



FY18 & FY19 BUDGET UPDATE

On April 10, 2018, the State Library received notice that as part of the overall reductions to the Iowa Department of Education (DE), the State Library would be required to reduce its budget by \$20,000. This cut, while not optimal, was minimal and could be accommodated by salary savings within the FY18 budget. Attached to this report is memo outlining the budget reductions for DE.

For FY19, the State Library is to receive \$2,530,063, which is a status quo budget from FY18 and includes the full recovery of the \$20,000 cut in April 2018. Additionally, the State Library retains the current number of FTEs covered under the agency's state appropriation, at 29 FTE.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT WAIVER FOR IMLS' GRANTS TO STATES PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

On April 16, 2018, the State Library was notified by IMLS that because the MOE reported on our FY16 Financial Status Report falls below the minimum required (by 2.99%), the agency's FY19 (federal) will be reduced proportionately if an MOE waiver was applied for and received. Without a waiver, the agency would look at a \$128,983 reduction in our FY19 funding. I have requested that Nancy Medema and Steve Cox work on preparing a waiver response which is included as part of the June 2018 Commission meeting materials. The requirements for the waiver are listed below:

- a) A detailed discussion, with supporting evidence, of the "exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances such as a natural disaster or a precipitous or unforeseen decline in the financial resources of the State."
- b) State's total actual appropriations for the period covering FY16, FY15, FY14, FY13. See Appendix, 'State Appropriations' worksheet.
- c) SLAA's total actual appropriations for the period covering FY16, FY15, FY14, FY13. See Appendix, 'SLAA Appropriations' worksheet.
- d) SLAA's actual expenditures calculated in the MOE for FY16, FY15, FY14, FY13. See Appendix, 'MOE Expenditures' worksheet.
- e) A detailed explanation of how a reduction to the SLAA's LSTA allotment would impact the SLAA's capacity to provide library services and programs in comparison to previous fiscal years.
- f) Actual appropriations for other State agencies for the period covering FY16, FY15, FY14, FY13. See Appendix, 'Other Appropriations' worksheet.
- g) Discussion of other sources of revenue used by the State for library services and programs.
- h) Any other relevant information pertaining to the request. The SLAA may want to include applicable State budget requests, Governor's reports, press releases, newspaper and periodical articles, or other supporting evidence for IMLS to consider.

MOE Waivers are due to IMLS on June 30, 2018. IMLS staff can offer advice about preparing our request as well as provide informal comments on preliminary drafts submitted by May 18, 2018. These

comments are not part of the formal review process and have no bearing on the final outcome of the request. A preliminary draft was submitted to IMLS by the May 18, 2018, deadline. A conference call with IMLS staff was held on June 11, 2018, where informal feedback was shared with Nancy and me. Using the feedback from IMLS, a final MOE waiver request was submitted by the June 30, 2018, deadline. We are hopeful for success in obtaining an MOE waiver for federal FY19 funding and are awaiting a decision from IMLS.

“EDGE” UPDATE

The State Library has a signed contract with the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) for a subscription to [Edge](#) for all public libraries in Iowa. A rollout plan is in development with a State Library staff team. On June 13, 2018, at the Library Support Network monthly meeting, a full update for district and Des Moines library consultants was held to ensure staff was up to speed on Edge. Two kickoff webinars were held on June 18 and 19 for all Iowa public libraries to gain knowledge on Edge. Marie harms will do an update on Edge at the August 10 Advisory Panel meeting and we will plan to have a presentation for the Commission at their September 2018 meeting.

As a reminder, Edge “helps public libraries better serve their communities through improved technology services.” The program, developed with over \$15 million in investment from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is based on a national set of benchmarks for public libraries to evaluate their technology services. An Edge Toolkit was developed with these benchmarks in mind, and includes resources, recommendations, and tools for strategic planning and community engagement.

2018 NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

National Library Legislative Day 2018 was held on May 7-8, 2018, in Washington DC. This two-day event, sponsored by the American Library Association, is an opportunity for librarians, trustees, and patrons to come together to be trained on the pressing federal legislative issues that impact libraries and have the opportunity to meet with their members of Congress and their staff to discuss these issues. The focus this year was a bit more focused: federal funding of IMLS.

Iowa was represented by seven librarians from around Iowa, including both myself and Nancy Medema. In addition, attendees included:

- Alison Ames Galstad, Coralville Public Library
- Rebecca Funke, Des Moines Area Community College-Ankeny
- Annah Hackett, Grand View University
- Cara Stone, Iowa State University
- Michael Wright, Dubuque County Library

We were able to visit all 6 offices of Iowa’s members of Congress and had meetings that included Representative Blum, Young, and Loeb sack, as well as Senators Grassley and Ernst. Here’s a copy of an official photo from Senator Ernst’s office:



STATE LIBRARY STAFF UPDATES

- Tim Skeers, Cataloging Librarian, retired on May 31, 2018, after nearly 10 years at the State Library.
- Susan Gruber, Library Resource Technician, retired on June 15, 2018, after nearly 7 years at the State Library.
- Georgiann Fischer, Library Resource Technician, retired on July 31, 2018, after 33 years at the State Library.
- Steve Cox, Accounting Technician 2 (i.e. the State Library's finance person) left the State Library on July 9, 2018, to become the postmaster for Albion, IA.
- Merri Monks, Youth Services Consultant, has announced her retirement from the State Library. Merri will retire on October 4, 2018, after 8 years at the State Library.
- Lacey Partlow, Library Resource Technician for Continuing Education, started her duties on June 28, 2018. Lacey is a recent graduate from the MLIS program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and did a practicum with the State Library in the Fall/Winter of 2017. Lacey's position is a reconfigured position focused on supporting the Continuing Education program for the State Library. This will reduce the number of LRTs providing support to the six districts from six LRTs to 3 LRTs. After careful considerations, it was felt that this configuration for the 6 districts was adequate. The remaining LRT position will remain open at this time.

- With these retirements, that brings the total number of retirements in FY18 and FY19 to 5 staff so far. The Accounting Technician 2 position is currently posted and will close on July 30, 2018. We hope to have someone in place by the end of August 2018, if not earlier.
- The Cataloging Librarian position will be re-evaluated and possible posting of the position would happen in the first half of FY19. Duties will be distributed among other Librarian II positions until a new position is determined. The Library Resource Technician position will be held open at this point.
- Having the ability to re-configure positions is challenging but certainly a great opportunity to ensure the State Library is staffed appropriately and fully.

LIBRARY VISITS

March 2018

- Marshalltown Public Library (March 29)
- Albion Municipal Library (March 29)
- Conrad Public Library (March 29)
- Beaman Community Memorial Library (March 29) - Beaman

April 2018

- Harcourt Public Library (April 10)
- Gowrie Public Library (April 10)
- J.J. Hands Library (April 10) - Lohrville
- Auburn Public Library (April 10)
- Morningside College (April 11) – Sioux City
- Remsen Public Library (April 11)
- Solon Public Library (April 20)

May 2018

- No visits

June 2018

- Polk City Community Library (June 1)
- Huxley Public Library (June 1)
- Collins Public Library (June 1)

July 2018

- No visits

OTHER MEETINGS

March 2018

- IUPLA Meeting (March 9) – Des Moines Public Library
- State Library Advisory Panel (March 14)

- Iowa Library Association (ILA) Governmental Affairs Committee (March 23) – Online via Zoom
- Committee on Library Cooperation (CLC) the Regent Library Directors (March 29) – Rod Library, University of Northern Iowa
- Greg Heid, Des Moines Public Library Director, Retirement (March 30) – Des Moines

April 2018

- Governor’s 2018 Future Ready Iowa Summit (April 3) – Des Moines
- Chamber Coffee & Ribbon Cutting for Grand Re-Opening of Le Mars Public Library (April 11)
- Edge Kickoff Meetings (April 13)
- My Personnel Review (April 20) – North Liberty Community Library
- Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony (April 27) – Urbandale Public Library

May 2018

- IUPLA Meeting (May 4) – West Des Moines Public Library
- 2018 National Library Legislative Day (May 7-8) – Washington DC
- 2018 COSLA Spring Meeting (May 9) – Washington DC
- Library Journal/School Library Journal’s “Stronger Together: Building Literacy-Rich Communities (May 10-11) – University of Nebraska-Omaha
- Spring 2018 Western Council of State Libraries Meeting (May 21-23) – Salt Lake City, UT

June 2018

- Ankeny Public Library Groundbreaking (June 1)
- Iowa Academic Library Alliance (June 11) – Iowa State University

July 2018

- No meetings to report.