

- Funding for the State Library was decreased by 7.0% from FY 2001 to FY 2002 and increased by 3.2% from FY 2002 to FY 2003

State Library Board

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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 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 also operates two regional centers: one in Caldwell and one in Fayetteville. The regional centers provide research services to area libraries and such other services as bookmobiles in southern Ohio. Prior to July 1, 2001, the State Library operated two branch libraries (one in Riffe Center and one in Rhodes Tower) but, due to budget cutbacks, those branches had to be closed.

The budget for the State Library also includes funding for the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), the Cleveland and Cincinnati Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and the seven libraries in the Regional Library System.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
117	\$25.1 million	\$25.9 million	\$11.3 million	\$11.6 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

In FY 2002, the State Library Board's budget decreases by 7.0 percent from FY 2001 levels of which a 0.3 percent decrease results from not including the approximately \$1.8 million in FY 2001 for the library's move from the Ohio Departments Building to its new location. The overall funding for FY 2003 increases 3.2 percent over FY 2002 funding levels.

The library's final appropriation decreased from the executive proposal 4.8 percent in FY 2002 and 4.6 percent in FY 2003.

Funding for the regional library systems decreases by 6.5 percent to \$1,765,472 in FY 2002 and by 0.7 percent to \$1,753,392 in FY 2003. 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, at the same time that the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) has been frozen.


The State Library also acts as a fiscal agent for the Cleveland and Cincinnati Public Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. These libraries provide Talking Book materials to over 27,000 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 \$1,124,115 in FY 2002, an 11.3 percent decrease from FY 2001, and \$1,116,509 in FY 2003, a 0.7 percent decrease from FY 2002. The Cincinnati library will receive \$747,319 in FY 2002, a 10.9 percent decrease from FY 2001, and \$742,290 in FY 2003, a 0.7 percent decrease from FY 2002.

During the FY 2000-2001 biennium, the Netwellness program was funded at \$750,000 per fiscal year. In the FY 2002-2003, funding for the Netwellness program (a joint venture between the University of Cincinnati, Case Western Reserve University, and Ohio State University) was eliminated. With the elimination of this program, many public libraries are left without a health database because, with the freeze on public library funding, they cannot afford the subscription fees to the Netwellness databases.

BUDGET ISSUES

OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK (OPLIN)

Prior to the FY 2002-2003 budget, the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) was funded through the General Revenue Fund (GRF). Beginning July 1, 2001, OPLIN was funded through the OPLIN Technology Fund (Fund 4S4). In order to fund this change, money was transferred from the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF). The large decrease in total GRF funding for the State Library from FY 2001 to FY 2002 (from \$19,573,788 in FY 2001 to \$11,288,618 in FY 2002, a 42.3 percent decrease) is due, in part, to the elimination of GRF funding for OPLIN.

This change in funding has had a number of consequences for the State Library. The most immediate impact of this change is the fact that the library now has to pay rent at the State of Ohio Computer Center (SOCC). While OPLIN was funded through the GRF, rent at SOCC was free. In addition, funding OPLIN with local dollars has made the libraries more conscious of expenditures, especially as they relate to local formulas for tax distribution. Since libraries do not receive equal portions of the tax fund, they have begun to seek data about the relative distribution of OPLIN services. Public libraries spend approximately \$13.6 million per year on additional telecommunications and equipment as it relates to the provision of OPLIN services. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 1999: *FY 2000:* *FY 2001:* **FY 2002** *% Change* **FY 2003** *% Change*
Appropriations: *Appropriations:* *Appropriations:* *2001 to 2002:* *Appropriations:* *2002 to 2003:*

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

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GRF	350-100	Personal Services	\$ 4,787,039	\$ 5,011,496	\$4,924,148	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-200	Maintenance	\$ 1,558,150	\$ 1,104,820	\$1,957,289	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-300	Equipment	\$ 608,520	\$ 619,863	\$2,099,275	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-321	Operating Expenses	----	\$ 0		\$ 7,530,741	N/A	\$ 7,850,041	4.24%
GRF	350-400	Ohio Public Library Information Networ	\$ 5,902,908	\$ 5,334,457	\$5,796,459	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-401	Ohioana Rental Payments	----	----	\$68,327	\$ 120,972	77.05%	\$ 120,972	0.00%
GRF	350-501	Cincinnati Public Library	\$ 735,407	\$ 749,906	\$838,306	\$ 747,319	-10.85%	\$ 742,290	-0.67%
GRF	350-502	Regional Library Systems	\$ 841,906	\$ 1,871,151	\$1,888,234	\$ 1,765,472	-6.50%	\$ 1,753,392	-0.68%
GRF	350-503	Cleveland Public Library	\$ 969,204	\$ 1,123,695	\$1,266,749	\$ 1,124,115	-11.26%	\$ 1,116,509	-0.68%
GRF	350-504	Ohio Humanities Council	\$ 24,250	\$ 72,750		\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	350-505	Netwellness	\$ 0	\$ 750,000	\$735,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 15,427,384	\$ 16,638,138	\$ 19,573,788	\$ 11,288,618	-42.33%	\$ 11,583,204	2.61%
139	350-602	Intra-Agency Service Charges	\$ 0	\$ 16,536	\$26,200	\$ 14,148	-46.00%	\$ 14,502	2.50%
459	350-602	Interlibrary Service Charges	\$ 468,093	\$ 625,680	\$1,082,725	\$ 845,896	-21.87%	\$ 1,239,661	46.55%
4S4	350-604	OPLIN Technology	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$634,500	\$ 7,661,095	1,107.42%	\$ 7,777,962	1.53%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 468,093	\$ 1,142,216	\$ 1,743,425	\$ 8,521,139	388.76%	\$ 9,032,125	6.00%
313	350-601	LSCA Federal	\$ 4,692,405	\$ 4,876,561	\$5,070,859	\$ 5,241,306	3.36%	\$ 5,241,306	0.00%
313	350-603	LSCA Construction	\$ 287,341	\$ 234,615	\$566,544	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 4,979,746	\$ 5,111,176	\$ 5,637,403	\$ 5,241,306	-7.03%	\$ 5,241,306	0.00%
Library Board, State Total			\$ 20,875,223	\$ 22,891,530	\$ 26,954,616	\$ 25,051,063	-7.06%	\$ 25,856,635	3.22%