Sulphur Springs Public Library
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870-793-8814	870-793-8896	Vacant		Independence County Library
870-886-3222	870-886-9520	akburris@hotmail.com	Ashley Burris	Lawrence County Library
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870-935-5133	870-935-7987	vanessa@libraryinjonesboro.org	Vanessa Adams	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
870-633-5646	870-633-5647	fcpl@forrestcitylibrary.org	Arlisa Price Harris	Forrest City Public Library
870-523-2952	870-523-5218	director@jacksoncolibrary.net	Jennifer Ballard	Jackson County Library
870-762-2431	870-762-2442	lwalters@mclibrary.net	Lowell Walters	Mississippi/Crittenden County Library
870-483-7744	870-483-6833	teaguejanie@hotmail.com	Janie Teague	Trumann Public Library
870-269-4682		wrrlibrary@yahoo.com	Debra Sutterfield	White River Regional Library

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501-884-4930		ffblibrary@live.com	Karen Tangen	Fairfield Bay Library
501-327-7482	501-327-9098	john@fcl.org	John McGraw	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
855-572-6657	501-676-0557	kashmore@lonokecountylibrary.org	Kathleen Ashmore	Lonoke County Library
501-332-5441	501-332-6679	clare.graham@arkansas.gov	Clare Graham	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library
501-758-1720	501-753-0524	crystal.gates@lamanlibrary.org	Crystal Gates	North Little Rock Library Public System
501-778-4766	501-778-0536	pattyh@salinecountylibrary.org	Patty Hector	Saline County Library
501-279-2870	501-268-5682	darla.ino@arkansas.gov	Darla Ino	White County Library System
LDD IV				
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870-234-1991	870-234-5077	rhonda@cocolib.org	Denise McNiel	Columbia County Library
501-623-4161	501-623-5647	gcl@gclibrary.com	Adam Webb	Garland County Library
870-777-4564	870-777-2915	hempcolib@gmail.com	Courtney McNiel	Hempstead County Library
870-921-4757	870-921-4756	lafcolibrary@gmail.com	Michael Strange	Lafayette County Library
870-867-3812	870-867-3812	omreglibrary@hotmail.com	Brenda Miner	Ouachita Mountains Regional Library
479-394-2314	479-394-2314	polkcountylibrary@yahoo.com	Mary Renick	Polk County Library
870-836-5083	870-836-0163	lrpickett@hotmail.com	Lisa Pickett	Public Library of Camden & Ouachita County
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903-794-2149	903-794-2139	jstrayhorn@txar-publib.org	Laquita Dedmon	Texarkana Public Library
870-584-4364	870-642-8319	tri-countyreglibsystem@hotmail.com	Marilyn Archer	Tri-County Regional Library System
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870-853-2078	870-853-2079	ashcolib@gmail.com	Holly Gillum	Ashley County Library
870-364-2230	870-364-2231	david@crossett.lib.ar.us	David Anderson	Crossett Public Library
870-946-1151	870-946-1151	dewittpl@yahoo.com	Sarah Beth Cole	DeWitt Public Library
870-338-7732	870-338-8855	ral72342@yahoo.com	Linda Bennett	Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library
870-534-4802	870-534-8707	rwilliams@pineblufflibrary.org	Ricky Williams	Public Library of Pine Bluff & Jefferson County
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**ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I

NAME

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

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

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. The Board shall name the State Librarian.

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

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.”

ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments -- 2023

Executive Committee: Chair; Vice Chair, and Chilcoat

Nominating Committee: O'Neal and McDonald

Policies & By-Laws Committee: Vice Chair; McDonald and TBD

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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29	30	31				

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State Library Board Meetings, as scheduled



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)