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Library Board, State

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ROLE

The State Library Board was established by the General Assembly in 1817 to provide information and reading materials to legislators and state officials. The role of the State Library has gradually expanded to include the following goals: to collect, disseminate, and provide access to information for Ohio's state government; to be an advocate for all libraries in Ohio; to be a leader and a partner in the development of library services throughout Ohio; to promote resource sharing among libraries and library networks; and to provide specialized services to Ohio's citizens. The State Library is a reference library as well as a depository for the publications of state and federal agencies. The State Library is governed by a board of five members appointed for five-year terms by the State Board of Education.

The State Library operates two library centers: one in Caldwell (Noble County) and one in Fayetteville (Brown County). These two library centers provide reference services to area libraries, as well as a variety of other services to the libraries in southeastern and southwestern Ohio. However, bookmobile services that were provided by these two centers were discontinued in the FY 2002-2003 biennium due to budget cuts. Budget cuts also forced the State Library to close two branch libraries (one in Riffe Center and one in Rhodes Tower) on July 1, 2001.

The budget for the State Library also includes funding for the Ohio Public Library Information Network, the Cleveland and Cincinnati Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and the seven regional library systems.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
96	\$24.2 million	\$23.8 million	\$9.5 million	\$14.4 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

In FY 2004, the State Library's GRF funding decreases by 1.9% from the FY 2003 spending level, while in FY 2005 the GRF funding for the library increases by 52.3% from the FY 2004 appropriation level. This increase is a result of moving the funding for the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) from the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) back into the GRF in FY 2005. Overall, funding in FY 2004 will increase by 1.7% over FY 2003 spending and funding in FY 2005 will decrease by 1.8% from FY 2004.

Funding for the regional library systems decreases by 17.8% to \$1,194,374 in FY 2004 and is flat-funded in FY 2005. The number of regional library systems in the state has been capped at seven. This reduced budget impacts the seven regional library systems around the state that serve all types of libraries, including approximately two-thirds of Ohio's public libraries.

The State Library also acts as a fiscal agent for the Cleveland and Cincinnati Public Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. These two libraries provide Talking Book materials to over 25,000 blind and physically handicapped people in the state and provide these people with access to library services that they would not otherwise have. The Cleveland library serves customers living in the state's northern 55 counties, while the Cincinnati library serves those living in the 33 southern counties. The budget for the Cleveland library is \$879,042 in FY 2004, a 5.0% decrease from FY 2003, and \$857,066 in FY 2005, a 2.5% decrease from FY 2004. The Cincinnati library will receive \$584,414, a 5.0% decrease from FY 2003, and \$569,803 in FY 2005, a 2.5% decrease from FY 2004.

BUDGET ISSUES

OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK (OPLIN)

Prior to the FY 2002-2003 budget, OPLIN was funded through the GRF. Beginning on July 1, 2001, OPLIN was funded through the OPLIN Technology Fund (Fund 4S4), which consisted of funds transferred from the LLGSF. Moving funding for OPLIN from the GRF to the LLGSF did not warrant any change in OPLIN's operations.

In FY 2004, OPLIN will continue to be funded through the LLGSF. However, the budget moves funding for OPLIN back into the GRF on July 1, 2004. This change will not have any immediate effect on OPLIN operations. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2001: FY 2002: FY 2003: FY 2004 % Change FY 2005 % Change
Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: 2003 to 2004: Appropriations: 2004 to 2005:

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

LIB Library Board, State									
GRF	350-100	Personal Services	\$ 4,924,148	---	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-200	Maintenance	\$ 1,957,289	---	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-300	Equipment	\$ 2,099,275	---	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-321	Operating Expenses	---	\$ 7,204,125	\$6,556,287	\$ 6,700,721	2.20%	\$ 6,700,721	0.00%
GRF	350-400	Ohio Public Library Information Networ	\$ 5,796,459	\$ 686,016	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 5,000,000	N/A
GRF	350-401	Ohioana Rental Payments	\$ 68,327	\$ 120,972	\$120,972	\$ 124,816	3.18%	\$ 124,816	0.00%
GRF	350-501	Cincinnati Public Library	\$ 838,306	\$ 702,480	\$615,172	\$ 584,414	-5.00%	\$ 569,803	-2.50%
GRF	350-502	Regional Library Systems	\$ 1,888,234	\$ 1,659,544	\$1,453,123	\$ 1,194,374	-17.81%	\$ 1,194,374	0.00%
GRF	350-503	Cleveland Public Library	\$ 1,266,749	\$ 1,056,668	\$925,307	\$ 879,042	-5.00%	\$ 857,066	-2.50%
GRF	350-505	Netwellness	\$ 735,000	---	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 19,573,788	\$ 11,429,806	\$ 9,670,861	\$ 9,483,367	-1.94%	\$ 14,446,780	52.34%
459	350-602	Interlibrary Service Charges	\$ 1,082,725	\$ 1,409,769	\$1,773,469	\$ 2,759,661	55.61%	\$ 2,809,661	1.81%
139	350-602	Intra-Agency Service Charges	\$ 26,200	\$ 27,949	\$15,070	\$ 9,000	-40.28%	\$ 9,000	0.00%
4S4	350-604	OPLIN Technology	\$ 634,500	\$ 5,744,793	\$7,001,681	\$ 6,450,000	-7.88%	\$ 1,000,000	-84.50%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 1,743,425	\$ 7,182,511	\$ 8,790,220	\$ 9,218,661	4.87%	\$ 3,818,661	-58.58%
313	350-601	LSTA Federal	\$ 5,070,859	\$ 5,590,706	\$5,379,719	\$ 5,541,647	3.01%	\$ 5,541,647	0.00%
313	350-603	LSCA Construction	\$ 566,544	---	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 5,637,403	\$ 5,590,706	\$ 5,379,719	\$ 5,541,647	3.01%	\$ 5,541,647	0.00%
Library Board, State Total			\$ 26,954,616	\$ 24,203,023	\$ 23,840,800	\$ 24,243,675	1.69%	\$ 23,807,088	-1.80%