

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.

FY2017 Appropriation: \$4,384,300

**FY2018
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.

FY2017 Appropriation: \$350,000

**FY2018
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.

FY2017 Appropriation: \$635,000

**FY2018
Request:
\$1,000,000**

Online Periodicals for Schools

The **UDLib/SEARCH** program provides online periodicals and encyclopedias to all of **Delaware's public K-12 schools**.

The program also provides training for all teachers and school staff on-site, in their schools. Student use of academic databases is an important digital literacy and college and career readiness skill. This successful partnership between the University of Delaware Library and the Delaware Department of Education provides essential resources to all of Delaware's school children and their teachers in a cost effective manner.

FY2017 Appropriation: \$574,200

**FY2018
Request:
\$613,466**

School Library Infrastructure, Staffing, & Services

...implement statewide coordinated oversight for technology, collections, and Professional Development.

The Delaware School Libraries Master Plan of the Delaware School Libraries Council determined that school library services continue to deteriorate due to lack of statewide coordinated oversight for technology, collections, and Professional Development. The Council recommends that the recommendations developed in the Statewide Master Plan for School Libraries be implemented. Quality school library services continue to be needed to support the Race to the Top initiatives and the Common Core Standards and to enable students to achieve their highest level of academic achievement to better demonstrate learning and growth as they prepare for college and career readiness in the 21st century.

The School Libraries Council was established by Executive Order; and we hope the new Governor will also enact an Executive Order or have this re-established by Delaware Code.

**FY2018
Request:
\$1,000,000**

*“Libraries will get you through times of
no money better than money will get you
through times of no libraries.”*

– Anne Herbert