

STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
First Quarter 2023-2024  
August 11, 2023

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Pam Meridith, Chairperson

A. Approval of Minutes [May 12, 2023]

Unfinished Business

B. Administration Report/FY2024 Agency Funding

C. State Aid and Scholarships

Other Unfinished Business

New Business

D. State Aid FY2024/Scholarships

E. Reports/Travel and Correspondence

Other New Business

F. Board Information

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May 12, 2023

The State Library Board convened on May 12, 2023, in the Bessie Moore Conference Room at the Arkansas State Library. Board members present were Pamela Meridith (Chair), Lupe Peña de Martínez (Vice-Chair), Jo Ann Campbell, Donnette Smith, and Joan O'Neal, with Deborah Knox and Donna McDonald attending via Zoom. Staff members present were State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Brooke Crawford, Jenn Wann, Sarah Lipsey, Kristina Hancock, Jennifer Razer, and Jaynie Whatley. Shasta Wagner, ASL's legal liaison with the Arkansas Department of Education, was present.

Meridith called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from February 10, 2023 [A1]. A motion was made by Peña de Martínez, seconded by Campbell. 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. The current staff as of May 1 is 33 full-time positions and 1 extra help position with 2 shared services positions and 14 vacant positions.

The ASL Appropriation Bill HB1093 [B2], passed and is now Act 566 of 2023. The Revenue Stabilization Act, SB569 [B3], which reflects the actual funding allocations to every state agency, was passed and is now Act 888 of 2023.

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

Chilcoat reviewed Tab C, which contained the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries [C1], the Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance [C2], and the Scholarship Assistance Application 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) has been approved. Chilcoat briefly reviewed the Letter of Approval [D2] and the Feedback document [D3] from IMLS Program Officer Dennis Nangle.

Chilcoat briefly reviewed Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid [E1], noting any changes during the past quarter. A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Campbell, to approve the list of Public Libraries Qualifying for State Aid. The motion passed.

Chilcoat reviewed the list of recommended FY2023 State Aid Fourth Quarter payments [E2]. A motion to approve the list was made by O'Neal, seconded by Peña de Martínez. The motion passed.

There were no new Scholarship Applications to present this quarter.

The Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance [E4] was presented, requesting reimbursement for 11 recipients' coursework. A total of 40 hours were completed for a total cost of \$18,000. A motion to approve was made by Campbell, seconded by Knox. The motion passed.

The Monroe County Library Advisory Board has verbally requested that the Arkansas State Library Board produce a letter to the First Judicial Circuit Court Prosecuting Attorney, stating that the ASL Board has no objection to an audit being conducted of the Phillips-Lee-Monroe Library System. After some discussion regarding this request, the board members concluded that it is premature to sign the letter at this moment. A motion to approve Chairperson Pamela Meridith's signature of the letter when or if a judge or the county board requests the letter authorization was made by Peña de Martínez, seconded by Knox. The motion passed.

State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat began her report [F1] by mentioning that the actual budgeted amount for State Aid to Public Libraries in the 2024 fiscal year will remain at \$5,641,919. We still expect to implement changes in the funding formula for the 2025 state fiscal year to comply with the amendment to HB 1093 although that will be difficult if funding levels cannot be increased to provide State Aid for libraries that have not qualified for it in the past. Chilcoat will represent COSLA on the PLA's Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment Committee (MEAC) for a two-year term, with the possibility of being reappointed for a second term.

Deputy Director Kristen Cooke began her report [F2] with an update that the Public Library Survey for Arkansas closed on April 21, 2023. All libraries receiving State Aid to Public Libraries had access to the survey by March 3, 2023. The 2022 survey is the last collection cycle that will be submitted through the Baker & Taylor collection tool. Director Chilcoat, Deputy Director Cooke, and Board Member McDonald had the honor of visiting with Arkansas' US Senators, Congressmen, and their staff to discuss the significant positive impact libraries provide to their communities, as well as to highlight some of the distinct infrastructure challenges libraries currently face without access to adequate capital revenue.

At this time Shasta Wagner, ASL's legal liaison with ADE, gave an update that the approved rules for State Aid to Public Libraries have been submitted to BLR so that they may be put on the Arkansas Legislative Council's agenda.

Jennifer Wann, Manager of Library Development, presented her report [F3]. The 2022 All-In program has concluded. The session was held at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art on April 12-14. The first Solar Science Kit will be sent out May 27, 2023, to the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library. Each kit will circulate for five weeks at a time.

Wann covered [F4] on behalf of Karen O'Connell, Coordinator of the Arkansas Center for the Book. At the State Center for the Book Affiliates Meeting in February, Guy Lamolinara announced that the Library of Congress will not be acquiring the Literary Landmark program. The *Beasts of Prey* Series by Ayana Gray has been selected for the 2023 If All Arkansas Read the Same Book statewide read. The first in-person events since the pandemic have already been scheduled in three locations across the state this summer.

Wann covered [F5] on behalf of Amber Gregory, Manager of E-Rate Services. The FY2023 application filing window closed on March 28, 2023, and 56% of Arkansas public library locations participated. Between January 25, 2023, and April 25, 2023, there were 69 virtual E-Rate consultations held with 35 Arkansas public libraries. On November 18, 2022, the FCC released new broadband maps which do not include community anchor institutions. Work continues on this issue.

Wann covered [F6] on behalf of Ruth Hyatt, Coordinator of Youth Services. The Youth Services Spring Workshop was held virtually on March 17. Hyatt coordinated with 60 participating libraries for the distribution of print materials and 5,000 kits of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss to promote Oral Health Month. She created 50 kits from the leftover materials, along with coloring books, crayons, and books for older children, to donate to Arkansas Disaster Relief Center in response to the recent tornado. A new project Hyatt is launching this fall is a circulating puppet kit, complete with scripts and backdrops.

Wann covered [F7] on behalf of Janine Jamison-Miller, Coordinator of Training and Development. From January through March 2023, there were 33 Library Juice Academy courses requested and 30 evaluations returned. There were 129 registrations received and 1,077 views of recorded PCI webinar content between February and April 2023. Jamison-Miller has also participated in Friends of the Library Consulting.

Kristina Hancock, Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, began her report [F8] by mentioning the upcoming technology she recently learned about through the National Library Service Northern and Southern Conference. NLS is currently working on an updated version of the digital talking book machine as well as an amazon smart speaker app for BARD. This quarter, BPD circulated a total of 86,596 books. BARD patron downloads are at a 17% increase from the statistics on March 31, 2022. From October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, our Reader Advisors had a total of 13,991 patron interactions. There are 938 Arkansas Library for the Blind readers registered with the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD program.

Michael Strickland, Manager of Information Services, began his report [F9] with an update that the vacant position of Interlibrary Loan – Library Support Assistant vacated by Sherry Chastain’s retirement has been filled by Jeremye Hall.

Sarah Lipsey, Division Manager of Collection Management, began her report [F10] with the update that they have not yet received approval to advertise the vacated Senior Librarian and Librarian positions in the Digital Services unit. The state’s Marketing and Redistribution Office (M&R) is currently not able to make agency pickups. This has caused the weeding conducted by Acquisitions to be put on hold due to the lack of space to discard the books. However, with the shifting of the Arkansas Documents and Rules collections complete, they are assessing remaining free space downstairs with the aim of creating additional room for rare and closed stacks materials upstairs. Digital copies of the Arkansas Statutes Annotated (ASA) of 1947 are currently non-existent, so they are taking on the challenge of creating a new resource. They will initiate this new project to digitize copies of ASA, as print copies are so rare and difficult to replace if missing.

Jennifer Razer, Manager of Digital Services, presented her report [F11]. With two vacancies in the unit, there has been a lot of training recently to distribute the workload while waiting for approval to fill those positions. Razer has trained Lanette Madison, Cataloger, in the process of uploading existing title electronic state documents 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. Library Coordinator for Digital Services, Wendy Etchison, has trained Razer in the duties of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Regional Coordinator to allow Razer to better understand the role and assist when necessary.

Katie Walton, Manager of Acquisitions, began her report [F12] with a staffing update. Acquisitions Senior Librarian Elizabeth Clements accepted a Cataloging position at another library and her last day will be May 9. They have already begun to submit paperwork to fill her position. Some projects, including discarding, collection management, and digitization will be paused, and Walton will be taking on the Senior Librarian's more time-sensitive ordering and processing. Of the 94,737 titles in the shared collection, 67,329 are eBooks, 22,754 are audiobooks, and 4,654 are magazine titles. Walton created a survey about the Traveler Statewide Digital Resource Program, training opportunities, and collection offerings to aid the Traveler Advisory Committee in their decision-making.

Chilcoat then briefly reviewed the current news clippings relating to the library community [F13-14], the map of the Arkansas Public Library Systems [F15], and the list of Public Libraries of Arkansas by Library Development Districts [F16].

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

The Arkansas State Library Board Bylaws were presented [G3], along with the ASL Board Standing Committee Assignments [G4]. Board Member Smith will be added to the Policies and By-Laws Committee.

The section was completed with the staff directory [G6] and the calendar of meetings for 2023 [G7]. 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. A motion to move the regular November meeting date to November 3, 2023, was made by Campbell, seconded by Peña de Martínez. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Campbell, seconded by O'Neal. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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Approval Date

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Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian

## **Administrative Services Manager - Brooke Crawford**

### Human Resources:

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

Budgeted staff: 45

Current staff @ 8/1/23: 32 Full-Time, 2 Shared Services positions, 1 Extra Help, 13 Vacant Positions.

Senior Librarian- Info Services & Librarian - Digital Services advertisement postings just closed.

Awaiting approval on 5 vacant positions.

### Fiscal Year End:

Fiscal Year End Closing for our state funds was June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are currently working on the Fiscal Year End Closing for our federal funds which is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Reports:

We completed or are currently working on the reports that are due after state closeout. The State Closing Book is divided into 3 parts with deadlines of July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> & August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Statewide Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) had a deadline of July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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STATE GENERAL REVENUE  
EPA0100 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2024  
BY COMMITMENT ITEM  
JULY 28, 2023

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	FY Blocks	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$1,749,087	\$71,924	\$1,677,163	46.0%	\$115,576	\$1,561,587	93%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0.3%	\$0	\$10,000	100%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$644,998	\$44,419	\$600,579	16.5%	\$45,251	\$555,328	92%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$2,404,085	\$116,343	\$2,287,742	62.8%	\$160,827	\$2,126,915	93%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$1,125,091	\$655	\$1,124,436	30.9%	\$125,728	\$998,708	89%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0.3%	\$0	\$10,000	100%
506:00:10	Prof. Fees & Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
	Total M & O	\$1,135,091	\$655	\$1,134,436	31.1%	\$125,728	\$1,008,708	89%
509:00:46	Books/Subscriptions	\$230,000	\$9,757	\$220,243	6.0%	\$18,232	\$202,011	92%
	TOTALS	\$3,769,176	\$126,755	\$3,642,421	100.0%	\$304,787	\$3,337,634	92%
	M&R paid to ASL account						\$0	100%

FEDERAL LSTA REVENUE  
 FEL0100 FEL0200 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2024  
 BY COMMITMENT ITEM  
 JULY 28, 2023

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$502,646	\$502,646	15.3%	\$12,806	\$489,840	97%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$22,000	\$22,000	0.7%	\$999	\$21,001	95%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$214,290	\$214,290	6.5%	\$9,231	\$205,059	96%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$738,936	\$738,936	22.5%	\$23,036	\$715,900	97%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$2,357,700	\$2,357,700	71.8%	\$8,397	\$2,349,303	100%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$145,000	\$145,000	4.4%	\$0	\$145,000	100%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$40,000	\$40,000	1.2%	\$0	\$40,000	100%
	Total M & O	\$2,542,700	\$2,542,700	77.5%	\$8,397	\$2,534,303	100%
	TOTALS	\$3,281,636	\$3,281,636	100.0%	\$31,432	\$3,250,204	99%

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

**STANDARDS FOR STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**Authorized by Act 489, Acts of Arkansas, 1979**

**1.0 ORGANIZATION**

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

**2.0 GOVERNANCE**

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

### 3.0 FINANCE

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

### 4.0 PERSONNEL

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

### 5.0 FACILITIES

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

## **6.0 RESOURCES AND RESOURCE SHARING**

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

## **7.0 NOTIFICATION**

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

## **8.0 RIGHT OF APPEAL**

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

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

1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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

2.0 PURPOSE

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

3.00 DEFINITIONS

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

4.0 FOCUS AREA

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

5.0 ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

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

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

## 6.0 ADMINISTRATION

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

## 7.0 SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSALS

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

## 8.0 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

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

## Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance Application

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

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### APPLICANT

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

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Applicant Library Name

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Mailing Address

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City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Fax Number

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Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)

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Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

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Date

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### AGREEMENT

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

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Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Participant's Signature

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Date

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### RECOMMENDATION

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

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Signature of State Librarian

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Date

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### ACTION TAKEN

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

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Signature of State Library Board Chairman

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Date



Public Library Systems Qualifying for State Aid

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, DIRECTOR, AND AREA SERVICED:	2021 Population Served	LIB. TAX UNITS *	QTRLY MLS AWARD
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 150,001 OR MORE :</b>			
Central Arkansas Library System Nate Coulter, 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
<b>SUBTOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>689,234</b>		
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 75,001 TO 150,000:</b>			
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
<b>SUBTOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>883,115</b>		
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 50,001 TO 75,000:</b>			
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		
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX, SERVING 25,001 to 50,000:</b>			
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 Laura Rumans, MLS - U of Texas (MLS of record) (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 <b>VACANT 6/2002</b> (Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties)	31,208	3	<b>NO</b>
Columbia County Library Denise McNiel - <i>Interim</i> (Columbia County and contract with Lafayette County)	28,835	2	<b>NO</b>
Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Brenda Miner (MLS - U of OK) (Montgomery and Polk Counties)	27,964	2	YES
SUBTOTAL SERVED	291,533		
<b>LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITH TAX SERVING LESS THAN 25,000:</b>			
West Memphis Public Library Rebecca Bledsoe (West Memphis)	24,150	1	<b>NO</b>
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		

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Arkansas Co. Lib.	Arkansas Co.	16,512	24,817		18,000	42,817	10,704	10,704	10,704	10,705
Ashley Co. Lib.	Ashley Co. less Crosssett	13,741	20,652							
Ashley Co. Lib.	Crosssett (city) (Ashley Co.)	4,613	6,933							
<b>Ashley Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>18,354</b>	<b>27,586</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>45,586</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>11,398</b>
Baxter Co. Lib.	Baxter Co.	42,435	63,779		18,000	81,779	20,445	20,445	20,445	20,444
Boone Co. Lib.	Boone Co.	38,284	57,540		18,000	75,540	18,885	18,885	18,885	18,885
Clark Co. Lib.	Clark Co.	21,250	31,938		18,000	49,938	12,485	12,485	12,485	12,483
Columbia Co. Lib.	Columbia Co.	22,216	33,390							
Columbia Co. Lib.	Lafayette Co. (contract)	6,101	9,170							
<b>Columbia Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>28,317</b>	<b>42,560</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>60,560</b>	<b>15,140</b>	<b>15,140</b>	<b>15,140</b>	<b>15,140</b>
Conway Co. Lib.	Conway Co.	21,046	31,632		18,000	49,632	12,408	12,408	12,408	12,408
Crawford Co. Lib. System	Crawford Co.	61,075	91,794		18,000	109,794	27,449	27,449	27,449	27,447
Garland Co. Lib.	Garland Co.	100,089	150,432		18,000	168,432	42,108	42,108	42,108	42,108
Hempstead Co. Lib.	Hempstead Co.	19,453	29,237		18,000	47,237	11,809	11,809	11,809	11,810
Independence Co. Lib	Independence Co.	37,945	57,031		18,000	75,031	18,758	18,758	18,758	18,757
Jackson Co. Lib.	Jackson Co.	16,624	24,986		18,000	42,986	10,746	10,746	10,746	10,748
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Jefferson Co. Total less Pine Bluff	24,751	37,200							
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Pine Bluff (city) (Jefferson Co.)	39,495	59,360							
<b>Jefferson Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>64,246</b>	<b>96,560</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>114,560</b>	<b>28,640</b>	<b>28,640</b>	<b>28,640</b>	<b>28,640</b>
Lawrence Co. Lib.	Lawrence Co.	16,205	24,356		18,000	42,356	10,589	10,589	10,589	10,589
Lonoke Co. Lib.	Lonoke Co.	75,225	113,062		18,000	131,062	32,765	32,765	32,765	32,767
Marion Co. Lib.	Marion Co.	17,254	25,932		18,000	43,932	10,983	10,983	10,983	10,983
Newton Co. Lib.	Newton Co.	7,078	10,638		18,000	28,638	7,160	7,160	7,160	7,158
Pope Co. Lib.	Pope Co.	64,065	96,288		18,000	114,288	28,572	28,572	28,572	28,572
Union Co. Lib.	El Dorado (city)	17,063	25,645							
Union Co. Lib.	Union Co. Total less El Dorado	20,689	31,095							
Union Co. Lib.	Calhoun County (contract)	4,695	7,056							
Union Co. Lib.	Camden (city) (Ouachita Co.)	10,298	15,478							
Union Co. Lib.	Ouachita Co. Total less Camden (contract)	11,751	17,662							
<b>Union Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>64,496</b>	<b>96,936</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>114,936</b>	<b>28,734</b>	<b>28,734</b>	<b>28,734</b>	<b>28,734</b>
Washington Co. Lib.	Washington Co. (less Fayetteville)	156,769	235,621		18,000	253,621	63,405	63,405	63,405	63,406
White Co. Reg. Lib. System	White Co.	77,755	116,864		18,000	134,864	33,716	33,716	33,716	33,716
<b>Total Single County Libraries</b>		<b>964,477</b>	<b>1,449,590</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378,000</b>	<b>1,827,590</b>	<b>456,897</b>	<b>456,897</b>	<b>456,897</b>	<b>456,898</b>
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Franklin Co.	17,271	25,958	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Johnson Co.	26,001	39,079	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Logan Co.	21,253	31,943	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Yell Co.	20,129	30,253	12,000						
<b>Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>84,654</b>	<b>127,233</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>193,233</b>	<b>48,308</b>	<b>48,308</b>	<b>48,308</b>	<b>48,309</b>
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Carroll Co.	28,742	43,199	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Madison Co.	17,486	26,281	12,000						
<b>Carroll &amp; Madison Co. Lib. System Total</b>		<b>46,228</b>	<b>69,480</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>111,480</b>	<b>27,870</b>	<b>27,870</b>	<b>27,870</b>	<b>27,870</b>
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Little Rock (city) (Pulaski Co.)	202,864	304,901							
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Perry Co.	10,063	15,124	12,000						

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Central Arkansas Lib. System	Pulaski Co. Total less LR & NLR	131,654	197,873	12,000						
<b>Central Arkansas Lib. System Total</b>		<b>344,581</b>	<b>517,898</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>559,898</b>	<b>139,975</b>	<b>139,975</b>	<b>139,975</b>	<b>139,973</b>
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Craighead Co. Total less Jonesboro	33,141	49,810	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Jonesboro (city) (Craighead Co.)	78,876	118,549							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Poinsett Co. Total less Trumann	15,190	22,830	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Trumann (city) (Poinsett Co.)	7,305	10,979							
<b>Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>134,512</b>	<b>202,169</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>244,169</b>	<b>61,042</b>	<b>61,042</b>	<b>61,042</b>	<b>61,043</b>
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Cross Co.	16,601	24,951	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Woodruff Co.	6,049	9,092	12,000						
<b>East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>22,650</b>	<b>34,042</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>76,042</b>	<b>19,011</b>	<b>19,011</b>	<b>19,011</b>	<b>19,009</b>
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Faulkner Co.	127,665	191,878	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Van Buren Co.	16,102	24,201	12,000						
<b>Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>143,767</b>	<b>216,079</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>258,079</b>	<b>64,520</b>	<b>64,520</b>	<b>64,520</b>	<b>64,519</b>
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Cleveland Co.	7,467	11,223	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Dallas Co.	6,191	9,305	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Grant Co.	18,160	27,294	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Hot Spring Co.	33,203	49,903	12,000						
Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	Saline Co.	127,357	191,415	12,000						
<b>Malvern-Hot Spring County Library</b>		<b>192,378</b>	<b>289,140</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>367,140</b>	<b>91,785</b>	<b>91,785</b>	<b>91,785</b>	<b>91,785</b>
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Blytheville (city) (Mississippi Co.)	12,706	19,097							
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Crittenden Co. Total less West Memphis	23,266	34,968	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Mississippi Co. Total less Blytheville	26,190	39,363	12,000						
<b>Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>62,162</b>	<b>93,428</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>135,428</b>	<b>33,857</b>	<b>33,857</b>	<b>33,857</b>	<b>33,857</b>
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Clay Co.	14,265	21,440	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Greene Co.	46,448	69,810	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Randolph Co.	18,837	28,312	12,000						
<b>Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>79,550</b>	<b>119,562</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>173,562</b>	<b>43,391</b>	<b>43,391</b>	<b>43,391</b>	<b>43,389</b>
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Montgomery Co.	8,556	12,859	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Polk Co.	19,337	29,063	12,000						
<b>Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib Total</b>		<b>27,893</b>	<b>41,923</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>83,923</b>	<b>20,981</b>	<b>20,981</b>	<b>20,981</b>	<b>20,980</b>
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Lee Co.	8,364	12,571	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Monroe Co.	6,564	9,866	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Phillips Co.	15,304	23,002	12,000						
<b>Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>30,232</b>	<b>45,438</b>	<b>36,000</b>		<b>81,438</b>	<b>20,360</b>	<b>20,360</b>	<b>20,360</b>	<b>20,358</b>
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Scott Co.	9,805	14,737	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Sebastian Co. Total less Fort Smith	39,067	58,717	12,000						
<b>Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>48,872</b>	<b>73,454</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>115,454</b>	<b>28,863</b>	<b>28,863</b>	<b>28,863</b>	<b>28,865</b>
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Bradley Co.	10,135	15,233	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Chicot Co.	9,873	14,839	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Desha Co.	10,771	16,189	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Drew Co.	16,911	25,417	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Lincoln Co.	12,916	19,412	12,000						
<b>Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>60,606</b>	<b>91,090</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>169,090</b>	<b>42,272</b>	<b>42,272</b>	<b>42,272</b>	<b>42,274</b>
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Nevada Co.	8,181	12,296	12,000						
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Pike Co.	10,179	15,299	12,000						

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<b>Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>18,360</b>	<b>27,595</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>69,595</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>17,398</b>
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Howard Co.	12,557	18,873	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Little River Co.	11,821	17,767	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Sevier Co.	15,686	23,576	12,000						
<b>Tri-County Reg. Lib.</b>		<b>40,064</b>	<b>60,215</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>114,215</b>	<b>28,554</b>	<b>28,554</b>	<b>28,554</b>	<b>28,553</b>
White River Reg. Lib.	Cleburne Co.	25,284	38,001	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Fulton Co.	12,382	18,610	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Izard Co.	14,048	21,114	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Sharp Co.	17,810	26,768	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Stone Co.	12,575	18,900	12,000						
<b>White River Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>82,099</b>	<b>123,393</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>201,393</b>	<b>50,348</b>	<b>50,348</b>	<b>50,348</b>	<b>50,349</b>
<b>Total Regional Libraries</b>		<b>1,418,608</b>	<b>2,132,139</b>	<b>552,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>2,954,139</b>	<b>738,535</b>	<b>738,535</b>	<b>738,535</b>	<b>738,531</b>
Fayetteville Public Library	Fayetteville (city)	99,285	149,223		18,000	167,223	41,806	41,806	41,806	41,805
Forrest City Public Lib.	Forrest City (city)	12,676	19,052		18,000	37,052	9,263	9,263	9,263	9,263
Fort Smith Public Lib.	Fort Smith (city)	89,992	135,256		18,000	153,256	38,314	38,314	38,314	38,314
North Little Rock Public Lib.	North Little Rock (city)	64,627	97,133		18,000	115,133	28,783	28,783	28,783	28,784
Rogers Public Lib.	Rogers (city)	72,999	109,716		18,000	127,716	31,929	31,929	31,929	31,929
Texarkana Public Lib.	Texarkana (city)	29,306	44,046	12,000	18,000	74,046	18,512	18,512	18,512	18,510
West Memphis Public Lib.	West Memphis (city)	23,795	35,763			35,763	8,941	8,941	8,941	8,940
<b>Total City Libraries</b>		<b>392,680</b>	<b>590,190</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>710,190</b>	<b>177,548</b>	<b>177,548</b>	<b>177,548</b>	<b>177,545</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,775,765</b>	<b>4,171,919</b>	<b>564,000</b>	<b>756,000</b>	<b>5,491,919</b>	<b>1,372,980</b>	<b>1,372,980</b>	<b>1,372,980</b>	<b>1,372,974</b>

<u>Counties Not Qualifying</u>	Total Released for FY2024 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:	4,171,919/2,775,765=		1.50297990	
<a href="https://arstatedatacenter.youraedi.com/scripts/subcountyestimates.php">https://arstatedatacenter.youraedi.com/scripts/subcountyestimates.php</a>				
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.				

ACTUAL:	As of:	8/1/2023
State Aid:		
Scholarships:		
Amt Paid Out		-
Adjustments		-
Balance		5,641,919

### 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.

Mississippi County Library System  
 Applicant Library Name  
 200 N. 5th St.  
 Mailing Address  
 Bluffville, AR 72315-2709  
 City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension  
 bbowman@mlibrary.net  
 Email Address  
 870-762-2431 Phone Number  
 870-762-2442 Fax Number  
 Elizabeth Shippen  
 Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)  
 Elizabeth Shippen Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee  
 July 11, 2023 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.

Billie Bowman  
 Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)  
 Billie Bowman Participant's Signature  
 7-11-2023 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



## Mississippi County Library System

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July 11, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I, Billie Bowman, agree to be employed with the Mississippi County Library System for a period of at least one year after completing a master's degree in library science, as required by the Arkansas State Library's Scholarship guidelines. I also agree to complete said program in a period of three years from this date.

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Lowell Walters, Director, MCLS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Billie Bowman', written over a horizontal line.

Billie Bowman, Assistant Director, MCLS



Lowell Walters  
Director, Mississippi County Library System  
200 North Fifth Street  
Blytheville, AR 72315

July 17, 2023

Re: Scholarship support for Billie Bowman, library master's degree student in ALA accredited program at the University of Kentucky

Dear Arkansas State Library Board Members,

I am honored to support and recommend my Assistant Director, Billie Bowman, for Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance. As her direct supervisor, I have observed that Billie is a motivated individual who manages and prioritizes competing initiatives well in both her vocational and personal life. She is doing well in the master's degree program that she has started, and I have no doubt that she will complete the program with strong performance and useful application in her library career.

Billie's current focus of assistance to me is to lead the Mississippi County Library System's efforts to seek out and draft applications for grant assistance and to plan and lead our team of library branch managers in their programming activities. In addition, she is my on-site, decision-making, backup any time that I may not be available.

Billie is dependable to see projects through to completion and interacts very well with her colleagues and fellow team members scattered throughout the System. She offers the System dependability, task skills, and emotional intelligence. She also works well with both our customer base and fellow professionals when she is out and about in the community.

I recommend to you an investment into Billie Bowman's graduate-level education without reservation. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lowell Walters'.

Lowell Walters  
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Billie Bowman  
Letter of Intent

My desire to obtain the Master of Science in Library Science began when I started working for the Mississippi County Library System. I previously had experience in a school library setting, but the change to a public library allowed me to see the benefits of working with a community of people instead of students only. I have always loved visiting the public library in my town, and the opportunity to work in one made me realize that this is where I am meant to be. I learn something new everyday because the public library is ever changing. There are always questions that can be researched and in the process of this, I also learn new ideas I would not normally know of if I was not working in a public library. The love of this has led me to know that a degree in Library Science will benefit me by allowing me to continue to work with the public in a library setting and continue to grow in the library field.

### Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance Application

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#### APPLICANT

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Applicant Library Name Polk County Library

Mailing Address 410 8th Street

City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension Mem AR 71953

Email Address polkcountylibrary@yahoo.com

Phone Number 479-394-2314 Fax Number 479-394-8149

Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT) Marsha L Riley

Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee Marsha L Riley Date 6-13-23

#### 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) Traci Hostetler

Participant's Signature Traci Hostetler Date 5/26/23

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

June 14, 2023

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

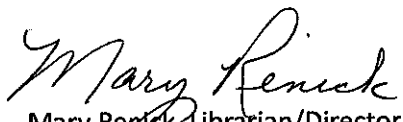
Dear Ms. Chilcoat:

I strongly recommend Traci Hostetler for the Scholarship Assistance Program offered by the Arkansas State Library. Traci has worked at Polk County Public Library since January 2022 and has indicated a desire to advance her career as a public librarian.

During her tenure at PCPL, Traci has demonstrated an aptitude and enthusiasm for serving our community. She is always first to volunteer for projects and works diligently to accomplish outlined goals. Traci has made great contributions to our Children's Library and has assumed responsibility for the Children's Story Time programs as well as coordinating our Summer Reading Program. She also has been a driving force as we work to improve the Young Adult section of our library.

In summary, this young lady will be an outstanding librarian and, I believe, will serve us well. I appreciate your consideration of Traci's application for scholarship assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Renick".

Mary Renick, Librarian/Director  
Polk County Public Library  
410 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mena, AR 71953

**June 14, 2023**

**Letter of Intent for MLS Scholarship Assistance**

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

**Greetings,**

**My name is Traci Hostetler. I am currently employed at Polk County Public Library in Mena as Assistant Librarian and Children's/Young Adult Librarian. I will be starting my 3rd semester in the MLIS program at the University of Oklahoma in August. As I continue in the MLIS program, I plan on continuing to work at Polk County Public Library, gain more experience, and continue to work at the library upon graduation. I chose this course of study after becoming employed at the library in January 2022. I already had my BA in Criminal Justice so I only needed a few more hours to obtain a MLIS degree.**

**I am an avid reader and I have 2 sons that started going to the library and attending programs as soon as they were old enough. As the Children's Librarian I lead storytimes and the summer reading programs, because of this I have developed connections with the children that attend. Through community relations and advocacy as well as the knowledge I gain through the MLIS program, I hope our programs at the library continue to grow.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to apply for your scholarship, I look forward to hearing from you.**

**Sincerely,**

**Traci Hostetler, Assistant Librarian  
Polk County Public Library  
410 8th Street  
Mena, AR 71953**

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Pine Bluff/Jefferson Co. Library System

Applicant Library Name  
600 S. Main St

Mailing Address  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension  
rwilliams@pineblufflibrary.org


Email Address  
870-913-9200

870-534-8707

Phone Number  
Tom Owens

Fax Number

Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)



6/15/2023

Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee

Date

#### AGREEMENT

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Ricky Williams

Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)



Participant's Signature

6/15/23  
Date

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of State Librarian

Date

#### ACTION TAKEN

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

Signature of State Library Board Chairman

Date

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June 15, 2023

Ms. Jennifer Chilcoat  
State Librarian  
via email: [jennifer.chilcoat@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:jennifer.chilcoat@ade.arkansas.gov)

Re: Scholarship Assistance Application  
Ricky Williams, Director

Dear Jennifer,

Please accept this letter in support of Director Ricky Williams application for Scholarship Assistance from the Arkansas State Library. As Chairman of the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library Board, I can recommend Director Williams for scholarship assistance from the Arkansas State Library without reservation. The entire Board is excited about Director Williams obtaining his MLIS. During his time as Director, he has nurtured and developed our library system into an asset for our community. I am particularly proud of his implementation of numerous children's programs to benefit and expose all of our libraries to the children of our community.

Director Williams' leadership, knowledge, compassion, demeanor and attention to detail is extraordinary. Please review his application and feel free to contact me with any questions. After review, please recommend to the State Library Board that Director Williams scholarship application be approved.

If you or the Board have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My cell phone number is (870)329-8142.

Kindest Regards,



C. Tom Owens  
Chairman

xc: Board of Directors  
Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library

Ricky Williams  
600 S. Main St  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Date: June 21, 2023

Subject: Letter of Intent for MLS Scholarship Assistance

Dear Arkansas State Library,

I, Ricky Williams am writing this letter to apply for the MLS Scholarship Assistance program. I am a great candidate for this scholarship because I meet all qualifications and have also completed 16 hours towards my MLS degree. I'm currently enrolled this summer to earn an additional 6 hours at the University of Southern Mississippi and am on track to complete my degree by May 2024. Being awarded a scholarship will allow me to continue my journey as a servant leader to the community in my current position as Library Director for the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library System.

Attending the University of Southern Mississippi has offered me the formal library education required to continue in my current position and advance my knowledge in librarianship. In addition, my interest in obtaining an MLS degree is not just to retain my position as Director, but this will allow me to continue providing quality and innovative services that can evolve to accommodate all Jefferson County, AR patrons.

I hope you see my value to the library system that I currently serve and consider my application for the MLS Scholarship Assistance Program. I look forward to receiving a positive response upon the evaluation of my application.

Respectfully,

Ricky Williams

Ricky Williams  
600 S. Main St  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Date: June 29, 2023

Subject: MLS Scholarship 12-hour Requirement Waiver

Dear ASL Board of Trustees,

After being appointed Director of the Jefferson County Public Library System in September of 2021, I began pursuing my MLS at the University of Southern Mississippi in the Summer of 2022. I am requesting a waiver of the 12-hour requirement for the MLS Scholarship Assistance due to my current position as Director and seeking a request for reimbursement for the hours previously completed towards my MLS degree. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ricky Williams



**Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance  
Summer Semester, 2023 (2)**

<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Individual Name</b>	<b>Library School</b>	<b># of Hours -- Summer 2023</b>	<b>Recommend Award in the amount of</b>
Pine Bluff Jefferson County	Ricky Williams	U of So. MS	12	\$5,400
Ouachita Mountains Regional	Traci Hostetler	U of OK	6	\$2,700
<b>Total Amount</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>\$8,100</b>

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## State Librarian – Jennifer Chilcoat

### 2023 Legislative Session

On July 29, U.S. District Judge Timothy L. Brooks issued a preliminary injunction against enforcement of two provisions of Arkansas Act 372 of 2023. As a result of the decision, enforcement of Section 1 and Section 5 of the Act is now on hold pending the outcome of a lawsuit challenging their constitutionality.

### Rules and Standards

The changes to the Arkansas State Library Rules Governing the State and Federal Document Depository Programs and the Arkansas State Library Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council—Administrative Rules subcommittee on May 18. They were subsequently accepted into the Secretary of State’s Office and took effect on May 29.

Our draft of potential changes to the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries, which included input provided by the Advisory Committee in March, are currently with the ADE Legal Department undergoing markup from the current Standards. We will continue to work with Shasta Wagner, our liaison with ADE Legal, to present those to the Board and the public within the legal constraints placed on presenting rules changes.

### Library Statistics Working Group (LSWG) Measurement, Evaluation and Assessment Committee (MEAC) ALA Conference

It was a pleasure to work with my LSWG colleagues and get to know my new colleagues on MEAC. Keeping the respective surveys—IMLS’s Public Library Survey and PLA’s rotating subject-based surveys-relevant to the rapidly changing library and technological environment keeps both of these groups on their toes. LSWG worked on preparing the ballot of changes for consideration by all the Chiefs and State Data Coordinators in July/August. Potential deletions to the survey include data points for library website visits and the inherently duplicative count of eBook holdings that are actually held consortially. Potential additions include a yes/no question about whether the library offers automatic renewal of physical materials, as this can substantially affect circulation counts. MEAC is putting the finishing touches on its 2023 Technology Survey, which mostly asks respondents to indicate whether particular services are or are not offered, as opposed to asking for numeric data. That survey will be released to public libraries this fall. Between these two meetings, I was able to attend a number of sessions at ALA, including meetings of the Committee on Literacy and the Library Service to the Justice Involved Interest Group, as well as a public hearing on the *Revised Standards for the Library of Congress Network of Libraries for the Blind and Print Disabled*.

### Additional Activities

- COSLA State Library Technology Monthly Meeting
- ASL Managers Meeting, June 7, July 5, August 2
- COSLA Southern Council Meeting, June 8
- *If All Arkansas Read the Same Book*, Fort Smith, June 8

- Affordable Connectivity Program grant with UAMS, June 14
- COSLA webinar: IMLS Insights, June 15
- COSLA Access and Engagement Group, June 15
- LSWG, ALA Conference, MEAC, June 20-26
- Audio product demo for Bessie Moore Room, July 6
- ADE Summit, July 10, 12
- Joint Project Discussion with Engage Arkansas, July 11
- Administrative Team Meeting re: budgeting, July 14
- *If All Arkansas Read the Same Book*, Cabot, July 15
- Meeting with Center for the Book Teen Intern, August 2
- 2023 Arkansas Digital Government Summit Advisory Board, August 3
- *If All Arkansas Read the Same Book*, August 5
- COSLA Southern Council Annual Meeting, Nashville TN, August 6-9

**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

#### **Information Services Changes**

A search is underway for the available position of Senior Librarian – Reference within the Information Services Department. The position was posted to AR Careers on July 10, 2023. This position was vacated when Jessica Kirk was promoted internally to the new role of Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator. This position requires an MLS and is responsible for providing reference and research services to state employees and libraries. This position is a GS07 with a minimum salary of \$40,340.

A request to fill the position of Information Services Manager has been submitted and there is currently a long queue of positions vacated before and after the hiring freeze. There is no estimated date of approval to advertise for the position, but the Arkansas Department of Education's HR staff are in ongoing communication regarding vacant positions. The Information Services Manager position was most recently filled by Michael Strickland, who left the agency in May. The State Library Manager position is a GS09 with a minimum salary of \$50,222.

Currently, reference services are being provided by myself and Jessica Kirk. Once the vacant IS position is filled, reference services will transition back to that position.

#### **Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog and ILL**

Jeremy Hall filled the Library Support Assistant position within Interlibrary Loan and is training in all aspects of ILL.

ASL received legislative approval for up to 78 libraries in the original purchase price of the Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog. The final cohort of five libraries admitted under the initial contract is currently in the onboarding process. Libraries who utilize ASL as their primary ILL service have been contacted about transitioning to Mockingbird. More details on usage and implementation are included in Jessica Kirk's report.

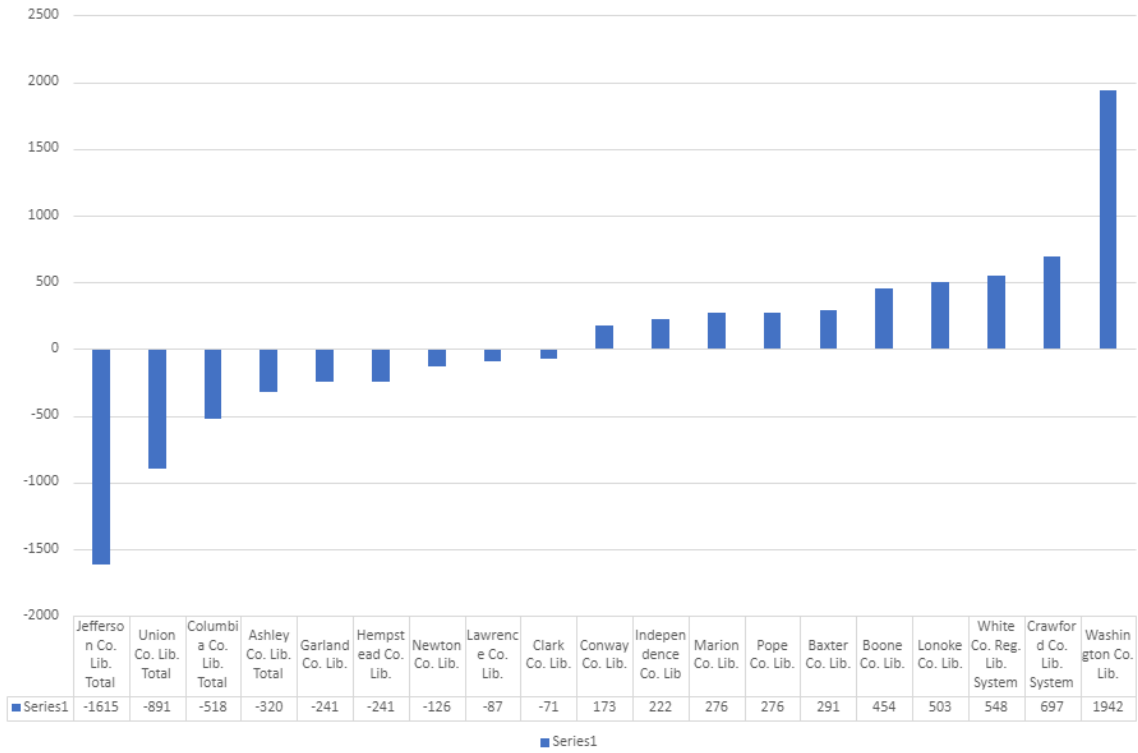
#### **Research Institute for Public Libraries**

The Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) was held in Madison, Wisconsin. RIPL is a profoundly valuable intensive program that provides educational tracks for beginner, intermediate and advanced Data Librarians or Librarians who desire to be more data oriented. After attending, I would highly recommend this development opportunity to Arkansas library directors, those involved in strategic planning, or assessment coordinators.

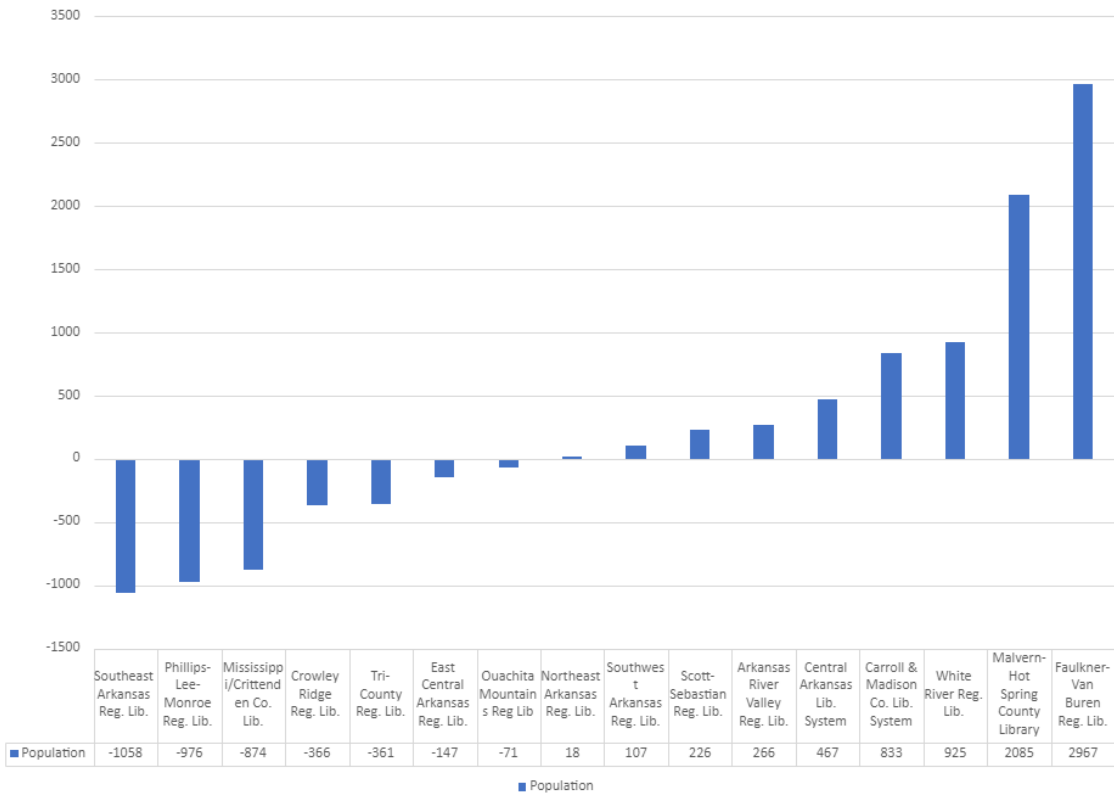
#### **Public Library Data**

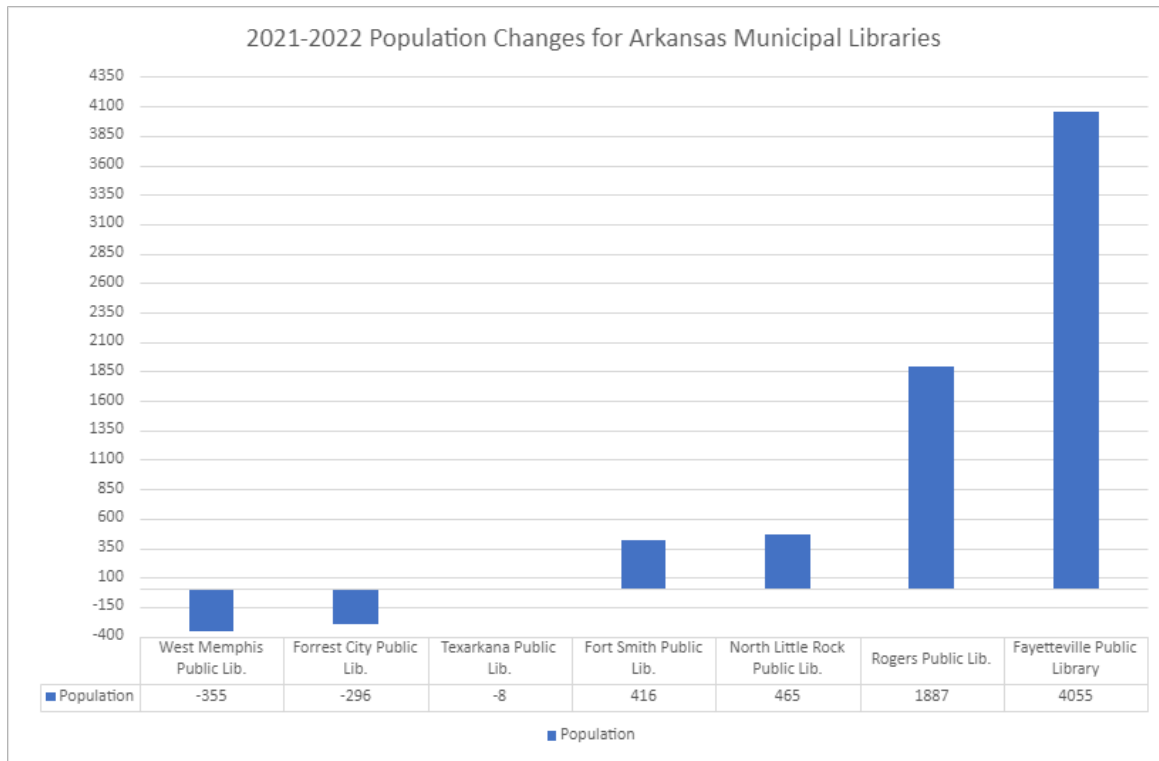
Populations used for State Aid calculations and the 2023 Public Library Survey have been updated to reflect the current statistics within the Arkansas State Data Center. The visualizations below reflect population changes among single county libraries, regional library systems, and municipal libraries.

2021-2022 Population Changes for Arkansas Single County Libraries



2021-2022 Population Changes for Arkansas Regional Libraries





Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

- Recurring ASL Managers Meeting (June, July, August)
- June 6 Library Futures Meeting, COSLA
- June 8 Legal Research Training, Library of Congress
- June 13 Cleburne County Site Visit
- June 14 UAMS IDHI Meeting, Arkansas Connectivity Plan
- June 14 Certified Health Information Professionals Training, National Libraries of Medicine
- June 14 State Data Coordinators Vendor Meeting, Counting Opinions
- June 21 Freedom of Information Act Training, Arkansas Attorney General
- July 6 Research Institute for Public Libraries Pre-institute
- July 14 Administrative Team Meeting
- July 18 Steven Potter OBO Baker and Taylor Feedback Focus Group, PLS Platforms
- July 23-26 Research Institute for Public Libraries, Madison WI
- August 1 Library Futures Meeting, COSLA

## Manager of Library Development – Jennifer Wann

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Library Consulting Services**

Consulting topics included, but were not limited to: record retention policy; audits for regional library systems; remote work policy; non-resident cards; dress code policy; bonding of board members; county library audit; MLS of record; personnel roles of the library board, library director, and library staff; leave policy for salaried versus hourly employees; collection development policy; county treasurer commission; executive session; public comment policy.

#### Field Questions:

- June 13, County Library Audits
- July 6, Commission Charged by County Treasurer

#### **Solar Science Programming Circulating Kits**

Three child kits and two inter-generational kits have been borrowed and returned by the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library; Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library; and the Pea Ridge Community Library. Total attendance at solar science programs included 147 participants.

#### **Public Library Staff/Board Development**

- Board of Trustees Training
  - Forrest City Library
  - Ouachita Mountains Regional Library
- Customer Service Training
  - Southeast Arkansas Regional Library System

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

May 3	ASL Managers Meeting
May 9	Site visit to Fort Smith Public Library for IAARTSB program
May 10	ASL Board Meeting
May 24	Customer Service training for the Southeast Regional Library System
June 7	ASL Managers Meeting
June 8 & 9	IAARTSB Event at the Fort Smith Public Library
June 14	Drop of Solar Science Kit at Pea Ridge Library
June 21	FOIA webinar presented by the AR Attorney General's Office
July 5	Managers Meeting
July 15	IAARTSB Event at the Cabot Public Library

### Upcoming Events:

July 27	Board Training, Lonoke County Library
August 5	IAARTSB Event, Monticello Public Library
August 8	Eclipse Leadership Workshop



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

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Library of Congress Center for the Book Updates**

State Centers worked on producing Great Reads videos again this year, as these are popular with the National Book Festival’s “Festival Near You” initiatives. Arkansas videos will again be with the Central 2 region, and there will be two videos from our region – Books for Youth and Books for Adults. In addition, the Coordinator is on a small committee that includes Arkansas, Minnesota, Indiana, Nebraska, and Rhode Island to help plan the annual Idea Exchange. The Idea Exchange will be virtual over two days in November this year and will involve long-range planning for the CFB Affiliates Network.

#### **Book Club Project**

Attendance reports indicate 1,060 book club readers from April through July (to date), with June and July statistics still being submitted to the Center. From April through July, the Center shipped 190 book club kits, with 2,280 books provided. Book Club reading continues to be popular with Arkansas readers, and there is interest in additional library book club programming around the state.

#### **Arkansas Gems**

The poster and bookmark designs have been completed. In addition, the Coordinator requested and received three bids for the printing and selected a vendor. Printing is in process, as of the writing of this report, and should be completed by July 21. All shipments to the National Book Festival warehouse must arrive by July 31, 2023.

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

As previously reported, the critically acclaimed *Beasts of Prey* series by Ayana Gray (New York: G. P. Putnam’s Sons) was selected for our 2023 If All Arkansas Read the Same Book program. Arkansas public library branches chose *Beasts of Prey* or *Beasts of Ruin*, and copies were purchased and mailed this past spring. In addition, eBook and audiobook copies of both novels were added to Arkansas OverDrive consortia. As of the writing of this report, two of the three planned in-person If All Arkansas Read the Same Book events have taken place. Both events had engaged audiences with opportunities for attendees to have one-on-one interactions with the author.

### Other Projects

**Book Nook with Arkansas Style on KARK Channel 4** – The Coordinator continued to assist with with book discussions related to this reading program re: the novels *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, *Trust* by Hernan Diaz, and *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis.

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

May 9	Site visit, Fort Smith Public Library
May 10	All-staff Meeting, ASL
May 11	Site visit, Monticello Branch Library

May 12	ASL Board Meeting
May 17	Site visit, Cabot Public Library
May 19	The Inside Scoop gathering, ADE
May 25	Center for the Book (CFB) Affiliates Meeting
June 7	CFB Affiliates Network – Idea Exchange Planning Meeting
June 7	CFB Affiliates Central 2 Regional Meeting
June 8	If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event, Fort Smith
June 19	Great Reads video recording for adult selection
June 20	Great Reads video recording for youth selection
June 22	Center for the Book (CFB) Affiliates Meeting
July 5	CFB Affiliates Central 2 Regional Meeting – Great Reads Videos
July 15	If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event, Cabot
July 27	Center for the Book (CFB) Affiliates Meeting
August 5	If All Arkansas Read the Same Book event, Monticello

Upcoming Events:

August 12	National Book Festival, Washington DC
November 14-15	Center for the Book Affiliates Network Idea Exchange (virtual)

## Manager of E-Rate Services - Amber Gregory

### On-Going Projects:

#### E-Rate Update

- E-Rate Funding Year 2023 runs July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
- FY 2023 E-Rate numbers:
  - Amount requested: \$1,167,468
    - Amount Committed: \$1,019,726
    - Amount Pending: \$145,630
    - Amount Rejected: \$2,112 (per applicant request)
  - Participation: 124 of 221 (56%) Arkansas public library locations

#### Virtual E-Rate Meetings with Arkansas Public Libraries

Between April 26 and July 25, 2023, 26 virtual E-Rate consultations were held with 19 Arkansas public libraries. Assistance was given with E-Rate Form 486, Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) review, service provider discount paperwork, and Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Form 472.

### Conference Calls/Meetings/Training:

April 27	Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Webinar: Invoicing Update
April 27	Improving Broadband Technology for Your Libraries virtual meeting
May 1	USAC Webinar: Invoicing Update & Preview
May 1	USAC Board of Directors interim meeting
May 1 – July 24	Telecom calls with ALA Washington Office
May 4	USAC Webinar: Invoicing Update & Preview for Library Stakeholders
May 4 – July 17	Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) member calls
May 9 – July 11	E-Rate library stakeholder monthly calls with USAC
May 15 - 17	Diamond State Networks 2023 Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, AR
May 24	SHLB Webinar: Exploring the Role of Anchors in ACP Enrollment
June 8	Arkansas State Broadband Office Pulaski County broadband planning meeting
June 14	UAMS Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) planning call
June 20	Procurement Continuing Education: Small Order Procurement
June 23 - 27	American Library Association Annual Conference & Exhibition, Chicago, IL
June 28	SHLB Webinar: Lessons Learned from ECF to Enhance E-Rate
July 24 - 25	USAC Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC

### Upcoming Events:

October 10 – 12	SHLB Annual Conference, Washington, DC
October 30 - 31	USAC Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC

## **Coordinator of Youth Services- Ruth Hyatt**

### **On-Going Projects:**

#### **Summer Reading**

Summer Reading programs are winding down for public libraries. The end of summer evaluation survey is undergoing the annual update and will be ready for release in mid-August. Public libraries will have through the end of September to submit their responses. This information will be coordinated with the end of summer survey distributed by the Collaborative Summer Library Program known as CSLP.

#### **Programmers Zooms**

Programmer zooms are offered weekly. The date and time may change in the fall to allow for greater participation. A short survey of dates and times will be sent out at the beginning of August. Library staff will have two weeks to respond to the survey.

#### **Arkansas Choice Book Awards**

Posters and bookmarks for individual nominees for all awards will be created as publisher permission for cover art is granted. By creating materials for each title, those participating in the awards will be able to select the nominees that work best for their communities. Every reader can choose the titles they want to read. The files for the flyer sized posters and bookmarks will be available to schools and libraries to print as needed.

The voting form for the Arkansas Teen Book award is open through September 30. The committee and volunteer readers will be selecting the new nominees once voting for this cycle closes.

Information sessions on the awards have been offered to the educational cooperatives around the state. Four dates have been made available for three-hour sessions on the awards. The final date will be August 1. These sessions are open to all school staff. Three hours of Arkansas Department of Education Professional Development credit can be earned by attending.

### **Upcoming projects and events:**

#### **Fall Workshop**

Information for the Youth Services Fall Workshop will become available as plans are set. The date for the workshop will be November 17. The focus of the fall workshop will continue to be Summer Reading, with the 2024 theme of Adventure Begins At Your Library.

#### **Arkansas Council for Military Children**

I attended a forum for military families hosted by the Arkansas Council for Military Children. I hope to continue to interact with the council and find ways for Arkansas public libraries to partner with the Council in support of military families.

#### **Puppet Share Program**

This program is currently under development and should launch this fall. Public libraries will be able to schedule use of a kit that will include everything they need to perform several puppet shows. Kits will include rudimentary staging equipment, backgrounds, some props, scripts and the required puppets. Additional information will be posted on the State Library website.

## 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 kits.

#### **Continuing Education**

##### Library Juice Academy

During April-June 2023, 65 Library Juice Academy courses were requested and 31 evaluations were returned. Due to unforeseen circumstances, courses requested July-September have been paused. The Coordinator of Training & Development and the Library Development Manager are in conversations of how to provide this invaluable service to libraries in the next fiscal year.

##### People Connect Institute (PCI) Webinars

There were 491 views of recorded archived webinar content from PCI Webinars between May-July 2023.

#### **Friends of the Library**

The Coordinator of Training & Development has had individual consulting sessions with various Friends of the Library Groups. Training will be happening for the Grant County Library and Pea Ridge Community Library. Information was shared with both Friends Groups and Library Directors on how they can celebrate the upcoming National Friends of the Library Week in October 2023. The Coordinator of Training & Development is working on archiving Friends of the Library brochures from across the state.

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

May 12	Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals Infobits Conference Presentation
June 6	Library Futures Meeting (virtual)
June 8	Friends of the Library Training: Independence County Library
June 23	Reference & Instruction Services Community of Interest Presentation

### Upcoming Events:

August 1-3	United for Libraries Virtual Conference
August 1	Friends of the Library Training: Gentry Public Library
August 3	Friends of the Library Virtual Presentation
August 11-13	National Book Festival
August 20-23	Continuing Education Forum
September 20-24	Association of Rural & Small Libraries Conference
November 6-8	Southern Council

## **Manager of Arkansas Library for the Blind - Kristina Hancock**

### **CIRCULATION**

In the first of the Federal fiscal year from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the Arkansas State Library's Library for the Blind program circulated a total 134,405 books. Of this figure, 92,987 were by direct mail circulation, 99 were direct mail circulation of Braille books 41,418 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD). Patron downloads accounted for around 30 percent of total circulation. Circulation of books through Duplication on Demand accounted for 99 percent of all direct mail circulation.

### **READER INTERACTION STATISTICS**

For the first of the Federal fiscal year, October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, our Reader Advisors had a total of 22,144 patron interactions. 8,068 of those interactions were phone calls received. 1,308 emails were received and responded to. 1,283 voicemails were received and responded to. 1,691 were new patron outreach calls and 9,842 were work follow up tasks. Work follow up includes curating a book order for a patron, and searching for and providing reference information.

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

There are 955 Library for the Blind readers registered with the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) BARD program. Of those patrons, 505 actively download digital audio and braille books and magazines. So far in FY 22, those patrons downloaded 41,418 BARD books and read them on 2,372 registered Apple and Android mobile devices. The free Apple App enables BARD books to be downloaded easily to an Apple iPhone, iPad, or other mobile Apple device. The free Android App enables users to download books directly to any Android device with an OS of 4.1 or higher.

### **OUTSOURCING BRAILLE**

On July 1 of 2018 the Library entered into a contract with the Utah State Library for the Blind in Salt Lake City Utah to provide circulation of Braille books to Arkansas patrons. ASL continues to provide limited Braille service directly from its holdings as available, but with declining circulation, only 99 Braille books circulated since FY 22 began.

### **TRAVEL**

No upcoming travel.

## Statewide Sharing and Engagement Coordinator - Jessica Kirk

### Ongoing Projects

#### **Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog (Statewide Resource Sharing)**

Harding University (Brackett Library), University of the Arkansas - Fort Smith (Boreham Library), NorthWest Arkansas Community College: NWACC (Pauline Whitaker Library and Information Commons), and Cleburne County Library are in the process of being implemented and will be trained and ready to start using Mockingbird by the end of September.

	May 2022	June 2022	July 2023	Quarter total
Mediated Requests	34	58	38	130
Vendor Tickets	2	5	4	11
Questions	9	20	13	42
Consults	2	1	4	7
Unique ILL requests	173	241	178	592
Loans made	144	181	128	453

### **Engagement**

The ADE summit occurred in July. Jessica supported the event as an onsite volunteer where she provided technical assistance to presenters and directional help to attendees. We contributed 6 total sessions on Traveler databases (Katie Walton), Arkansas Choice Book awards (Ruth Hyatt), and Eclipse Day Planning (Central Arkansas Astronomical Society).

#### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

May-Jul	Mockingbird - Office hours	7 sessions held
May-Jul	Mockingbird - Vendor meeting	3 monthly mtgs with Auto-Graphics
May-Jul	ADE Summit meeting	2 planning meetings for ADE Summit
May-Jul	Internal AR State Lib meeting	3 check-ins with Kristen Cooke
1-May	Professional Development	Government Social Media Conference May 2 - 4
5-May	Mockingbird - Vendor meeting	Implementation for the 2023 libraries
11-May	Internal AR State Lib meeting	Brooke & Kristen / timeline for 2023 libraries
24-May	Mockingbird - Vendor meeting	Vendor provided Q&A, info sharing for U.S. users
24-May	Mockingbird - Consult	Phase 3 interest meeting
30-May	Mockingbird - Consult	Phase 3 interest meeting
6-Jun	Mockingbird - Working group	Mockingbird Advisory Committee
6-Jun	Mockingbird - User Group	National SHARE-it User Group meeting
14-Jun	Mockingbird - Quarterly meeting	For Mockingbird Libraries
18-Jun	Mockingbird - Consult	Lonoke Co. Library - Training help
21-Jun	Professional Development	Arkansas Attorney General's office FOIA
17-Jul	Professional Development	SHARE-it User Conference July 17 - 21
18-Jul	Mockingbird - Consult	Cleburne County Library Participation confirmed
18-Jul	Mockingbird - Consult	Harding Library Participation confirmed
20-Jul	Mockingbird - Consult	UAFS Library Participation confirmation
24-Jul	Mockingbird - Consult	Lonoke Co. Library - April - Collection mapping
24-Jul	Mockingbird - Consult	NWACC Library Participation confirmation

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

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Division Personnel**

Lanette Madison, formerly a Librarian in the Acquisitions unit, has accepted the vacant Senior Librarian position in Digital Services. The Senior Librarian serves as the main point of contact between the Arkansas State Library and the state government entities for the Arkansas Documents Depository program. Madison has already proven her worth since she began her employ with the Arkansas State Library, and we expect her to thrive in this new role.

The Librarian position in Digital Services, vacated by the retirement of Tina Youngblood, is currently being advertised. We expect the position to be filled by this fall.

The Senior Librarian position in Acquisitions, responsible for collection development activities, is still vacant. Madison's promotion creates an additional vacancy in the Acquisitions unit.

#### **Collection Management**

Position vacancies continue to impact workload across the Digital Services and Acquisitions units. All Collection Management staff have rallied admirably and work together to cover gaps to ensure we are meeting basic levels of service.

Unit managers across Collection Management have worked to reassess budgets for the upcoming federal fiscal year to identify savings and efficiencies. All major system contracts must be continued out of necessity, but we have cut out discretionary spending on collection supplies and travel. Due to rising costs and flat resource budget, we plan for some cancellations to the State Employee Online Resources collection this year.

#### **Digital Services**

Training on reference services and procedures and the legal aspects impacting the State Documents Depository program continue for the Manager of Digital Services and relevant new staff. I am currently developing formal training guides for both issues that can be incorporated into our procedures manuals.

Despite the vacancies and time investment required to train new staff, work continues on special projects as time allows. The Division Manager and Manager of Digital Services have identified several budget-friendly, albeit labor-intensive, plans to update the 856 fields in our catalog records from CONTENTdm to Preservica URLs. We expect to progress toward completion by the end of the next federal fiscal year.

#### **Traveler Statewide Digital Resource Program**

I am currently working with Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton and the Office of State Procurement (OSP) to revise the Traveler request for proposal (RFP). Our goal is to ensure that the Traveler RFP is compliant with all state procurement while granting us the flexibility to choose a robust collection of quality resources that cater to the state's needs.

### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

April 26            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 26 Digitization Meeting, Arkansas State Library.

Training meeting regarding the project to digitize the historical state statutes. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Digital Services Librarian Ethan Beard.

May 3, 10, 17, 24 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.

June 7, 14, 21, 28 State Documents Meeting, Arkansas State Library.

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

July 12, 19 Hiring Panel Meeting, Arkansas State Library.

Meeting to discuss vacant Librarian position. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer, Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, and Senior Librarian Lanette Madison.

July 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 Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

July 14 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.

July 21 Traveler RFP Meeting, Arkansas State Library.

Discussion and planning meeting of needed changes to Traveler RFP process. Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey and Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton.

## Manager of Digital Services – Jennifer Razer

### Ongoing Projects

#### Personnel

Lanette Madison has accepted the position of Senior Librarian in Digital Services. She has begun the onboarding process and she will become the main contact for the Arkansas State Documents Depository and the State Documents Clearinghouse programs.

The position for Librarian in Digital Services is being advertised. We hope to fill the position soon.

#### State Documents Depository

The State Documents staff continues to work to keep digital submissions up to date while we have vacancies in the unit. Madison, having had previous experience assisting staff with uploading digital content, has had a smooth transition to this portion of the onboarding process.

The State Documents digital collection has been reorganized within the Preservica content management system. Electronic documents submitted by agencies are organized into six collections: Arkansas Collection, Arkansas Documents, Arkansas Rules, Legislative Audit Reports, Medicaid Rules, and Governor's Proclamations and Executive Orders. These collections have been further divided by the agency that submitted them and this has made the new system much more user-friendly. The public and staff alike can see what documents an agency has submitted and sort them to best fit their needs.

The Digital Services Manager is currently working on replacing the website links for digital content in the online catalog to direct users to the digital collection in Preservica.

Digital Services staff continue to reach out to agencies requesting updated liaisons and to have our gov-docs account subscribed to distribution lists for news releases and other applicable documents for inclusion into the State Documents collection. Shipping list [409](#) was sent out to depository libraries.

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

OCLC #: 1369207331 [Arkansas agriculture profile](#)

OCLC #: 1373208114 [State of Arkansas ... study of local school units present district map, 1936](#)

OCLC #: 1372300955 [Year-round home garden planting chart](#)

#### Federal Documents Depository

Staff continue working to inventory the microfiche collection. Once this project is completed the online catalog will accurately reflect our holdings and this will assist our staff and users when requesting federal documents.

#### Site Visits/Meetings/Training:

May 1-2            2023 Spring Depository Library Council Virtual Meeting  
Hosted by the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO). Attendees heard from GPO leadership, sessions regarding user experience with GovInfo.gov, and more.  
Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer and Digital Services Library Coordinator (Federal Documents) Wendy Etchison

May 3, June 14            Collection Management Meeting, Arkansas State Library.  
Meeting to discuss various section projects, issues, and priorities for Collection Management.  
Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

June 7, 21            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.

June 9            Digital Services Senior Librarian Interview Panel  
Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, and Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

June 21            Freedom of Information Act webcast (Virtual)  
Arkansas Attorney General's office presented the rights and responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act as it relates to public documents and meetings. Participants: Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer.

July 7            Digital Services Librarian Interview Panel  
Participants: Division Manager of Collection Management Sarah Lipsey, Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton, Manager of Digital Services Jennifer Razer, and Digital Services Senior Librarian Lanette Madison.

July 12-14; 27    Required Supervisory Training  
Participants: Digital Services Senior Librarian Lanette Madison



June 6                                  Attended OverDrive Webinar  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton virtually attended the webinar “5 Essential Ways to Promote eBooks, Audiobooks, and More in Libby” presented by OverDrive training staff.

June 7                                  Attended ADE Summit Presenters Training  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton virtually attended a training for those presenting during ADE’s Education Summit in Hot Springs, AR.

June 9                                  Digital Services Senior Librarian Interviews  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton served on the interview panel for the Digital Services Senior Librarian Position.

June 20                                 Presented to Public School Co-Ops  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton presented a two-hour webinar on the Traveler Statewide Digital Resources to Public School Education Cooperatives.

June 21                                 Attended FOIA Webinar  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended Attorney General Leslie Rutledge’s FOIA training for AR State Employees.

June 27                                 Attended Ethics Procurement Webinar  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended the Office of Procurement’s online training, “Ethics & EP 98-04: Understanding the Contract and Grant Disclosure.”

June 27                                 Presented to Public School Co-Ops  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton presented a two-hour webinar on the Traveler Statewide Digital Resources to Public School Education Cooperatives.

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

July 11                                 Presented at ADE’s Education Summit, Hot Springs, AR  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton presented three breakout session during the conference: “CultureGrams for Every Subject,” “Preparing Your Students for the Future with Learning Express,” and “An Overview of the Traveler Databases.”

July 18                                 Presented to Public School Co-Ops  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton presented a two-hour webinar on the Traveler Statewide Digital Resources to Public School Education Cooperatives.

August 1                                 Presented to Public School Co-Ops  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton presented a two-hour webinar on the Traveler Statewide Digital Resources to Public School Education Cooperatives.

August 9-11                             Attended OverDrive’s Digipalooza, Cleveland, OH  
Manager of Acquisitions Katie Walton attended OverDrive’s conference, Digipalooza in Cleveland, OH.



June 21, 2023

Greetings Arkansas State Libraries,

The UAMS Institute for Digital Health & Innovation e-Link is one of the largest telemedicine networks in the nation that assists with the planning, implementation, and management of telemedicine programs. The e-Link team also helps to improve broadband connectivity throughout the state. Our goal is to link health, education, research, and public safety with access to digital needs. The e-Link team would like to partner with Arkansas libraries to utilize the facilities to meet Arkansans where they are, to offer broadband connectivity discounts that will continue our mission of providing digital access to those in need. Through the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) eligible Arkansans can receive discounts on their broadband services that will provide them access to resources that could assist with their educational and healthcare needs.

We have been awarded two grants to provide outreach to every county in the state, and hope to partner with the libraries, in search of locations to provide this outreach. The e-Link team would like to utilize library spaces (i.e., conference room or site entryway) to communicate with library visitors about the ACP opportunity, discuss the benefits of the program, and help to enroll qualifying individuals. We will also offer resources that would benefit your visitors, such as information on UAMS Health Now, a telehealth platform that can meet patients where they are to offer quality healthcare when individuals and/or families need it most.

With your partnership, the Affordable Connectivity Program outreach offered by UAMS IDHI e-Link will assist in the expansion of broadband connectivity across the state. Please complete a brief survey at the link below, that will provide our team with information about your site and available times we can visit with your community members. To learn more about the ACP program, please visit [fcc.gov/acp](https://fcc.gov/acp).

[Link to brief survey](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Kitchen", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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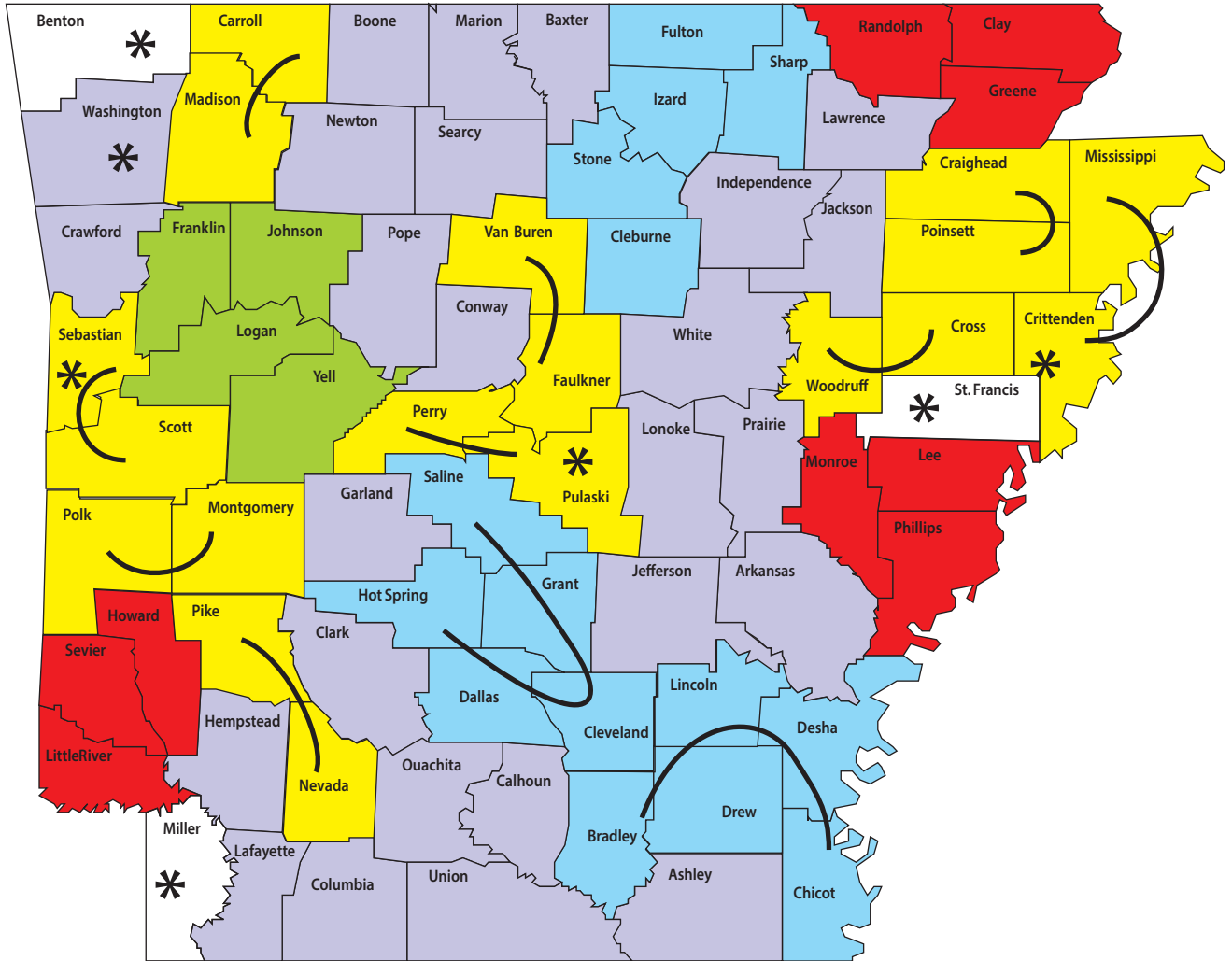
For your role in the complete, quality and timely submission of State Library Administrative Agency data for FY 2022, IMLS appreciates your hard work, dedication, and achievement in supporting this survey.

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# 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

<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>LDD I</b>			
Arkansas River Valley Regional Library	501 North Front Street	Dardanelle	72834-3507
Donald W. Reynolds Library	300 Library Hill	Mountain Home	72653
Bella Vista Public Library	11 Dickens Place	Bella Vista	72714-4603
Bentonville Public Library	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
<b>LDD II</b>			
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

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<b>LDD III</b>			
Central Arkansas Library System	100 Rock Street	Little Rock	72201-1624
Conway County Library	101 West Church	Morrilton	72110-3399
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
<b>LDD IV</b>			
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
<b>LDD V</b>			
Arkansas County Library	2002 South Buerkle Street	Stuttgart	72160-6508
Ashley County Library	211 East Lincoln	Hamburg	71646-3217
Crossett Public Library	1700 Main Street	Crossett	71635-2962
DeWitt Public Library	205 West Maxwell Street	DeWitt	72042-1942
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Regional Library	702 Porter	Helena	72342-3142
Public Library of Pine Bluff & Jefferson County	600 S. Main St.	Pine Bluff	71601
Southeast Arkansas Regional Library System	114 West Jefferson	Monticello	71655-4933

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479-229-4418	479-229-2595	arvls.director@gmail.com	Misty Hawkins	Arkansas River Valley Regional Library
870-580-0987	870-580-0935	kim.c@baxtercountylibrary.org	Kim Crow Sheaner	Donald W. Reynolds Library
479-855-1753	479-855-4475	sadams@bellavistaar.gov	Suzanne Adams	Bella Vista Public Library
479-271-3192	479-271-9051	Hdudley@bentonvillear.com	Hadi Dudley	Bentonville Public Library
870-741-5913	870-741-5913	ginger@boonecountylibrary.org	Ginger Schoenenberger	Boone County Library
870-423-5300	870-423-7117	agriffith@camals.org	April Griffith	Carroll & Madison Library System
479-471-3226	479-471-3226	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	Wendy Martin	Pea Ridge Library
479-968-4368	479-968-3222	rtaurone@popelibrary.org	Riley Taurone	Pope County Library
479-621-1152	479-621-1165	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	Denise McNeil	Jim G. Ferguson/Searcy County Library
479-524-4236	479-524-3908	sfreedle@siloamsprings.com	Stephanie Freedle	Siloam Springs Public Library
479-298-3753	479-298-3515	sulphurspringslibrary2021@gmail.com	Melinda Griffin	Sulphur Springs Public Library
479-442-6253	479-442-6812	glendaa@wcls.lib.ar.us	Glenda Audrain	Washington County Library System
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870-994-2658	870-994-2857	ashflatlibrary@gmail.com	Susan Funnell	Ash Flat Library
870-238-3850	870-238-5434	jpaul@ecarls.org	John Paul Myrick	East Central Arkansas Regional Library
870-793-8814	870-793-8896	carlene@indcolib.com	Carlene Morrison	Independence County Library
870-886-3222	870-886-9520	akburris@hotmail.com	Ashley Burris	Lawrence County Library
870-236-8711	870-236-1442	pdpcomposing@yahoo.com	Mike Rogers	Northeast Arkansas Regional Library
870-732-7590	870-732-7636	osfrank1969@gmail.com	Rebecca Bledsoe	West Memphis Public Library
870-739-3238	870-739-4624	casseywoolfolklib@gmail.com	Cassey Clayman	Woolfolk Library
870-935-5133	870-935-7987	vanessa@libraryinjonesboro.org	Vanessa Adams	Crowley Ridge Regional Library
870-633-5646	870-633-5647	fcpl@forrestcitylibrary.org	Arlisa Price Harris	Forrest City Public Library
870-523-2952	870-523-5218	director@jacksoncolibrary.net	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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<b>LDD III</b>				
501-918-3000	501-375-7451	ncoulter@cals.org	Nate Coulter	Central Arkansas Library System
501-354-5204	501-354-5206	jay.carter@conwaycountylibrary.org	Jay Carter	Conway County Library
501-884-4930		ffblibrary@live.com	Karen Tangen	Fairfield Bay Library
501-327-7482	501-327-9098	john@fcl.org	John McGraw	Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library
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
<b>LDD IV</b>				
870-798-4492	870-798-4492	calcolib@gmail.com	Allie Stevens	Calhoun County Library
870-246-2271	870-246-4189	Clarkcountylibrary@gmail.com	Betsy Fisher	Clark County Library
870-234-1991	870-234-5077	denise@cocolib.org	Denise McNeil	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 McNeil	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
		swarlib@gmail.com	Courtney McNeil	Southwest Arkansas Regional Library
903-794-2149	903-794-2139	ldedmon@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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**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**

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Nominating Committee: O'Neal and McDonald

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

Government Liaison Committee: Chair; Knox and Campbell

Personnel Committee: Chair; O'Neal and Campbell

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

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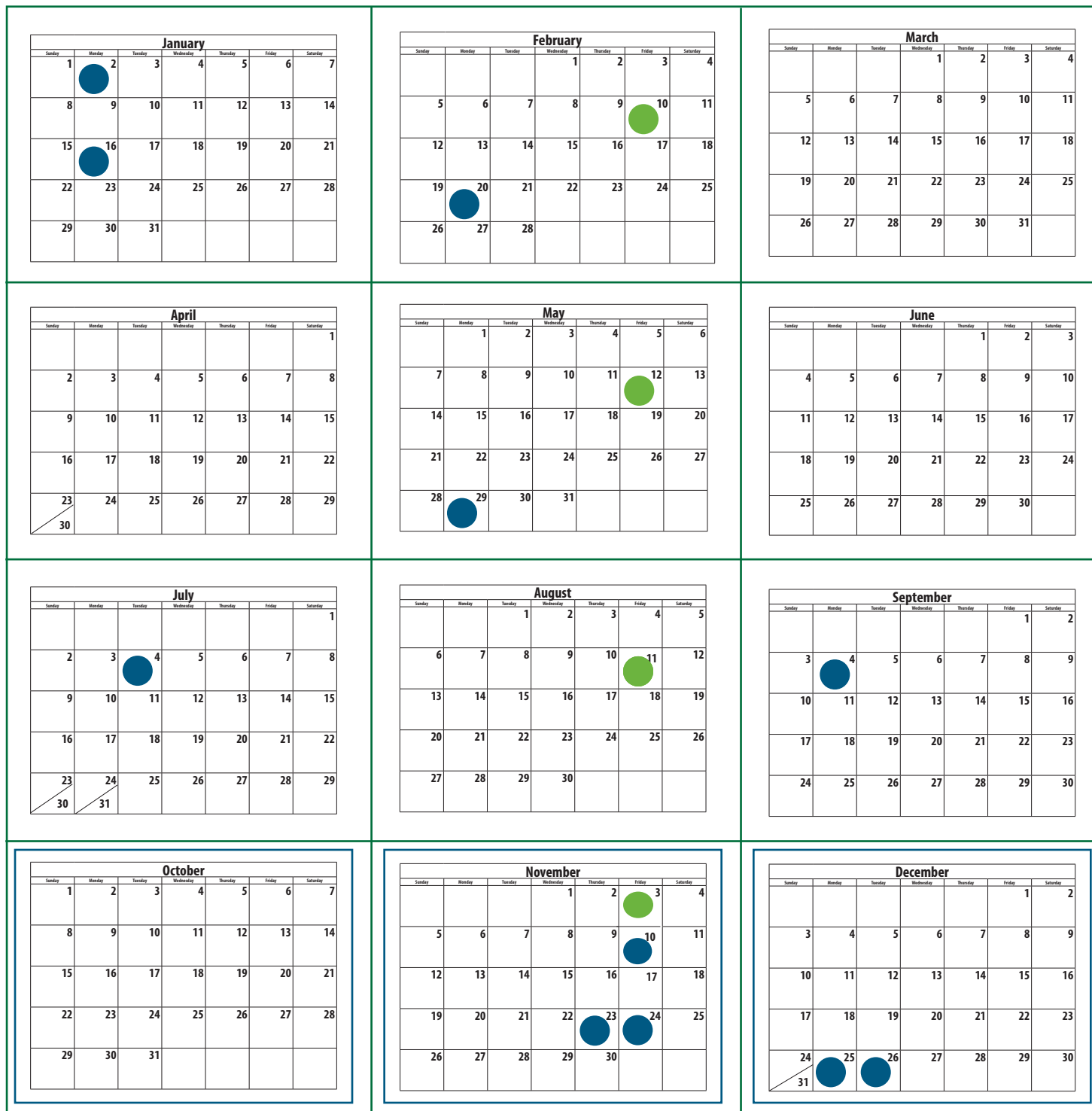
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# 2023



State Library Board Meetings, as scheduled



State Observed Holidays

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