



Wisconsin Library Association 2019-2021 State Budget Priorities

State Aid to Public Library Systems

Increased funding of the state's public library systems creates more opportunities for shared efficiencies, helps local libraries innovate, and strengthens libraries' abilities to respond to urgent local needs. An increase in state aid would be targeted to workforce development, information technology, and lifelong learning. The funding request for state aid to library systems is shown below.

Budget Year	FY20	FY21
Total Amount	\$17,513,100	\$19,013,100
Base*	\$15,013,100	\$15,013,100
Requested Increase	\$2,500,000	\$4,000,000

*Reverts to the FY17 funding level (one-time increases provided in Act 59)

INCREASE DETAILS	FY20	FY21
Restore to FY19 aid (Act 59)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Additional aid	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
Total request	\$2,500,000	\$4,000,000

Library Service Contracts

Increased funding of the DPI contracts with providers of specialty library services allows continuance of statewide access to valuable resources and services. The four existing providers are the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library and the Cooperative Children's Book Center as well as Milwaukee Public Library and the University of Wisconsin-Madison for access to collections. A new contract with Recollection Wisconsin is requested in the amount of \$150,000 in FY20 and \$300,000 in FY21 to ensure the state's one-of-a-kind archival materials are preserved and made digitally accessible. The funding request for library service contracts, including Recollection Wisconsin, is shown below.

Budget Year	FY20	FY21
Total Amount	\$1,457,500	\$1,642,400
Base for existing contracts	\$1,174,300	\$1,174,300
New contract for Recollection Wisconsin	\$150,000	\$300,000
Requested Increase	\$283,200	\$468,100

BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind

Increased funding for BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind in FY21 will allow DPI to continue the contracts with all current BadgerLink vendors and to maintain the current level of services through Newsline for the Blind. The funding request for BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind is shown below.

Budget Year	FY20	FY21
TOTAL BadgerLink costs	\$2,771,400	\$3,138,700
TOTAL Newsline costs	\$143,000	\$144,600
TOTAL COSTS for Appropriation	\$2,914,400	\$3,283,300
FY19 Base appropriation	\$2,937,500	\$2,937,500
Requested Increase	\$0	\$345,800