

Role and Overview

The State Library Board (SLO) 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 computer network for Ohio's public libraries. This network provides telecommunication connectivity, access to the Internet, and a large selection of research databases. OPLIN strengthens the services it provides by collaborating with 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 94 employees with an annual all-funds budget of approximately \$24.5 million.

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



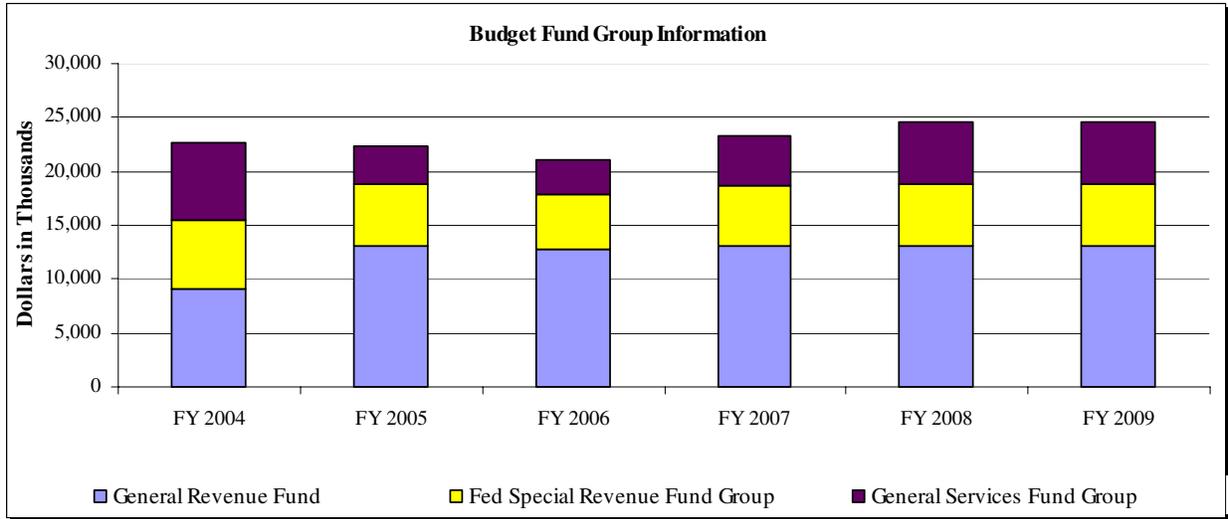
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- 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.

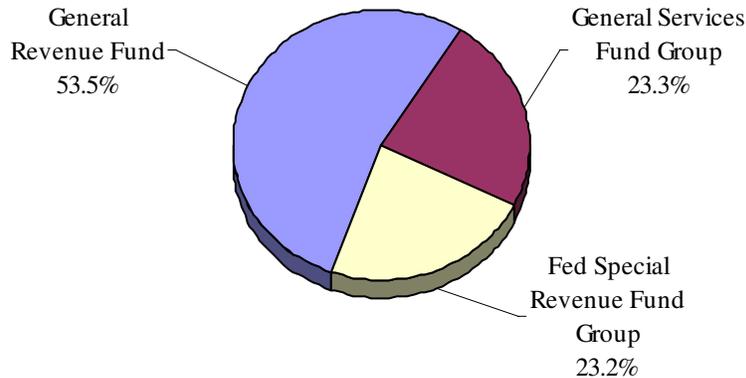
Agency Priorities

- Lead and partner in the development of library services throughout Ohio.
- Promote and enable resource sharing among libraries and library networks.
- 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).

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

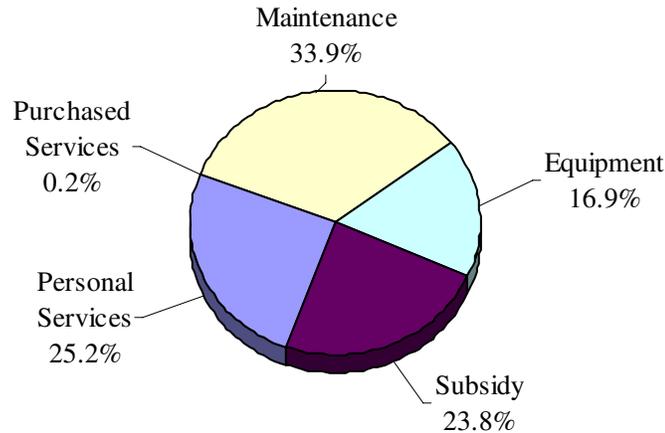


**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Budget Fund Group**



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	CHANGE FY 06-07	FY 2008	CHANGE %	FY 2009	CHANGE %
General Revenue Fund	9,081	13,044	12,731	13,105	2.9	13,105	.0	13,105	.0
General Services Fund Group	7,142	3,553	3,229	4,601	42.5	5,717	24.3	5,717	.0
Fed Special Revenue Fund Group	6,431	5,717	5,173	5,644	9.1	5,692	.8	5,692	.0
TOTAL	22,654	22,314	21,133	23,350	10.5	24,514	5.0	24,514	.0

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category***



*Categories of expense accounting for less than 0.0% are not shown.

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	5,907	5,929	5,516	6,001	8.8	6,022	.4	6,316	4.9
Purchased Services	349	275	154	119	(23.0)	63	(47.3)	55	(12.8)
Maintenance	6,313	6,661	6,209	8,007	29.0	8,342	4.2	8,271	(.9)
Equipment	3,060	3,385	3,656	3,330	(8.9)	4,188	25.7	4,115	(1.7)
Subsidy	7,024	6,064	5,595	5,890	5.3	5,897	.1	5,754	(2.4)
Transfer & Other	1	1	2	2	35.9	2	.0	2	.0
TOTAL	22,654	22,314	21,133	23,350	10.5	24,514	5.0	24,514	.0

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:

- Provide access to more than two million library materials on site, more than 300 on-line databases, and nearly eight million titles held by OhioLINK;
- Support the State Library’s charge as the regional depository to process approximately 20,000 federal and state documents annually to make these documents available to all Ohio residents;
- 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;
- Advocate for, promote, and customize library services to state government employees and state agencies through the provision of reference services, training, circulation, cataloging and agency visits; and
- Fund 34 positions in fiscal year 2008 and 33 positions in fiscal year 2009, compared to 37 positions in fiscal year 2007, to deliver library services to state government employees and agencies.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	350-321	Operating Expenses	4,227,232	4,300,702
GSF	139	350-602	Intra-Agency Service Charges	9,000	9,000
GSF	459	350-602	Library Service Charges	62,352	7,531
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				4,298,584	4,317,233

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 68 library systems serving more than 150 library buildings managed through the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Library Center in Caldwell; 4) coordinate the technology and delivery components of the Moving Ohio Resources Everywhere (MORE) system by enabling patrons to search and request materials from the on-line catalog of 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; 6) coordinate the Ohio E-Book project with various types of libraries to provide digital books to library customers; 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:

- 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 over five million items and circulates over 12 million library materials to approximately 700,000 registered borrowers;
- Operate a resource sharing consortium of approximately 130 school and public libraries allowing library materials to be delivered statewide;
- Support the State Library’s role as the Machine Lending Agency for Ohio to loan special equipment needed to play recorded materials for blind and physically handicapped Ohioans who cannot use a traditional print book; and

- Fund 48 positions in fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009, compared to 50 positions in fiscal year 2007, to provide library services to Ohio library communities.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	350-321	Operating Expenses	2,071,445	1,997,975
GSF	459	350-602	Library Service Charges	2,595,740	2,650,561
FED	313	350-601	LSTA Federal	2,246,494	2,389,116
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,913,679	7,037,652

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 collaborates extensively with INFOhio and OhioLink to strengthen services provided. This effort is coordinated by the State Library and is funded in part with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funds.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Fund the ongoing telecommunication and maintenance costs of the network;
- Support approximately 50 databases that provide access to approximately 10,000 magazines, newspapers and academic journals to all Ohio residents;
- Provide filtering grants to approximately 40 public libraries to purchase or maintain filters to screen out obscene and illegal Internet materials;
- Provide public libraries with support and advice in the efficient use of the network and Internet technologies; and
- Fund seven staff positions to oversee the OPLIN operations.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	350-400	Ohio Public Library Info Ntwk	4,330,000	4,330,000
GSF	4S4	350-604	Ohio Public Lib Info Ntwk Tech	3,000,000	3,000,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				7,330,000	7,330,000

Program 02.03: Ohioana Library Lease

This program provides for the payment of rental expenses for the Ohioana Library, which is adjacent to the State Library. While all other operating expenses for the Ohioana Library are paid from the Ohioana Library subsidy line item, the rental expenses are within the State Library budget per Department of Administrative Services-landlord negotiations. Further information about the programs and services of the Ohioana Library is found under the Ohioana Library Association budget recommendation section within this Executive Budget document.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Fund the rental expenses for the Ohioana Library to lease over 7,500 square feet that is necessary to house the administrative offices and specialized library collection which provides opportunities for research of Ohio authors.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	350-401	Ohioana Rental Payments	124,816	124,816
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				124,816	124,816

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 and 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:

- 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 to benefit from statewide grant programs that directly impact library staff and users;
- Fund approximately 40 percent of received proposals for funding of library grants; 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 2008	FY 2009
FED	313	350-601	LSTA Federal	3,445,298	3,302,676
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,445,298	3,302,676

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:

- 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.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	350-502	Regional Library Systems	1,010,441	1,010,441
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,010,441	1,010,441

Program 03.03: Regional Libraries 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. 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:

- Allow the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and the Cleveland Public Library to deliver library material to blind and physically handicapped Ohioans who cannot use a traditional print book;
- Serve over 20,000 Ohioans with reading materials produced by the National Library Service (NLS) or locally;
- Serve over 6,000 registered blind and physically handicapped readers in the Cincinnati area, where over 300,000 items are circulated each year; and
- Serve over 14,000 registered blind and physically handicapped readers in the Cleveland area, where over 600,000 items are circulated each year.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	350-501	Library for the Blind-Cinci	535,615	535,615
GRF	GRF	350-503	Library for the Blind-Cleve	805,642	805,642
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,341,257	1,341,257

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 2008-2009 biennium. Grants received include technology, training, and community outreach funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide an opportunity for the State Library to continue accepting and processing existing special grants as well as obtain new grants to benefit Ohio libraries and their customers.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	459	350-602	Library Service Charges	50,000	50,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				50,000	50,000

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Library Board

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	350-321	Operating Expenses	6,408,696	6,203,467	6,148,667	6,298,677	6,298,677	.0	6,298,677	.0
GRF	350-400	Ohio Public Library Info Ntwk	0	4,255,799	4,107,783	4,330,000	4,330,000	.0	4,330,000	.0
GRF	350-401	Ohioana Rental Payments	120,972	120,972	122,617	124,816	124,816	.0	124,816	.0
GRF	350-501	Library for the Blind-Cinci	561,037	535,615	535,615	535,615	535,615	.0	535,615	.0
GRF	350-502	Regional Library Systems	1,146,599	1,122,712	1,010,441	1,010,441	1,010,441	.0	1,010,441	.0
GRF	350-503	Library for the Blind-Cleve	843,880	805,642	805,642	805,642	805,642	.0	805,642	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			9,081,184	13,044,207	12,730,765	13,105,191	13,105,191	.0	13,105,191	.0
139	350-602	Intra-Agency Service Charges	8,538	1,068	8,710	9,000	9,000	.0	9,000	.0
4S4	350-604	Ohio Public Lib Info Ntwk Tech	5,128,221	1,123,445	1,131,547	1,883,597	3,000,000	59.3	3,000,000	.0
459	350-602	Library Service Charges	2,004,893	2,428,166	2,089,155	2,708,092	2,708,092	.0	2,708,092	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			7,141,652	3,552,679	3,229,412	4,600,689	5,717,092	24.3	5,717,092	.0
313	350-601	LSTA Federal	6,430,899	5,717,461	5,172,584	5,643,905	5,691,792	.8	5,691,792	.0
TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group			6,430,899	5,717,461	5,172,584	5,643,905	5,691,792	.8	5,691,792	.0
TOTAL State Library Board			22,653,735	22,314,347	21,132,761	23,349,785	24,514,075	5.0	24,514,075	.0