

Library Standards Funding

The Delaware Library Association seeks your continued **support** for the **Library Standards/State Aid program**.

Library use increases as Delawareans turn to libraries for information, assistance, programs and internet access.

New, larger libraries throughout the State are providing improved services. With these necessary enhancements come increased costs to maintain regular operating hours and staffing. State Library Standards funds are an essential source of public library funding and are used to purchase library materials, keep libraries open, and ensure positive evolution of many library services.

FY2018 Appropriation: \$4,384,300

**FY2019
Request:
\$5,300,000**

Shared Statewide Library Collections

DLA seeks your **support** to **restore and expand funding** for shared library collections statewide...

... to meet the demands of Delawareans for work, personal & professional education, quality of life, and innovation.

Statewide collaborative library collections enable cross-county efficiencies and economy of scale pricing for shared electronic and print materials such as ebooks, eaudiobooks, magazines, newspapers, employment practice tests, medical information, and more.

FY2018 Appropriation: \$350,000

**FY2019
Request:
\$700,000**

Library Technology & Infrastructure

The **Delaware Division of Libraries** provides the **critical technology** and **infrastructure** that **enables** the public libraries to **function** in today's well connected **Delaware** Communities.

By providing a shared catalog and the essential equipment and network, the statewide approach enables economy of scale pricing and supports Delaware's libraries to share collections. County governments continue to shift more library technology support to the state, and at the same time library services expand to include wireless, videoconferencing, and additional technologies as they evolve.

FY2018 Appropriation: \$635,000

**FY2019
Request:
\$1,000,000**