

Role and Overview

The State Library Board develops, maintains, provides, and disseminates information, library materials, and services to Ohio's libraries, state government, and residents. The State Library fulfills this role through research, information, training, and consulting services to state government. The State Library also assists all types of local libraries to provide enhanced levels of service and products to their customers. Three main components allow the State Library to implement its mission: the State Library Board, the State Library itself, and the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN).

The State Library of Ohio, established in 1817, is governed by the State Library Board. The five board members are appointed by the State Board of Education and serve five-year terms. The State Library is a reference library established to provide research and information services to state agencies. It is also a depository for Ohio state agency documents and a regional depository for federal documents.

The OPLIN board is appointed by the State Library Board to provide a statewide network for Ohio's public libraries. This network provides telecommunication connectivity, access to the Internet, and a selection of research databases. OPLIN strengthens the services it provides by collaborating with the State Library, INFOhio and OhioLINK.

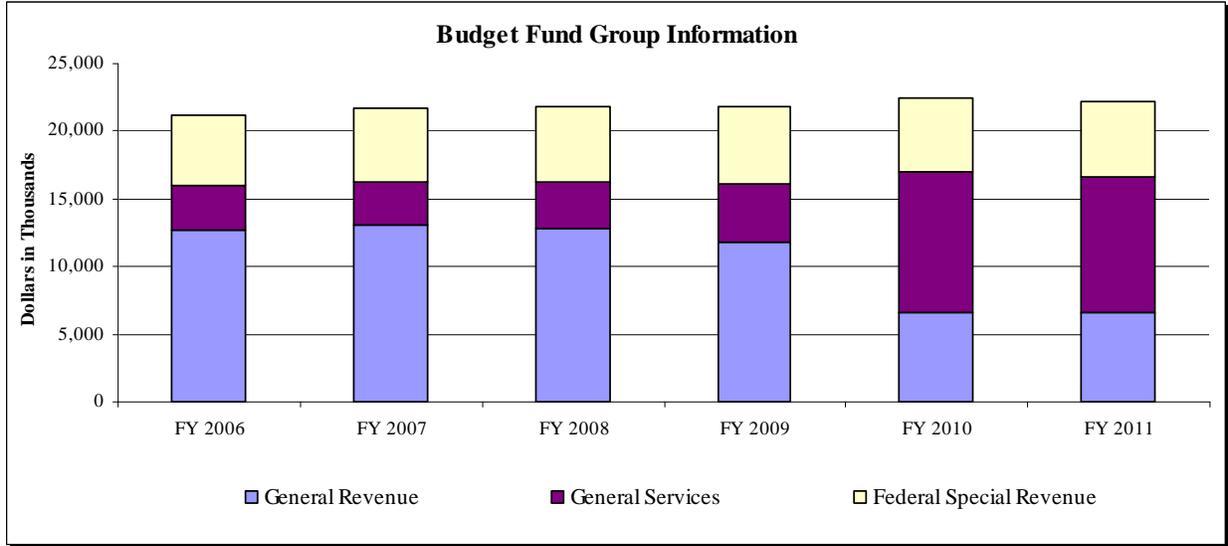
The day-to-day administration is the responsibility of the State Librarian who serves at the pleasure of the Library Board. The board has 77 employees with an annual all-funds budget of approximately \$23.2 million.

More information regarding the State Library is available at <http://www.library.ohio.gov>.

Agency Priorities

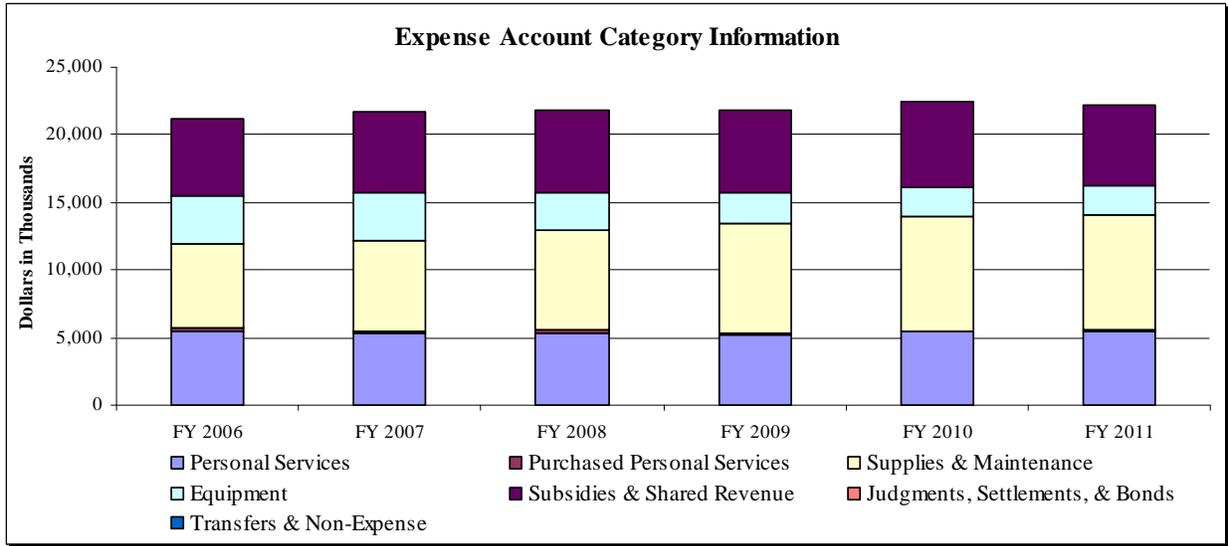
- Lead and partner in the development of library services throughout Ohio to offer enhanced library service to all Ohioans.
- Promote and enable resource sharing among libraries and library networks so all Ohio residents may have access to the material in Ohio's libraries.
- Provide information to and about Ohio's state government.
- Ensure equity of access to information for all Ohio residents through the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN).
- Provide a core set of electronic resources and 24/7 reference services (KnowItNow) to all Ohioans, enabling life-long learning and enhancing education and job opportunities.
- Provide equal access to e-government and employment services to all Ohio residents through their public libraries and the Ohio Public Library Information Network.
- Lead and partner with library organizations and state agencies to implement the Ready to Read Initiative statewide to ensure that every child enters kindergarten ready to read and better equipped to learn.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



- In the fiscal year 2010-2011 biennium executive budget the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped programs are moved from general revenue funding to general services funding supported by transfers from the Public Library Fund.

(In Thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			EST.	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	CHANGE	FY 2011	CHANGE
General Revenue	12,731	13,045	12,860	11,769	-8.5	6,598	-43.9	6,598	0.0
General Services	3,229	3,241	3,325	4,364	31.2	10,381	137.9	10,025	-3.4
Federal Special Revenue	5,173	5,465	5,692	5,692	0.0	5,544	-2.6	5,544	0.0
TOTAL	21,133	21,751	21,877	21,826	-0.2	22,523	3.2	22,166	-1.6



- Due to changes in the method of coding transactions in the state accounting system, the Transfers & Non-Expense category and Debt Service category expenditures have been aggregated and reported as the Judgments, Settlements and Bonds category in fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	5,516	5,322	5,280	5,205	-1.4	5,408	3.9	5,483	1.4
Purchased Personal Services	154	177	270	128	-52.6	107	-16.5	107	0.5
Supplies & Maintenance	6,209	6,709	7,345	8,098	10.2	8,407	3.8	8,555	1.8
Equipment	3,656	3,521	2,824	2,324	-17.7	2,211	-4.9	2,136	-3.4
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	5,595	6,022	6,153	6,069	-1.4	6,388	5.3	5,884	-7.9
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	5	1	-70.9	1	0.0	1	0.0
TOTAL	21,133	21,751	21,877	21,826	-0.2	22,523	3.2	22,166	-1.6

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Library Services to Ohio Government

This program series effectively implements and coordinates library services to state government employees and state agencies as well as supports the State Library's statutory requirement to maintain a comprehensive collection of official state documents for usage by state government employees at all levels.

Program 01.01: State Library Services to Ohio Government

This program coordinates library services that: 1) provide work-related research and reference services to state legislators and state employees; 2) circulate materials from the collection; 3) coordinate meeting/training room usage by state agencies; 4) serve as Ohio's only full regional depository for federal documents as well as for Ohio state agency documents; 5) provide access to databases and unique titles via OhioLINK; 6) assist and educate customers on usage of a library collection of more than two million items; 7) train State of Ohio employees to use the Internet/on-line databases; and 8) provide the necessary administrative (fiscal, facility, technology, human resource, labor relation, and mail) support functions to administer this program.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Provide access to more than two million library materials on site, more than 140 research databases, and nearly ten million titles held by OhioLINK;
- Support the State Library’s charge as the regional depository to process approximately 17,000 federal and state documents annually to make these documents available to all Ohio residents;
- Provide facilities and services for more than 500 meetings conducted by state agencies resulting in savings of more than \$220,000 annually;
- Support the digitization of state documents and cataloging of agency materials so that these documents are available at any time from anywhere via the Internet; and
- Fund 28.25 positions in fiscal year 2010 and 27.25 positions in fiscal year 2011, compared to 29.25 positions in fiscal year 2009, to deliver services to state government employees and agencies.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	350321	Operating Expenses	3,629,137	3,609,502
GSF	1390	350602	Intra-Agency Service Charges	9,000	9,000
GSF	4590	350603	Library Service Charges	6,900	24,900
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,645,037	3,643,402

PROGRAM SERIES 02: Services to Ohio Library Communities

This program series supports the State Library’s services to Ohio’s public, school, and academic libraries to help them develop services and products to better meet the information needs of the libraries’ customers.

Program 02.01: State Library Services to Ohio Library Communities

This program coordinates library services that: 1) provide assistance to Ohio’s libraries in the development of library services to customers; 2) serve as the machine lending agency for the Talking Book Program; 3) provide an on-line catalog and circulation system shared by 71 library systems serving more than 150 library buildings managed through the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Library Center in Caldwell; 4) coordinate the technology and statewide delivery components of the Ohio Libraries Share: Moving Ohio Resources Everywhere (OLS:MORE) system by enabling patrons to search and request materials from participating public and school libraries in Ohio; 5) train Ohio library staff on the use of bibliographic databases, obtaining LSTA funds, and submission of E-Rate applications for cost savings and efficiencies; 6) coordinate the Ohio E-Book project with various types of libraries to provide digital books to library customers so libraries can deliver digital content in a cost-effective manner; 7) coordinate statewide projects to benefit Ohio residents through their local library; 8) collect a wide variety of usage and financial data on all 251 public library systems; and 9) provide the necessary administrative (fiscal, facility, technology, human resource, labor relation, and mail) support functions to administer this program.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Offer library information, training, consulting, and support to Ohio librarians so that they can provide ever-improving and evolving library services to Ohio residents;
- Administer a shared catalog system that contains nearly six million items and circulates more than 13 million library materials to approximately 700,000 registered borrowers;
- Operate a resource sharing consortium of approximately 100 school and public libraries allowing library materials to be delivered statewide;
- Provide statewide delivery of library materials to more than 350 library entities in Ohio; and
- Fund 41.75 positions in fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011, compared to 42.75 positions in fiscal year 2009, to provide library services to Ohio library communities.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	350321	Operating Expenses	1,848,232	1,867,867
GSF	4590	350603	Library Service Charges	2,888,692	3,014,442
FED	3130	350601	LSTA Federal	1,977,778	2,007,076
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,714,702	6,889,385

Program 02.02: Ohio Public Library Information Network

This program makes network access available to Ohio's 251 public libraries to ensure equity of access to the Internet and electronic information for all Ohio residents, provides in-library and remote access to subscription databases and access to Ohio government services, and provides tools to maintain effective use of the network and subscription databases. Ohio's libraries continue to develop statewide sharing of books and other materials through a variety of consortia and projects using OPLIN. OPLIN utilizes the fiscal and human resources services of the State Library in its operation. OPLIN collaborates extensively with the State Library, INFOhio and OhioLINK to strengthen services provided.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Fund the ongoing telecommunication and maintenance costs of the network;
- Provide 251 public libraries with support and advice in the efficient use of the network and Internet technologies;
- Provide access to more than 6,200 newspapers, magazines, and digital publications as well as support information databases available to any Ohio resident through an Internet connection;
- Provide filtering grants to approximately 40 public libraries to purchase or maintain filters to screen out obscene and illegal Internet materials; and
- Fund five staff positions to oversee OPLIN operations.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GSF	4S40	350604	Ohio Public Library Information Network	5,702,150	5,702,150
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				5,702,150	5,702,150

Program 02.03: Ohioana Library Support

This program provides for the payment of rental expenses and provides a subsidy for operating expenses for the Ohioana Library, which is adjacent to the State Library. The Ohioana Library Association was established in 1929 and is governed by a 28-member board that includes four appointees of the Governor and the Governor's spouse. The Ohioana collection consists of more than 45,000 volumes written by Ohioans, or about Ohio or Ohioans, and includes fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and children's literature. Ohioana fosters reading and writing through public events, such as the Ohioana Book Festival and nine different awards to recognize and encourage outstanding accomplishments.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Fund the rental expenses for the Ohioana Library to lease more than 7,500 square feet that is necessary to house the administrative offices and specialized library collection which provides opportunities for research of Ohio authors;
- Provide for the development, maintenance, cataloging, preservation, and public access to the Ohioana collection;
- Help sustain Ohioana's community outreach program which includes the Ohioana Book Festival, Ohioana Awards, regional events, and partnerships;

- Provide for the Ohioana Quarterly, website, and other educational resources used by libraries, schools, media, and others seeking information about Ohio writers and artists; and
- Provide partial funding for six staff to oversee Ohioana’s programs and to enable Ohioana to secure other sources of funding.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	350401	Ohioana Library Support	288,560	288,560
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				288,560	288,560

PROGRAM SERIES 03: Library Grants

This program series coordinates the grant programs administered by the State Library from all sources of funding (state, federal, and local). These grant programs have an impact on all types (public, school, academic, and special) of libraries throughout Ohio.

Program 03.01: Library Services and Technology Act Grants

This program coordinates the distribution of the federal LSTA dollars from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through a grant program open to all public, school, academic, and special libraries in Ohio. The grant program addresses the LSTA priorities of technological innovation, electronic linkages, and services to underserved populations. Some of the LSTA grant funds are used for special statewide grants such as core electronic databases and 24/7 reference services.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enable federal library funds to be awarded directly to a library or administered statewide to provide a benefit to Ohio libraries and their patrons;
- Provide an opportunity for all types of libraries to apply for competitive grants and/or benefit from statewide grant programs that directly impact library staff and users;
- Fund approximately 42 percent of received proposals for funding of library grants;
- Provide 24/7 virtual reference services to Ohio residents by answering more than 100,000 questions each year; and
- Ensure that a core set of electronic resources and services are available to all Ohio residents.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
FED	3130	350601	LSTA Federal	3,565,969	3,536,671
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,565,969	3,536,671

Program 03.02: Regional Library Systems

This program partially supports four Regional Library Systems that provide continuing education and technology support programs to the staff and patrons in public, school, academic, and special libraries in all 88 counties throughout Ohio. The four Regional Library Systems include: 1) Northeast Ohio Library System (NEO-RLS)-Warren; 2) Northwest Library District (NORWELD)-Bowling Green; 3) Southeast Ohio Regional Library System (SERLS)-Wellston; and 4) Southwest and Neighboring Libraries (SWON)-Cincinnati.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enable all public library systems, individual public libraries, academic libraries, school district libraries, and special libraries in all 88 counties to receive a direct library benefit from one of four regional library systems;
- Coordinate resources within a geographic area to maximize the delivery of quality library services in the most cost-effective manner; and
- Encourage collaboration amongst Regional Library Systems to realize greater efficiencies in the delivery of services to all libraries across Ohio who benefits from the program.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	350502	Regional Library Systems	832,099	832,099
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				832,099	832,099

Program 03.03: Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

This program provides the reading and information services (recorded and Braille books and magazines and audio-described videos) to blind, visually impaired, and physically handicapped Ohio citizens in the 55 northern counties via the Cleveland Public Library and the 33 southern counties via the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Beginning in fiscal year 2010, the Cleveland Public Library will provide the service in all 88 Ohio counties. The State Library serves as the machine-lending agency for the Talking Book Program, working in conjunction with the Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Allow the Cleveland Public Library to deliver library material in all 88 counties to blind and physically handicapped Ohioans with cannot use a traditional print book;
- Serve more than 16,000 Ohioans with reading materials produced by the National Library Service (NLS) or locally; and
- Circulate more than 850,000 items to blind and physically handicapped Ohioans.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GSF	5GB0	350605	Library For The Blind	1,274,194	1,274,194
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,274,194	1,274,194

Program 03.04: Special Grants

This program encompasses a variety of grants that the State Library has received in previous biennia and might expect to receive over the course of the fiscal year 2010-2011 biennium. Grants received include technology, training, and community outreach funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enable the State Library to administer the Opportunity On-line Hardware Grants Program from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GSF	5GG0	350606	Gates Foundation Grants	500,000	0
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				500,000	0

Appropriation Line Item Analyses for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011

Line Item Notes

350400, Ohio Public Library Information Network: This line item provided GRF funding for the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN). In the fiscal year 2010-2011 biennium executive budget, funding for OPLIN formerly appropriated through line item 350400 is supported by transfers from the Public Library Fund and appropriated through line item 350604, Ohio Public Library Information Network.

350401, Ohioana Library Support: This line item, formerly named Ohioana Rental Payments, has historically provided appropriations to cover the rental expenses of the Ohioana Library Association (OLA), an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity co-located with the State Library of Ohio. In the fiscal year 2010-2011 biennium executive budget, OLA will receive both rent appropriations and an operating subsidy, formerly appropriated through line item 355501, in line item 350401. The line item has been renamed to Ohioana Library Support to reflect this change.

350605, Library for the Blind: This line item replaces former GRF line items 350501, Regional Library for the Blind - Cincinnati, and 350503, Regional Library for the Blind - Cleveland. In the fiscal year 2010-2011 biennium executive budget, funding for the Library for the Blind is entirely supported by transfers from the Public Library Fund and appropriated through line item 350605, Library for the Blind.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Library Board

FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	350321	Operating Expenses	6,148,667	6,087,593	6,101,583	5,710,723	5,477,369	-4.1	5,477,369	0.0
GRF	350400	Ohio Public Library Info Network	4,107,783	4,483,214	4,398,198	3,711,892	0	-100.0	0	.0
GRF	350401	Ohioana Library Support	122,617	122,617	124,816	124,816	288,560	131.2	288,560	0.0
GRF	350501	Library For Blind - Cincinnati	535,615	535,615	535,615	535,615	0	-100.0	0	.0
GRF	350502	Regional Library Systems	1,010,441	1,010,441	894,240	880,638	832,099	-5.5	832,099	0.0
GRF	350503	Library For Blind - Cleveland	805,642	805,642	805,642	805,642	0	-100.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue			12,730,765	13,045,122	12,860,094	11,769,326	6,598,028	-43.9	6,598,028	0.0
1390	350602	Intra-Agency Service Charges	8,710	7,432	9,311	9,000	9,000	0.0	9,000	0.0
4590	350603	Library Service Charges	2,089,155	1,985,522	2,244,874	2,708,092	2,895,592	6.9	3,039,342	5.0
4S40	350604	Ohio Public Library Information Network	1,131,548	1,248,072	1,071,162	1,647,363	5,702,150	246.1	5,702,150	0.0
5GB0	350605	Library For The Blind	0	0	0	0	1,274,194	.0	1,274,194	0.0
5GG0	350606	Gates Foundation Grants	0	0	0	0	500,000	.0	0	-100.0
TOTAL General Services			3,229,413	3,241,026	3,325,347	4,364,455	10,380,936	137.9	10,024,686	-3.4
3130	350601	LSTA Federal	5,172,614	5,465,211	5,691,546	5,691,792	5,543,747	-2.6	5,543,747	0.0
TOTAL Federal Special Revenue			5,172,614	5,465,211	5,691,546	5,691,792	5,543,747	-2.6	5,543,747	0.0
TOTAL Library Board			21,132,792	21,751,359	21,876,987	21,825,573	22,522,711	3.2	22,166,461	-1.6