Ohioana Library Association Overview

In 1929, Martha Kinney Cooper, the First Lady of Ohio, invited distinguished Ohioans, representing many groups and areas of the state, to help gather a collection of Ohio books for the governor's mansion. A few years later the collection outgrew the mansion and was moved into the Ohio Departments Building at 65 South Front Street in Columbus, where it is still located. Today, a 28-member board that includes the governor's spouse as well as four members appointed by the governor governs the library.

The Ohioana Library Association encourages and recognizes the creative accomplishments of Ohio's native sons and daughters; maintains and preserves a permanent collection of books and music by Ohioans or about Ohio; and disseminates information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians, and other artists. These goals are accomplished with the Ohioana Collection, the Ohioana Awards, and the *Ohioana Quarterly* and other educational resources.

Ohioana Collection

The Ohioana collection consists of over 40,000 volumes written by or about Ohioans or about Ohio or Ohioans. Approximately 1000 new titles are added every year. Either the author or publisher donates most books added to the collection.

Ohioana Awards

The Ohioana Library provides recognition to Ohioans for their creative accomplishments through nine annual Ohioana Awards, which include:

- The *Lucille Loy Kuck Awards* for creative writing excellence for students in grades 9-12;
- The *Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant* for unpublished Ohio writers under the age of 30;
- The *Ohioana Citations* for distinguished service to Ohio in various categories of arts and humanities;

- The *James P. Barry Ohioana Award for Editorial Excellence* for a journal published in Ohio;
- The *Ohioana Career Medal* for a native Ohioan who has had an outstanding career in the arts and humanities;
- The *Ohioana Poetry Award* for an outstanding Ohio Poet;
- The *Alice Wood Ohioana Children's Literature Award* to recognize an outstanding Ohio children's author;
- The *Pegasus Award* is for unique or outstanding cultural contribution by an Ohioan; and
- The *Ohioana Book Awards* recognize outstanding books published each year by Ohioans in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, juvenile literature, and "About Ohio"

***Ohioana Quarterly* and Educational Resource Lists**

The Ohioana Library has published the *Ohioana Quarterly* four times a year since 1958. The *Quarterly* contains reviews of new books received by the library. To meet the needs of educators, the *Quarterly* includes a section called "Books for Young Readers" which contains reviews of books written for children. The Quarterly also publishes a list of Ohioans who have received national, regional, or statewide awards for the arts or humanities.

The Ohioana Library has published 11 lists of notable Ohioans as well as a literary map of the state. All of this information is available on the library's web page, which is located at http://www.oplin.lib.oh.us/OHIOANA.

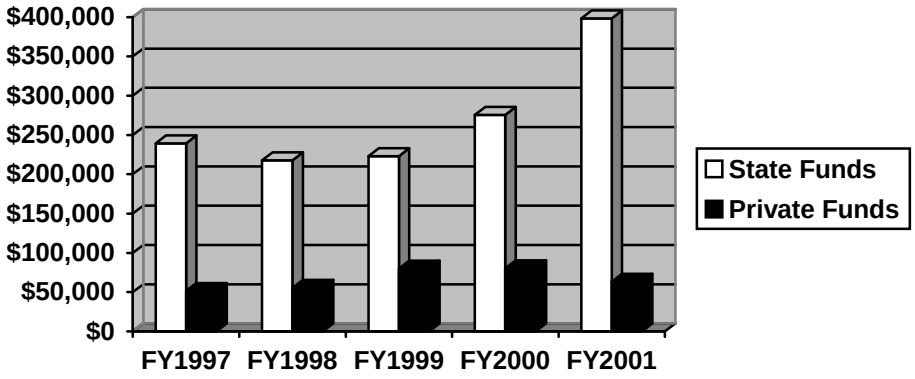
ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Ohioana Library Association Staffing Levels						
					Estimated	
Program Series/Division	**1998**	**1999**	**2000**	**2001**	**2002**	**2003**
Board Members	28	28	28	28	28	28
Staff	5	6	6	6	6	6
Totals	**33**	**34**	**34**	**34**	**35**	**35**

- *Board members are not paid.*

Financial Support

Ten years ago the state provided nearly 95% of Ohioana's funding. In 1990, the library committed itself to changing this ratio to 80:20. The state funding in FY2001 includes $180,000 that was earmarked for Ohioana's move into its



new facility.

	FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	FY2001
State Funds	$239,387	$217,709	$223,130	$275,750	$398,461
Private Funds	$51,547	$55,408	$79,984	$80,400	$63,100
Total Spending	$290,934	$273,117	$303,114	$356,150	$461,561
State % of Total Spending	82.3%	79.7%	73.6%	77.4%	86.3%
In-kind Contributions	$28,493	$32,115	$37,500	$30,000	$30,840

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Ohioana Library Association

Purpose Collect, promote, publicize, and make available to the public the cultural, literary, scientific, social, and economic achievements of Ohioans

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	355-501	Library Subsidy	$253,507	$259,152
Total funding: Ohioana Library Association			**$253,507**	**$259,152**

Ohioana Library Association

Program Description: Section 3376.61 of the ORC created the Ohioana Library. The mission of the library is to encourage and recognize the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; maintain and preserve a permanent collection of books and sheet music written by Ohioans or about Ohio or Ohioans; and disseminate information about the works of Ohio's writers, artists, and musicians.

Funding Source: GRF

Line Items: 355-501

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The executive recommendation fully funds Ohioana's budget request in FY 2002, but cuts the budget request by $19,706 in FY 2003. State funds are distributed to the library in the form of a subsidy. The state subsidy represents 75 to 80% of Ohioana's budget. The remaining 20 to 25% of the library's budget comes from memberships, subscriptions, gifts, and grants.

For FY 2002, the executive recommendation is $253,507, a decrease of 36.4% from the library's FY 2001 appropriation and $259,152 in FY 2003, an increase of 2.2% over FY 2002. In FY 2001, Ohioana moved its facilities from the Ohio Departments Building, making room for the Ohio Supreme Court. The large decrease from FY 2001 to FY 2002 reflects an extra appropriation in FY 2001 in order to pay for the library's moving costs. Not including the moving costs, the FY 2002 recommendation shows only a 4.0% decrease from FY 2001.

The executive recommendation includes a supplemental request from the agency for $36,874 in FY 2002 and $37,103 in FY 2003. These funds will allow the library to maintain current service levels, but the $19,706 that was cut from the supplemental request will most likely prevent the library from being able to hire the additional position of Clerk/Receptionist.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions with fiscal effects on this agency.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

There are no specific requests that are not funded this biennium, although the Executive reduced the FY2003 overall request by $19,706, from $278,858 to $259,152.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

Fund	ALI	ALI Title	2000	Estimated 2001	Executive 2002	% Change 2001 to 2002	Executive 2003	% Change 2002 to 2003
OLA Ohioana Library Association								
GRF	355-501	Library Subsidy	$ 275,750	$398,461	$ 253,507	-36.4%	$ 259,152	2.2%
General Revenue Fund Total			**$ 275,750**	**$ 398,461**	**$ 253,507**	**-36.4%**	**$ 259,152**	**2.2%**
Total All Budget Fund Groups			***$ 275,750***	***$ 398,461***	***$ 253,507***	***-36.4%***	***$ 259,152***	***2.2%***

General Revenue Fund

GRF 355-501 Library Subsidy

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
$217,709	$223,130	$275,750	$398,461	**$253,507**	**$259,152**
	2.5%	23.6%	44.5%	**-36.4%**	**2.2%**

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 3375.61

Purpose: All of the state subsidy for the Ohioana Library Association is contained in this line item. These funds are used to provide and expand library services to the general public. The state subsidy represents 75 to 80 percent of the association's budget. The remaining funds come from contributions, memberships, and Ohioana magazine subscriptions.