

**AGENDA**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

February 13, 2026

Arkansas Department of Education

Arkansas State Library - Bessie Moore Conference Room

900 W. Capitol Ave,

Little Rock, AR 72201

10:00 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Action Agenda
  - 1. Minutes - November 14, 2025
  - 2. State Aid / Scholarships
    - a. State Aid to Public Libraries: Distribution Approval
    - b. New Scholarship Applications
    - c. Recommendations for Scholarship Assistance
  - 3. Board Travel and Expense Policy
- III. Reports
  - 1. Administration and Agency Funding Report, SFY2026/FFY2025
  - 2. Director and Staff Reports
- IV. Public Comments

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MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Second Quarter, 2025-2026  
November 14, 2025

The Arkansas State Library Board convened on November 14, 2025, in the Bessie Moore Conference Room at the Arkansas State Library. Board members present were Clay Goff, Jack Fortner, and Lynlee McMillan, with Annette Bailey and Sydney McKenzie attending via Zoom. Staff members present were State Librarian Jennifer Chilcoat, Deputy Director Kristen Cooke, Brooke Crawford, and Jaynie Browne. Also present were Department of Education Chief Legal Counsel Daniel Shults and Will Puddephatt III from the Attorney General's Office.

Goff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from September 2, 2025. A motion of approval was made by Fortner, seconded by McMillan. The motion passed.

A scholarship application from Erin Tollett of Fayetteville Public Library was presented. A motion was made by McMillan to approve the application. Fortner seconded. The motion passed.

The Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance was presented by Chilcoat, requesting reimbursement for 12 recipients' coursework. A total of 93 hours were completed for a total cost of \$41,850. McMillan moved to approve the list. Fortner seconded. The motion passed.

Daniel Shults briefly updated the Board members on current library legislation.

Chilcoat presented the Second Quarter FY2026 State Aid Payment. Board members discuss state aid distribution and the creation of future standards for state aid. McKenzie made a motion to distribute the Second Quarter State Aid Payment, seconded by Fortner. The motion passed.

Brooke Crawford, Administrative Services Manager, presented the State General Revenue and the Federal LSTA Revenue spreadsheets in addition to the Fiscal Services Manager report. Crawford explained that there are 6 vacant positions out of the 39 budgeted full-time staff and an extra help position.

Staff reports were presented to the Board. Chilcoat gave an update on funding during the Federal Government shutdown and spoke about an upcoming phased rollout of the Candid online database to all of the public libraries in the state. Staff are working to complete State Program Reports by the December 5 deadline. Cooke covered the 2025 Public Library Survey. The survey will open in January 2026 and close in March 2026. Cooke and members of the Information Network of Arkansas (INA) Board are working to identify rural libraries in need of a public-facing website to better connect with citizens. Wann covered the reports for Library Development, updating the board on consulting services, summer reading workshops held, training sessions for public library staff, weekly webinars, the Arkansas Gems Program, 2025 Great Reads, and consulting for the federal E-Rate program. Marlin gave her report on the new NLS Audiobook Players, as well as the new BARD interface. McGuire presented the work of information services. Information services is working to increase operational consistency along with use and awareness of the State Library's services and resources. Chilcoat covered the Collection Management and Digital Services reports. Materials from the Federal Documents collection are being shifted to the basement and the first floor to create room on the second floor for closed stacks materials. The project to add the Court of Appeals Opinions, including the Opinions and Syllabi from 1979 to present, to our digital titles has been completed.

Chilcoat covered the remainder of the items in the board packet, which did not include any action items. Fortner made a motion to adjourn, and McMillan seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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Approval Date

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Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian

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# Arkansas State Library Scholarship Assistance Application

**Instructions:** Complete this form to apply for State Aid funds to underwrite a scholarship award from your library to an employee who has been admitted to the graduate program in an ALA-accredited library school. Attach to this form all appropriate documentation, such as a letter of admission from the library school, a letter of agreement from the employee who will benefit from the local scholarship award, and a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the local library board at which the application was approved.

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### APPLICANT

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State Aid grant funds are requested to underwrite a scholarship award from this public library to an employee who has been admitted to a graduate program in an accredited library school. The applicant library agrees to award the full amount of the scholarship award to the employee. The employee has agreed to provide transcripts as evidence of credits earned each semester and to remain on the job for a period of one (1) year following grant of aid. If these conditions are not met, the applicant library agrees to refund to the State Library all grant funds paid under this award.

Central Arkansas Library System  
Applicant Library Name  
100 Rock St  
Mailing Address  
Little Rock AR 72201-1624  
City/State/Zip Code + 4 digit extension  
askcats@cats.org (library)  
Email Address  
501.918.3000 (library)  
Phone Number ~~Fax Number~~  
Karama Neal  
Name of Library Board Chair (PLEASE PRINT)  
[Signature]  
Signature of Library Board Chair or Official Designee  
12/11/25  
Date

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### AGREEMENT

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I have applied to my employer for a scholarship grant. I am enrolled in a graduate program in an accredited library school and have completed the first twelve (12) hours credit. Supporting documents are attached. I have agreed to furnish transcripts at the end of each semester as evidence of credits earned, to remain employed in an Arkansas public library for at least one year following grant of aid and to fulfill any local requirements. If I do not fulfill these agreed conditions, I understand that I must repay to the applicant library all funds paid to me from this award.

Tameka Lee  
Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)  
[Signature]  
Participant's Signature  
12.11.25  
Date

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### RECOMMENDATION

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I have reviewed this application and the supporting documents. I recommend that the State Library Board ( ) approve ( ) deny this application.

[Signature]  
Signature of State Librarian  
1/23/2026  
Date

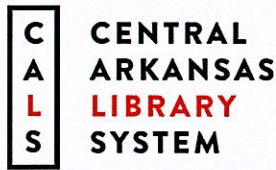
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### ACTION TAKEN

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In a regular meeting of the State Library Board held on \_\_\_\_\_ the Board voted to ( ) approve ( ) deny this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of State Library Board Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



December 11, 2025

Arkansas State Library Board  
c/o Ms. Jennifer Chilcoat, State Librarian/Director  
900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 100  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3108

Dear Ms. Chilcoat and Arkansas State Library Board,

I am the current chair of the Central Arkansas Library System Board. At our December 2025 meeting, the CALS Board heard Ms. Lee's application for a State Library scholarship. She has completed 12 or more hours toward her graduate degree in library science.

CALS is pleased to continue to participate with the State Library in this scholarship program. Please accept this letter as confirmation that the CALS Board supports the application of Ms. Lee. CALS will administer the allocation of the scholarship funds in accordance with the State Library's rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Karama Neal'.

Karama Neal

CALS Board Chair



**MAIN LIBRARY**  
100 Rock St., Little Rock, AR 72201  
**PHONE** 501.918.3000    **FAX** 501.375.7451    **WEB** CALS.org

January 15, 2026

Arkansas State Library  
MLS Scholarship Review Committee  
900 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 100  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Scholarship Review Committee,

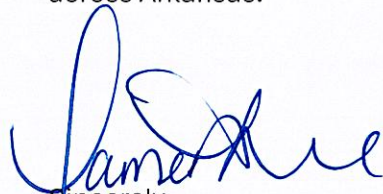
I am writing to express my intent to earn a master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Carolina and to apply for the Arkansas State Library's Scholarship Assistance Program. I appreciate your consideration and the opportunity to continue my education in service of Arkansas libraries.

Libraries have been part of my life for as long as I can remember, from visiting the library as a child to working at the University of Central Arkansas library as an undergraduate. At the time, I could not have imagined that libraries would remain such a constant presence in my life. Looking back, however, I can clearly see how those early experiences laid the foundation for the work I would eventually pursue in museums and libraries.

I have worked for the Central Arkansas Library System for nine years and throughout that time my appreciation for the evolving role of libraries has only grown. Attending the Public Library Association Conference in 2024 was a pivotal moment for me; it sharpened my understanding of the profession and solidified my decision to pursue an MLIS. I believe libraries are at a moment of transformation, and I want to contribute to shaping a new normal for the profession—one where libraries are highly visible and deeply connected to their communities.

As the chief communications and engagement officer for CALS, I find great satisfaction in my work and plan to continue in this field, strengthened by the perspective and skills gained through an MLIS. Communications and marketing are fundamentally about information—how it is shared, understood, and acted upon. My goal is to leverage my communications experience to enhance library programs and services by developing innovative campaigns, strengthening partnerships, and expanding outreach that helps people see themselves reflected in library spaces and services.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued support of library professionals across Arkansas.



Sincerely,  
Tameka Lee

## Recommendation for Scholarship Assistance

<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Individual Name</b>	<b>Library School</b>	<b># of Hours --Spring 2026</b>	<b>Recommend Award in the amount of</b>
Pope County	Riley Taurone	Emporia State	6	\$2,700
Jackson County Library	Lisa May	LSU	6	\$2,700
SEARLs	Hunter Bennett	U of OK	9	\$4,050
Bentonville Public Library	Sarah Hanst	LSU	6	\$2,700
Boone County Library	Angelia Mueller	U of OK	3	\$1,350
Springdale Public Library	Fiona Davis	UNT	9	\$4,050
CALS	Leland Goston	Drexel	6	\$2,700
Grant County Library	Jessica Reeves*	U of OK	3	\$1,350
CALS	Tameka Lee	USC	6	\$2,700
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$24,300</b>

**State Library Board**  
**Expense Reimbursement and Travel Policy**

In accordance with Act 1211 of 1995, Act 250 of 1997, and Act 1300 of 2003, the Arkansas State Library Board adopts the following policy:

For attendance at regular and special called meetings and in performance of other official board duties, board members shall receive as an expense reimbursement \$60 per day, or the maximum permitted by law, plus mileage at the rate established for state employees. When approved by the board, members may instead receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred for official business at the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

February 13, 2026

**SHARP COUNTY QUORUM COURT  
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

THE SHARP COUNTY QUORUM COURT MET AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SHARP COUNTY COURTHOUSE. PRESENT WERE: ALISA BLACK, COUNTY/CIRCUIT CLERK; WANDA GIRTMAN, COUNTY TREASURER; KATHY NIX, COUNTY ASSESSOR; AND SHANE RUSSELL, SHERIFF. THE FOLLOWING QUORUM COURT MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: BARNES, BAXTER, DIENST, DIORIO, ESTES, HASTINGS, MURPHY, PICKETT AND WILKES. ABSENT: NONE. THERE WAS A QUORUM PRESENT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AND THE MEETING PROCEEDED AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

JUSTICE ESTES MADE A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JUSTICE DIENST. VOTING YEA: BARNES, BAXTER, DIENST, DIORIO, ESTES, HASTINGS, MURPHY, PICKETT AND WILKES. VOTING NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MAILED OUT TO EACH OF THE JUSTICES SHOWING BALANCES BY FUND AND A RECAP OF REVENUES.

COUNTY & CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORT WAS MAILED OUT TO EACH OF THE JUSTICES SHOWING THE FUND'S APPROPRIATED AND EXPENDED TO EACH OF THE OFFICES.

COUNTY SHERIFF, SHANE RUSSELL, WAS PRESENT TO GIVE A REPORT ON HIS OFFICE.

JUSTICE DIENST MADE A TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF SHARP COUNTY FROM THE WHITE RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JUSTICE ESTES. VOTING YEA: BARNES, BAXTER, DIENST, DIORIO, ESTES, HASTINGS, MURPHY, PICKETT AND WILKES. VOTING NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JUSTICE DIORIO TO APPROVE BONUSES FOR SHARP COUNTY EMPLOYEES. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE \$800.00 AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE \$375.00 ALL OF WHICH WILL BE PAID OUT OF THE CORONA VIRUS FUND. JUSTICE PICKETT SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING YEA: BARNES, BAXTER, DIENST, DIORIO, ESTES, HASTINGS, MURPHY, PICKETT AND WILKES. VOTING NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JUSTICE BARNES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS SESSION OF QUORUM COURT. JUSTICE BAXTER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOICE VOTE OF YEA.

ATTEST Alisa Black CLERK

BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY CLERK

# ALISA BLACK

## CIRCUIT & COUNTY CLERK

P.O. BOX 307

ASH FLAT, AR 72513

Tel: (870) 994-7361; Fax (870) 994-7712

### Deputy Clerks

Tara Voldness, Chief Deputy Clerk

Tonya Powell, Election Coordinator

Laurya Black

### Deputy Clerks

Allie Corter

Dakota LeMaster

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ALISA BLACK, CLERK  
BY OB D.C.

October 14, 2025

Kristen Cooke, Deputy Director

[Kristen.cooke@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:Kristen.cooke@ade.arkansas.gov)

Jenn Wann, Manager of Library Development

[jenn.wann@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:jenn.wann@ade.arkansas.gov)

Sharp County would like to give notification of our intent to withdraw from the White River Regional Library. Per the White River Regional Library Interlocal Agreement signed in 1978. Please accept this as our 60-day advance notice. The Quorum Court voted unanimously to dissolve our agreement with White River Regional Library.

Being there is no Regional Director/Administrator we are notifying you. If we need to notify someone else, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,



Alisa Black

Sharp County Clerk

718 Ash Flat Dr

Ash Flat, AR 72513



*Sherry Logan*  
Cleburne County Clerk  
301 West Main Street  
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Phone: 501.362.4620  
Fax: 501.362.4622  
sherry.logan@cleburnecoar.gov

November 21, 2025

Regional Administrator  
White River Regional Library  
PO Box 1107  
Mtn. View, AR 72560

**RE: Formal Notification of Intent to Withdraw from  
White River Regional Library**

This letter serves a formal written notification, pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement between Cleburne County, Arkansas and White River Regional Library dated January 31, 1978, of Cleburne County's intent to withdraw from the aforementioned Agreement.

The intent to withdraw was authorized by a majority vote of the Cleburne County Quorum Court at a public meeting held on November 20, 2025, via the adoption of the enclosed **RESOLUTION 2025-10**.

In accordance with Agreement, which requires 60 days written notice of withdrawal, the effective date of Cleburne County's withdrawal from the Agreement shall be January 21, 2026.

Cleburne County will continue to honor all existing obligations and responsibilities under the terms of the Agreement until the stated effective termination date. We will coordinate with your office to ensure a smooth transition and the proper disposition of any shared property or finances, as outlined in the Agreement's termination provisions.

We request written acknowledgement of receipt of the formal notice and of the effective withdrawal date. Any matters not covered by this notice should be brought to the attention of the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherry Logan".

Sherry Logan  
Cleburne County Clerk

Enclosure

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CLERK OF COURTS  
CLEBURNE COUNTY  
ARKANSAS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO WRITE A LETTER GIVING NOTICE THAT THE CLEBURNE COUNTY LIBRARY IS LEAVING THE WHITE RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, Cleburne County is in an interlocal agreement with the White River Regional Library with a provision to withdraw;

WHEREAS, the Cleburne County Library Board has voted to withdraw from the White River Regional Library and needs the Cleburne County Quorum Court's majority vote to give authorization for the County Clerk to write a letter giving notice and informing the White River Regional Library that a majority of the Quorum Court has authorized the letter and is requesting the withdraw;

WHEREAS, the Cleburne County Clerk has prepared a letter;

WHEREAS, the letter is to be sent to the White River Regional Library;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Quorum Court of Cleburne County, Arkansas, has authorized the Cleburne County Clerk to send a letter to the White River Regional Library informing them that there was a majority vote of the Cleburne County Quorum Court for Cleburne County to withdraw from the White River Regional Library.

ENTERED this 20th day of November, 2025.

  
Eric Crosby, Cleburne County Judge

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Logan, Cleburne County Clerk

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# CLEBURNE COUNTY QUORUM COURT JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

November 20, 2025

The Cleburne County Quorum Court met in regular session in the Cleburne Court Building, 822 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Heber Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. County Judge Eric Crosby presided.

PRESENT: Moorehead, Henegar, Beavers, Fletcher, Malone, Evans, Martin, Foust, Tamburo, Baugh, McClung.

ABSENT: None.

## READING, CORRECTION, AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by JP Malone to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by JP Martin with a correction to read Judge Crosby instead of JP Crosby. Voice vote, motion carried.

## REPORT OF TREASURER:

Motion was made by JP Fletcher to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**Emergency Services Oversight Committee:** JP Foust said topics at last meeting included Wilburn's siren being fixed, radio repeaters are doing better and being worked on each month, several Mountain Top Water fire hydrants aren't working, and med flight usage and how it works. The next meeting is rescheduled to December 2 at 10:00 a.m.

**Budget Committee:** JP Evans stated that he would pass until several budget ordinances were to be read later.

**Jail Committee:** JP Evans reported that this would be passed as well when the resolution was read.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Cleburne County Fair Board discussion.** Discussion involved the election process for the fair board. Vice President Jay Strain who has assumed the President's duties after the resignation of the previous President and John Haste, not a member, addressed the court about confusion dealing with the election process. Lengthy discussion followed. JP Henegar made a motion for Mr. Haney to draft an Ordinance that allows the Court to take over authority to appoint each position and each executive position, seconded by JP Evans. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**New Library Director.** Judge Crosby welcomed new library director, Denise Meli. JP Martin made a motion to add to agenda a resolution pertaining to library, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried.

**Proposed Resolution No. 2025- Authorizing the County Clerk to write a letter to the White River Regional Library**  
JP Martin introduced a Resolution. "A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO WRITE A LETTER GIVING NOTICE THAT THE CLEBURNE COUNTY LIBRARY IS LEAVING THE WHITE RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY"  
Cleburne County Library Board Chairman Skye Wright was in attendance to answer any questions. JP Martin made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Evans. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.  
Passed and adopted as Resolution 2025-10.

**Proposed Resolution No. 2025-Authorize Judge to enter contract with SouthBuild**

JP Evans introduced a Resolution. "A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHBUILD." JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Resolution 2025-11.

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**Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-Amend Jail, Aging, and Road Budgets**

JP Henegar introduced an Ordinance. "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CLEBURNE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-42 WHICH ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES." JP Henegar made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2025-22.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-2026 Budget**

JP Foust introduced an Ordinance. "BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR CLEBURNE COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2026, MAKING SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS SET IN THE BUDGET." JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules of a formal reading and place the Ordinance on reading by title only, seconded by JP Malone. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Foust read the Ordinance by title only. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Malone. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2025-23.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-Positions and Starting Salaries**

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance. "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT COUNTY OF CLEBURNE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND STARTING SALARIES FOR NON-ELECTED COUNTY POSITIONS." JP Evans made a motion to suspend rules and place the Ordinance on a reading by title only, seconded by JP Tamburo. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Moorehead. Roll Call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2025-24.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-Max Salary per Employee**

JP Malone introduced an Ordinance. "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS' AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED; "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZED SALARY PER EMPLOYEE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CLEBURNE COUNTY GOVERNMENT." JP Malone made a motion to suspend the full reading and read by title only, seconded by JP Evans. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Malone read the Ordinance by title only. JP Malone made a motion to correct Indigent/Public Defender Contract Labor so both lines read \$7,580.00 on page six, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Malone made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken, Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2025-25.

**Proposed Ordinance No.2025-Establish Millage**

JP Moorehead introduced an Ordinance. "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OR ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR 2026." JP Moorehead made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on reading by title only, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Moorehead read the Ordinance by title only. JP

Moorehead made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Evans. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 2025-26.**

Judge Crosby reported on the disposal of County property, Order No. 2025-19, Order No. 2025-21, and Order No. 2025-22.

JP Evans made a motion to add an Ordinance to the agenda, seconded by JP Fletcher. Voice vote; motion carried.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2025- Interlocal Agreement**

JP Evans introduced an Ordinance. "BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CLEBURNE, STATE OF ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED; "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS REGARDING DISPATCHING SERVICES." JP Evans made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on reading by title only, seconded by JP Martin. JP Evans read the Ordinance by title only. JP Evans made a motion to amend to add "Appendix A" to the page showing formula, seconded by JP Martin. Voice vote, motion carried. Quarterly meetings will be held with cities to go over finances. JP Evans made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead Tamburo. Nays: None.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance 2025-27.**

JP Martin made a motion to add an Ordinance to the agenda, seconded by JP Fletcher. Voice vote, motion carried.

**Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-Pine Snag Lobo Ballot Question**

JP Foust introduced an Ordinance. "AN ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE PINE SNAG LOBO FIRE ASSOCIATION SERVICE AREA A BALLOT QUESTION PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CODE § 14-20-108 AND OTHER PURPOSES." JP Foust read the Ordinance. JP Foust made a motion to suspend the rules of further reading, seconded by JP Martin. Lengthy discussion followed. JP Martin made a motion to strike any instance of the words "levy and" seconded by JP Moorehead. Voice vote, motion carried. JP Foust made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by JP Martin. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Baugh, Beavers, Evans, Fletcher, Foust, Henegar, Malone, Martin, McClung, Moorehead, Tamburo. Nays: None.

**Passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 2025-28.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

- Mr. Haney announced that the Cleburne County won the Arkansas Supreme Court case.
- Riley Hooten spoke of her experience with the Cleburne County Fair Board.

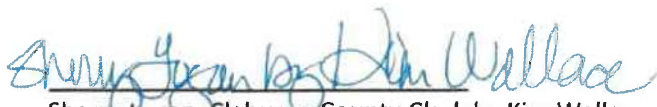
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next regular Quorum Court meeting will be held Thursday, December 11, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

JP Moorehead made the motion to adjourn, seconded by JP Foust. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**ATTESTED:**

  
Sherry Logan, Cleburne County Clerk by Kim Wallace

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Headquarters Lib.	Tax Unit	2024 Est Population	Per Capita @ 1.35874453	Multi-co. region	Base Amount	Total FY2026	First Qtr. Payment	Second Qtr. Payment	Third Qtr. Payment	Fourth Qtr. Payment
Arkansas Co. Lib.	Arkansas Co.	16,050	21,808		18,000	39,808	9,952	9,952	9,952	9,952
Ashley Co. Lib.	Ashley Co. less Crossett	13,478	18,313							
Ashley Co. Lib.	Crossett (city) (Ashley Co.)	4,506	6,123							
<b>Ashley Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>17,984</b>	<b>24,436</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>42,436</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>10,609</b>
Baxter Co. Lib.	Baxter Co.	43,007	58,436		18,000	76,436	19,109	19,109	19,109	19,109
Boone Co. Lib.	Boone Co.	38,636	52,496		18,000	70,496	17,624	17,624	17,624	17,624
Calhoun County Library	Calhoun Co.	4,690	6,373		15,000	21,373	5,343	5,343	5,343	5,344
Clark Co. Lib.	Clark Co.	20,920	28,425		18,000	46,425	11,606	11,606	11,606	11,607
<b>Cleburne County Library</b>	<b>Cleburne Co. (w/d WRRL 1-21-26)</b>	<b>25,646</b>	<b>34,846</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>52,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>13,212</b>
Columbia Co. Lib.	Columbia Co.	22,024	29,925		18,000	47,925	11,981	11,981	11,981	11,982
Conway Co. Lib.	Conway Co.	21,422	29,107		18,000	47,107	11,777	11,777	11,777	11,776
Crawford Co. Lib. System	Crawford Co.	62,258	84,593		18,000	102,593	25,648	25,648	25,648	25,649
Garland Co. Lib.	Garland Co.	99,902	135,741		18,000	153,741	38,435	38,435	38,435	38,436
Hempstead Co. Lib.	Hempstead Co.	19,105	25,959		18,000	43,959	10,990	10,990	10,990	10,989
Independence Co. Lib	Independence Co.	38,345	52,101		18,000	70,101	17,525	17,525	17,525	17,526
Jackson Co. Lib.	Jackson Co.	16,673	22,654		18,000	40,654	10,164	10,164	10,164	10,162
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Jefferson Co. Total less Pine Bluff	24,887	33,815							
Jefferson Co. Lib.	Pine Bluff (city) (Jefferson Co.)	38,785	52,699							
<b>Jefferson Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>63,672</b>	<b>86,514</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>104,514</b>	<b>26,128</b>	<b>26,128</b>	<b>26,128</b>	<b>26,130</b>
Lafayette Co. Lib.	Lafayette Co.	6,015	8,173		15,000	23,173	5,793	5,793	5,793	5,794
Lawrence Co. Lib.	Lawrence Co.	16,305	22,154		18,000	40,154	10,039	10,039	10,039	10,037
Lonoke Co. Lib.	Lonoke Co.	76,389	103,793		18,000	121,793	30,448	30,448	30,448	30,449
Marion Co. Lib.	Marion Co.	17,593	23,904		18,000	41,904	10,476	10,476	10,476	10,476
Newton Co. Lib.	Newton Co.	7,026	9,547		15,000	24,547	6,137	6,137	6,137	6,136
Ouachita County	Camden (city) (Ouachita Co.)	10,116	13,745							
Ouachita County	Ouachita Co. Total less Camden	11,568	15,718							
<b>PL of Camden and Ouachita Co.</b>		<b>21,684</b>	<b>29,463</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>47,463</b>	<b>11,866</b>	<b>11,866</b>	<b>11,866</b>	<b>11,865</b>
Pope Co. Lib.	Pope Co.	64,829	88,086		18,000	106,086	26,522	26,522	26,522	26,520
Prairie County Library	Prairie County	7,935	10,782		15,000	25,782	6,445	6,445	6,445	6,447
Searcy County Library	Searcy County	7,836	10,647		15,000	25,647	6,412	6,412	6,412	6,411
<b>Sharp County Library</b>	<b>Sharp Co. (w/d WRRL 12-14-25)</b>	<b>18,130</b>	<b>24,634</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>42,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,659</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Union Co. Lib.	El Dorado (city)	16,657	22,633							
Union Co. Lib.	Union Co. Total less El Dorado	20,351	27,652							
<b>Union Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>37,008</b>	<b>50,284</b>		<b>18,000</b>	<b>68,284</b>	<b>17,071</b>	<b>17,071</b>	<b>17,071</b>	<b>17,071</b>
Washington Co. Lib.	Washington Co. (less Fayetteville)	163,050	221,543		18,000	239,543	59,886	59,886	59,886	59,885
White Co. Reg. Lib. System	White Co.	79,091	107,464		18,000	125,464	31,366	31,366	31,366	31,366
<b>Total Single County Libraries</b>		<b>1,033,225</b>	<b>1,403,889</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>489,000</b>	<b>1,892,889</b>	<b>449,352</b>	<b>449,352</b>	<b>473,222</b>	<b>473,222</b>
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Franklin Co.	17,586	23,895	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Johnson Co.	26,172	35,561	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Logan Co.	21,457	29,155	12,000						
Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib.	Yell Co.	20,134	27,357	12,000						
<b>Arkansas River Valley Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>85,349</b>	<b>115,967</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>181,967</b>	<b>45,492</b>	<b>45,492</b>	<b>45,492</b>	<b>45,491</b>
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Carroll Co.	28,968	39,360	12,000						
Carroll & Madison Co. Lib. System	Madison Co.	17,865	24,274	12,000						
<b>Carroll &amp; Madison Co. Lib. System Total</b>		<b>46,833</b>	<b>63,634</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>105,634</b>	<b>26,409</b>	<b>26,409</b>	<b>26,409</b>	<b>26,407</b>
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Little Rock (city) (Pulaski Co.)	204,774	278,236							
Central Arkansas Lib. System	Perry Co.	10,251	13,928	12,000						

Central Arkansas Lib. System	Pulaski Co. Total less LR & NLR	131,937	179,269	12,000						
<b>Central Arkansas Lib. System Total</b>		<b>346,962</b>	<b>471,433</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>513,433</b>	<b>128,358</b>	<b>128,358</b>	<b>128,358</b>	<b>128,359</b>
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Craighead Co. Total less Jonesboro	33,468	45,474	12,000						
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Jonesboro (city) (Craighead Co.)	82,384	111,939							
Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib.	Poinsett Co. Total less Trumann	14,875	20,211	12,000						
<b>Crowley Ridge Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>130,727</b>	<b>177,625</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>219,625</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>54,907</b>
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Cross Co.	16,194	22,004	12,000						
East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Woodruff Co.	5,808	7,892	12,000						
<b>East Central Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>22,002</b>	<b>29,895</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>71,895</b>	<b>17,974</b>	<b>17,974</b>	<b>17,974</b>	<b>17,973</b>
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Faulkner Co.	131,611	178,826	12,000						
Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib.	Van Buren Co.	16,152	21,946	12,000						
<b>Faulkner-Van Buren Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>147,763</b>	<b>200,772</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>242,772</b>	<b>60,693</b>	<b>60,693</b>	<b>60,693</b>	<b>60,693</b>
Mid-Ark Regional Library Sys.	Cleveland Co.	7,367	10,010	12,000						
Mid-Ark Regional Library Sys.	Dallas Co.	6,076	8,256	12,000						
Mid-Ark Regional Library Sys.	Grant Co.	18,546	25,199	12,000						
Mid-Ark Regional Library Sys.	Hot Spring Co.	33,313	45,264	12,000						
Mid-Ark Regional Library Sys.	Saline Co.	131,252	178,338	12,000						
<b>Mid-Ark Regional Library Sys.</b>		<b>196,554</b>	<b>267,067</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>345,067</b>	<b>86,267</b>	<b>86,267</b>	<b>86,267</b>	<b>86,266</b>
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Blytheville (city) (Mississippi Co.)	12,359	16,793							
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Crittenden Co. Total less West Memphis	23,095	31,380	12,000						
Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib.	Mississippi Co. Total less Blytheville	25,736	34,969	12,000						
<b>Mississippi/Crittenden Co. Lib. Total</b>		<b>61,190</b>	<b>83,142</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>125,142</b>	<b>31,285</b>	<b>31,285</b>	<b>31,285</b>	<b>31,287</b>
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Clay Co.	14,112	19,175	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Greene Co.	46,928	63,763	12,000						
Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Randolph Co.	19,040	25,870	12,000						
<b>Northeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>80,080</b>	<b>108,808</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>162,808</b>	<b>40,702</b>	<b>40,702</b>	<b>40,702</b>	<b>40,702</b>
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Montgomery Co.	8,510	11,563	12,000						
Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib	Polk Co.	19,434	26,406	12,000						
<b>Ouachita Mountains Reg Lib Total</b>		<b>27,944</b>	<b>37,969</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>79,969</b>	<b>19,992</b>	<b>19,992</b>	<b>19,992</b>	<b>19,993</b>
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Lee Co.	8,104	11,011	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Monroe Co.	6,415	8,716	12,000						
Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib.	Phillips Co.	14,661	19,921	12,000						
<b>Phillips-Lee-Monroe Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>29,180</b>	<b>39,648</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>93,648</b>	<b>23,412</b>	<b>23,412</b>	<b>23,412</b>	<b>23,412</b>
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Scott Co.	9,837	13,366	12,000						
Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib.	Sebastian Co. Total less Fort Smith	39,528	53,708	12,000						
<b>Scott-Sebastian Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>49,365</b>	<b>67,074</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>109,074</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>27,267</b>
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Bradley Co.	9,935	13,499	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Chicot Co.	9,272	12,598	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Desha Co.	10,321	14,024	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Drew Co.	16,935	23,010	12,000						
Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Lincoln Co.	12,868	17,484	12,000						
<b>Southeast Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>59,331</b>	<b>80,616</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>158,616</b>	<b>39,654</b>	<b>39,654</b>	<b>39,654</b>	<b>39,654</b>
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Nevada Co.	8,004	10,875	12,000						
Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib.	Pike Co.	10,027	13,624	12,000						
<b>Southwest Arkansas Reg. Lib. Total</b>		<b>18,031</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>16,625</b>	<b>16,625</b>	<b>16,625</b>	<b>16,625</b>
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Howard Co.	12,387	16,831	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Little River Co.	11,626	15,797	12,000						
Tri-County Reg. Lib.	Sevier Co.	15,735	21,380	12,000						
<b>Tri-County Reg. Lib.</b>		<b>39,748</b>	<b>54,007</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>108,007</b>	<b>27,002</b>	<b>27,002</b>	<b>27,002</b>	<b>27,001</b>
White River Reg. Lib.	Fulton Co.	12,546	17,047	12,000						
White River Reg. Lib.	Izard Co.	14,291	19,418	12,000						

White River Reg. Lib.	Stone Co.	12,785	17,372	12,000						
<b>White River Reg. Lib. Total</b>	<b>(Cleburne &amp; Sharpe Co withdraw)</b>	<b>39,622</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>107,836</b>	<b>47,829</b>	<b>47,829</b>	<b>26,959</b>	<b>26,959</b>
<b>Total Regional Libraries</b>		<b>1,380,681</b>	<b>1,875,993</b>	<b>528,000</b>	<b>288,000</b>	<b>2,691,993</b>	<b>693,868</b>	<b>693,868</b>	<b>672,998</b>	<b>672,996</b>
Ash Flat Public Library	Ash Flat	1,172	1,592		5,000	6,592	1,648	1,648	1,648	1,648
Bella Vista Public Library	Bella Vista	33,274	45,211		12,000	57,211	14,303	14,303	14,303	14,302
Bentonville Public Library	Bentonville	61,791	83,958		12,000	95,958	23,990	23,990	23,990	23,988
Fayetteville Public Library	Fayetteville	103,134	140,133		12,000	152,133	38,033	38,033	38,033	38,034
Forrest City Public Lib.	Forrest City	12,340	16,767		18,000	34,767	8,692	8,692	8,692	8,691
Fort Smith Public Lib.	Fort Smith	90,507	122,976		12,000	134,976	33,744	33,744	33,744	33,744
Gentry Public Library	Gentry	4,672	6,348		5,000	11,348	2,837	2,837	2,837	2,837
Gravette Public Library	Gravette	3,826	5,199		5,000	10,199	2,550	2,550	2,550	2,549
Iva Jane Peek Public Library	Decatur	1,723	2,341		5,000	7,341	1,835	1,835	1,835	1,836
North Little Rock Public Lib.	North Little Rock	64,498	87,636		12,000	99,636	24,909	24,909	24,909	24,909
Pea Ridge Community Library	Pea Ridge	10,190	13,846		12,000	25,846	6,461	6,461	6,461	6,463
Rogers Public Lib.	Rogers	75,639	102,774		12,000	114,774	28,694	28,694	28,694	28,692
Siloam Springs Public Library	Siloam Springs	20,075	27,277		12,000	39,277	9,819	9,819	9,819	9,820
<b>Sulphur Springs Public Library</b>	<b>Sulphur Springs</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>645</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Trumann Public Library	Trumann	7,425	10,089		12,000	22,089	5,522	5,522	5,522	5,523
Texarkana Public Lib.	Texarkana	28,897	39,264		18,000	57,264	14,316	14,316	14,316	14,316
West Memphis Public Lib.	West Memphis	23,538	31,982		12,000	43,982	10,996	10,996	10,996	10,994
<b>Total City Libraries</b>		<b>543,176</b>	<b>738,037</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>913,392</b>	<b>228,348</b>	<b>228,348</b>	<b>228,348</b>	<b>228,346</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,957,082</b>	<b>4,017,919</b>	<b>528,000</b>	<b>958,000</b>	<b>5,498,274</b>	<b>1,371,568</b>	<b>1,371,568</b>	<b>1,374,568</b>	<b>1,374,564</b>

Does Not Qualify: Sulphur Springs	Total Released for FY2024 State Aid		5,641,919	Fifth Payment (optional) is the distribution of the remainder of the reserves held for scholarships, multi-county regionals and Base awards. (Director discretion).	As of: <b>1/20/2026</b>	
	Reserved for Scholarships	(150,000)				
	Multi-County Regionals	(552,000)				
	Base Amount	(922,000)				
	Total Designated	(1,624,000)				
	Balance for Per Capita Distribution		4,017,919			
Source:	4,017,919/2,957,082=		1.35874453			
<a href="https://arstatedatacenter.youraedi.com/scripts/subcountyestimates.php">https://arstatedatacenter.youraedi.com/scripts/subcountyestimates.php</a>						
AR Data Center - 2024 estimates						
					ACTUAL:	
					State Aid:	274,314
					Scholarships:	68,850
					Amt Paid Out	343,164
					Adjustments	-
					Balance	5,298,755

STATE GENERAL REVENUE  
EPA0100 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2026  
BY COMMITMENT ITEM  
JAN 20, 2026

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	FY Blocks	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$1,677,479	\$15,504	\$1,661,975	45.5%	\$806,937	\$855,038	51%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	0.2%	\$0	\$9,000	100%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$631,344	\$10,727	\$620,617	17.0%	\$304,244	\$316,373	51%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$2,318,823	\$27,231	\$2,291,592	62.8%	\$1,111,181	\$1,180,411	52%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$1,125,091	\$2,129	\$1,122,962	30.8%	\$606,516	\$516,446	46%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0.3%	\$112	\$9,888	99%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0%
	Total M & O	\$1,135,091	\$2,129	\$1,132,962	31.0%	\$606,629	\$526,333	46%
509:00:46	Books/Subscriptions	\$230,000	\$5,000	\$225,000	6.2%	\$153,812	\$71,188	32%
	TOTALS	\$3,683,914	\$34,360	\$3,649,554	100.0%	\$1,871,622	\$1,777,932	49%
	M&R paid to ASL account						\$0	100%

FEDERAL LSTA REVENUE  
 FEL0100 FEL0200 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION FY2026  
 BY COMMITMENT ITEM  
 JAN 20, 2026

COMMITMENT ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL APPRO.	TOTAL BUDGETED	% OF TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% REMAINING
501:00:00	Reg. Salaries	\$458,899	\$458,899	14.4%	\$211,993	\$246,906	54%
501:00:01	Extra Help	\$22,000	\$22,000	0.7%	\$11,315	\$10,685	49%
501:00:03	Pers. Svcs. Matching	\$194,756	\$194,756	6.1%	\$90,897	\$103,859	53%
	Total Salaries & Matching	\$675,655	\$675,655	21.3%	\$314,205	\$361,450	53%
502:00:02	Operating Expenses	\$2,347,700	\$2,347,700	73.9%	\$1,174,265	\$1,173,435	50%
505:00:09	Conf. & Travel	\$145,000	\$145,000	4.6%	\$50,212	\$94,788	65%
512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.3%	\$0	\$10,000	100%
	Total M & O	\$2,502,700	\$2,502,700	78.7%	\$1,224,477	\$1,278,223	51%
	TOTALS	\$3,178,355	\$3,178,355	100.0%	\$1,538,683	\$1,639,672	52%

## **Fiscal Support Manager – Brooke Crawford**

### Staff Information:

Authorized staff: 42 (+2 Shared Services positions = 44 total staff)

Budgeted staff: 39 (Full-Time)

Current staff @ 1/20/25: 34 Full-Time, 2 Shared Services positions, 1 Extra Help, 5 Vacant Positions.

### Assets:

M&R Pickup was on December 15, 2025. We are now preparing for our annual inventory.

### Closeout:

Federal Closeout was completed. Reports were certified in January 2026.

### Calendar Year End:

Completed the 1099 review on vendor payments. Also, cleaned and reorganized some of the common spaces in the library such as the mail room, supply rooms, and basement.

### Government Shutdown:

In light of the 43-day Federal Government shutdown that occurred back in Fall 2025, which thankfully did not affect any of our employees, we have analyzed everything from payroll to upcoming vendor payments that normally occur or are expected to be paid out during the months of February – April. Along with coordination with our IMLS Program Officer, we have taken measures to ensure that we are even better prepared than before to handle any potential Federal Government shutdown that could occur beginning January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## State Librarian – Jennifer Chilcoat

### Potential Federal Government Shutdown

As of this writing, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which includes funding for IMLS, has been passed by the House as part of their Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026. The Senate is expected to pass a consolidated budget package that includes LHHS funding by January 30.

We have made plans that will enable us to cover payroll for our 8.5 FTE staff members who are paid with federal funds through the end of April, should the Senate fail to pass a budget package by the January 30 deadline that is covered by the current Continuing Appropriations Act. The affected staff members have roles throughout the agency, ranging from Library Specialist to Librarian.

### State Program Report (SPR) to the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Our SPR was submitted on January 8, well ahead of the January 28 deadline. Our next step is to wait for IMLS staff to review the submission and recommend any edits they would like to see. This usually occurs around April. However, staffing levels at IMLS are lower than they have been in the past, so that process may take longer than usual.

The following are our 15 Projects:

Traveler Statewide Databases	Mockingbird Virtual Catalog
Statewide Sharing and Engagement	Youth Services
Arkansas Digital Library Consortium	Summer Reading Program
Library Consulting Services	IT Management and Support
Information Services	E-Rate and Technology Support
Digital Services	Collection Management
Arkansas Center for the Book	Continuing Education
Library for the Blind and Print Disabled	

### Grants Supervisor/Expert

The interview process is underway to fill this position, which is a reclassification of a position that was vacated May 1, 2025, with the retirement of LSTA Coordinator Debbie Hall. This person will continue to report to the State Librarian. The usual process of advertising to fill the vacancy was put on hold beginning in late Spring, when continuation of IMLS funding was uncertain, and to realign the position as a grants position, rather than a librarian position. The intent is to expand the job's responsibilities to include searching for grants on behalf of agency staff and programs, as well as to deliver basic grant-seeking instruction to public libraries.

**Acronyms:** AAAL – Advocates for All Arkansas Libraries; ADE – Arkansas Department of Education; ALA – American Library Association; ArLA – Arkansas Library Association; ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act; ARSL – Association for Rural and Small Libraries; CCPF – Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund; COSLA – Chief Officers of State Library Agencies; DESE – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; FDLP – Federal Depository Library Program; GPO – Government Publishing Office; IDHI –

Institute for Digital Health and Innovation (UAMS); IMLS - Institute of Museum and Library Services; LDD - Library Development District; LSWG - Library Statistics Working Group; MEAC - Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment Committee (PLA); PLA - Public Library Association; SDC - State Data Coordinator; SHLB - Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition



# Bentonville Public Library

January 7, 2026

Dear Arkansas State Library Board of Directors,

On behalf of Bentonville Public Library (BPL), we are writing to thank you for your service and work supporting public libraries in the Natural State. For the first time ever, our public library received State Aid to Public Libraries this fiscal year. To demonstrate transparency and stewardship of resources, we want you to know that State Aid is being put to excellent use to benefit Arkansans in Bentonville, Benton County, and the Northwest Arkansas region.

Bentonville Public Library allocated FY2026 state funding to the following projects:

1. Purchase of new outdoor seating for public use
2. Renewal of core databases for students and lifelong learners
3. Provision of substantial support for the library's RFID contract
4. Purchase of capital computer equipment (a required City IT upgrade).

This important financial investment in library materials and services came at a time when BPL was faced with budget reductions. State Aid funded projects to proceed as planned, versus being significantly delayed or discontinued. Of special note: most of these purchases are directly enjoyed by our patrons and will have a lasting impact.

It is our hope that State Aid to Public Libraries will remain a high priority. It is a significant investment in our libraries and communities.

Best Regards,

City of Bentonville

Library Advisory Board

Bentonville Public Library

*Handwritten signatures:*  
Mayer Ouman  
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Customer Care  
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## **Deputy Director - Kristen Cooke**

### Ongoing Projects

#### **Program Oversight**

Cooke continues to provide oversight and support of Library Development, the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Information Services, and Statewide Sharing & Engagement.

#### **Institute of Museum and Library Services Annual Meeting and Mentor Elections**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services held the 2025 annual meeting to discuss proposals for future surveys and to preview research from the federal government and from independent researchers that utilizes the data obtained through the administration of the Public Library Survey. At this meeting, Cooke presented best practices for locating support for data quality within the Data Coordinators cohort. Cooke will continue to serve her term in the elected capacity as SDC Mentor. Mentors provide training and one-on-one support, facilitate meetings, plan the IMLS Annual SDC meeting, and provide specific feedback on the administrative process for the survey and SDC cooperative. At this time, the represented territory consists of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Washington DC, Georgia, Hawaii, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Cooke was awarded the Francis Keppel Award for completeness, promptness and high quality of data for the Arkansas' 2024 Public Library Data.

#### **2025 Arkansas Public Library Survey**

The 2025 Annual Public Library Survey will now open in mid-February. The survey will be open for collection for five weeks to adhere to reporting schedules to federal and state stakeholders. Additions this year will be limited and focus on additional yes/no responses to whether certain services are offered by libraries, but no additional statistical collection will be required.

#### **PLS Survey Development Subcommittee**

Cooke will continue to serve on the national PLS Survey Development Subcommittee that works to inform the strategy and parameters for data elements before they are sent to cognitive testing.

#### **Library Statistics Working Group**

The Library Statistics Working Group, a federally-organized panel of SLAA representatives, State Data Coordinators, and independent researchers, convened to vote on the advancement of new elements for the annual survey and recommend any amendments. This meeting was held in January following the annual meeting for State Data Coordinators.

#### **BEAD Project Group and Digital Skills Pilot Program**

Work has continued with the ASL Bead Project Group, a coalition of partners led by the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. At this stage in the process, the project group will be focusing on gathering quantitative and qualitative information related to one-on-one digital skills services within public libraries and how those services will support the state's digital skills initiatives.

Cooke has also taken the lead on the partner program with the Arkansas State Broadband Office while Gregory supports statewide E-Rate application efforts. ASL staff have worked to identify and map libraries and provide other data to the ASBO.

### **Partnerships and Special Projects**

Strategic planning and efforts with partners receiving federal funding or grants are expected to resume after the federal budget is finalized, and funding opportunities/initiatives are identified.

## **Statewide Sharing and Engagement – Taylor McKinney**

### **Mockingbird Virtual Union Catalog**

The Boone County Library has been successfully onboarded to the Mockingbird Lending Network; existing member libraries were notified of the addition through the Mockingbird Newsletter distributed to all network libraries.

Administrative Processes are being reviewed for periodic updates, and the coordinator continues to provide the ongoing support, training, and promotion of the lending network.

### **Engagement**

The Sharing and Engagement Coordinator assisted staff from ASL's Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (BPD) at the Arkansas School for the Blind Trunk or Treat on Halloween. This event was organized by the Arkansas Department of Education and was attended by several other divisions of ADE. The Arkansas State Library representatives chose a dinosaur fossil theme and had students "dig" for dinosaur bones to earn candy. This theme was chosen to allow BPD staff to share about the upcoming 2026 Summer Reading Club theme, and the activity was chosen so participants would be able to play regardless of ability.

The Coordinator also assisted with interviews for the Information Services position.

Early December, the Coordinator completed reporting for the State Program Report for the Mockingbird Project and for activities conducted under Statewide Sharing and Engagement, as required. Additionally, she was given access to the State Library's LibGuides account and began studying their content creation guidelines with the purpose of creating standards that other departments within ASL can use to create their own guides. These LibGuides will allow the agency to more efficiently share information with state government divisions, libraries, and patrons across the state. She also met with leaders of Collection Development, BPD, and Information Services to create a slide presentation for HR to use during ADE orientation, allowing new ADE hires to become familiar with the services the ASL provides.



## Weekly Webinars:

Thirteen webinars were held by PCI during the reporting period with 164 library staff members in the state of Arkansas registered and 1,230 views of recorded, archived content.

## Reading Programs for Public Libraries

Arkansas Gems – The *Arkansas Gems* selection committee is in the process of selecting the short list for the 2026 publication.

Library Book Club Lending Program – Approximately fifty book clubs that meet at libraries throughout the state of Arkansas participate in the book club lending program from the Arkansas State Library. During the current reporting period, 894 book club readers participated in these book clubs with the State Library providing 1,788 books for readers in these clubs. Typically, there are fewer book club meetings in November and December due to the holidays.

If All Arkansas Read the Same Book – The 2026 selection relates directly to statewide and national recognition of the United States Semiquincentennial. Author selection has been completed and is in the contract process. In-person events are tentatively planned for late May. All public libraries in the state will receive a copy of the selected title, and e-books will be provided through Overdrive.

Arkansas Center for the Book 2026 Reading Challenge – The Center is coordinating a year-long reading challenge based on monthly themes. Readers are invited to share their thoughts and reflections on the books they choose to read. January and February themes are to read a book recommended by a friend or family member and to “Cozy up with a Classic,” respectively.

Celebrating Jane Austen at 250 – The Center held an informal program to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen’s birth on December 16. Attendees discussed favorite novels and adaptations, and had fun answering Jane Austen trivia.

## Special Projects & Partnerships

Assistance to the Office of State Technology (OST) – The E-Rate Coordinator will be assisting OST with the statewide E-Rate application for the K-12 Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN) for 5-8 hours per week through the end of June. The Coordinator will continue to support public library applications for at least 32.0 hours per week, but is expected to accrue compensatory leave to fulfill all obligations during the E-Rate window.

Children’s Dental Health Month – The Coordinator of Youth Services is working with the Arkansas Department of Health’s Office of Oral Health to distribute kits including toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss to children at public libraries throughout the state.

MBTI training for the Bureau of Legislative Research – The Manager of Library Development, a certified Myers-Briggs Practitioner, is conducting staff training for the Bureau of Legislative Research throughout the end of January. The training is designed to help participants identify ways that personality and natural differences between individuals affect communication, decision making, the ways that we process and interpret information, and the way we approach and structure our work.

Revolutionary Transcribe-A-Thon Programming – In partnership with Arkansas TV and the Library of Congress, the Center for the Book Coordinator is facilitating Transcribe-A-Thon programming at

public libraries throughout the state. Revolutionary Transcribe-A-Thons invite participants to help transcribe Revolution Era documents that give context to life in America before, during, and after the American Revolution. Participants learn how to create and review transcriptions that make historical records more searchable and available to the public.

### **Field Work**

There are five geographic Library Development Districts in the state of Arkansas that informally work together to facilitate partnerships, resource sharing, and knowledge sharing.

18 field visits by LLD:

LDD 1 (Northwest Arkansas) x 4

LDD 2 (Northeast Arkansas) x 1

LDD 3 (Central Arkansas) x 2

LDD 4 (Southwest Arkansas) x 0

LDD 5 (Southeast Arkansas) x 1

### **Professional Service**

Amber Gregory, E-Rate Coordinator, was reappointed to the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors as the Library Representative by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission for a third 3-year term expiring December 31, 2028.

Janine Miller, Coordinator of Training and Development, began the second year of a two-year term as the South Regional Representative on the Executive Board of the Association of Rural & Small Libraries.

## **Library for the Blind and Print Disabled – Natalie Marlin**

### **DA2 Rollout**

During November and December, the library reached out to veteran patrons via email and letter to announce the new DA2 player and set up any interested patrons with the machine. Once that was complete, in early January the players were sent to additional patrons who were on the waiting list. The final phase of the DA2 rollout is first-come, first-served. As of the writing of this report, there are 69 DA2 players on loan and 82 available for checkout. Another shipment of machines from the National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) is anticipated later in the year.

### **Outreach**

Natalie Marlin and Thomas Sepe, Library Specialist, attended outreach events in November and December. These outreach events included a Zoom presentation to School Librarians on November 19 and Literacy Day at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts on December 13.

### **Circulation**

From October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, LBPB circulated a total of 40,643 titles. Of this figure, 32,177 were by direct mail circulation of Audio titles, 7 were direct mail circulation of Braille titles, 151 were downloads from Bookshare, and 8,308 were patron downloads from the Braille and Audio Reading program (BARD).

### **Reader Interaction Statistics**

From October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, our Reader Advisors had a total of 6,065 patron interactions. 1,886 of those interactions were phone calls received, 834 were emails received and responded to, 502 were voicemails received and responded to, 14 were walk-in interactions, 323 were new patron outreach calls, and 2,506 were work follow-up tasks. Work follow-up includes curating a book order for a patron or searching for and providing reference information.

### **BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) Readership**

There are 556 readers registered with the NLS BARD program through the Arkansas Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. Of those patrons, 426 actively download digital audio and braille books and magazines. From October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the total number of downloaded BARD items was 8,308. Patrons read these items on 2,213 total registered mobile devices.

## **Information Services – Britni McGuire**

### **Staff Onboarding**

With our most recent Librarian hire, the Manager has now had the opportunity to implement the structured onboarding process for a second time, which allows us to make progress towards our goal of increasing operational consistency. Through the use of manuals created by the Manager for each of our services, the onboarding process was significantly more efficient and structured than it was in the past. Giving new staff plenty of materials to develop their understanding of the services we offer and the standards for the provision of services is going to provide Information Services with a strong foundation to grow from.

### **Entrepreneurial Support Organizations (ESO) Summit**

On February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Manager will be attending the ESO Summit hosted by Conductor, a partnership between the University of Central Arkansas and Startup Junkie. The Summit is an event that brings together Arkansas's ESOs to share ideas, develop connections, and strengthen support for entrepreneurs across the state. By attending this event, the Manager will be able to continue our work to reestablish and strengthen connections with other ESOs and learn how we can better support their efforts through the Patent and Trademark Resource Center services.

## **Division Manager of Collection Management - Sarah Lipsey**

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Area Personnel Changes**

Eleanor Beard vacated a cataloger position in the Digital Services unit to accept a reference position in Information Services. We aim to fill the vacated position as soon as possible.

#### **Collection Management**

The Federal Documents shifting project is nearing completion. The Oversized and AV materials have already been relocated to the basement, as have the bulk of materials moved to the first floor.

Upon completion, the space freed on the second floor will be used for Closed Stacks, as well as materials awaiting repair or processing.

#### **SirsiDynix Symphony Administration**

Routine system updates will be scheduled for the SirsiDynix Symphony ILS to be implemented between late Q1 and Q2.

System updates required for inventorying collection materials were completed last quarter. Inventory projects will be initiated upon completion of the ongoing shifting projects conducted by the Digital Services and Acquisitions units.

## **Digital Services – Jennifer Razer**

### Ongoing Projects

#### **State Documents Depository and Clearinghouse**

The unit currently has one vacancy. Several agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Finance, have deposited historical materials for inclusion in the State Documents collection. Staff are actively processing these physical materials while continuing to manage ongoing digital submissions to the program.

Lanette Meyer, Librarian for State Documents, is reviewing agency liaison contacts for all state agencies participating in the depository program. As part of this outreach, she is requesting missing materials and offering training as needed.

Staff processed: 4,402 new digital documents, 39 digital rules, and 803 print titles into the collection as of the writing of this report.

[Shipping list 424 and 425](#) were distributed to depository libraries. These bimonthly lists include all digital submissions to the program. The most recent list highlighted publications from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, whose mission is to conserve and enhance Arkansas's fish and wildlife and their habitats while promoting sustainable use, public understanding, and support. Highlighting specific agencies and publications helps introduce depository libraries to materials they may not otherwise be aware of.

#### **Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)**

Federal Documents staff are currently relocating portions of the physical collection to the first floor near the State Documents collection. This move will improve accessibility for both library visitors and staff.

Staff processed: 1,352 and 391 retrospective print titles into the collection as of the writing of this report.

## Library Supervisor/Expert of Acquisitions –Katie Walton

### On-Going Projects:

#### **Acquisitions**

Acquisitions Staff added the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* Historical Archive to the NewsBank database collection for State Employees. This collection includes searchable, image editions of the following titles:

- *Arkansas Gazette* 1868-1991
- *Arkansas Democrat* 1947-1992
- *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* 1992-current

Although the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is the newspaper of record in Arkansas, historical access has previously been limited to the Central Arkansas Library System's extensive microfilm collection. Their digitization efforts have finally made this collection available digitally, and the State Library was one of the first institutions to purchase a subscription. This will be a great addition for anyone needing access to historical newspapers for local research.

#### **Arkansas Digital Library Consortium**

2025 was another record-breaking year for ADLC with over 1.8 million checkouts. We had 1,838,722 checkouts from 59,648 users. Member libraries added \$695,039.06 in content to the collection, and we ended the year with 113,833 titles in the shared collection- 78,210 eBooks, 29,064 audiobooks, and 6,559 magazine titles.

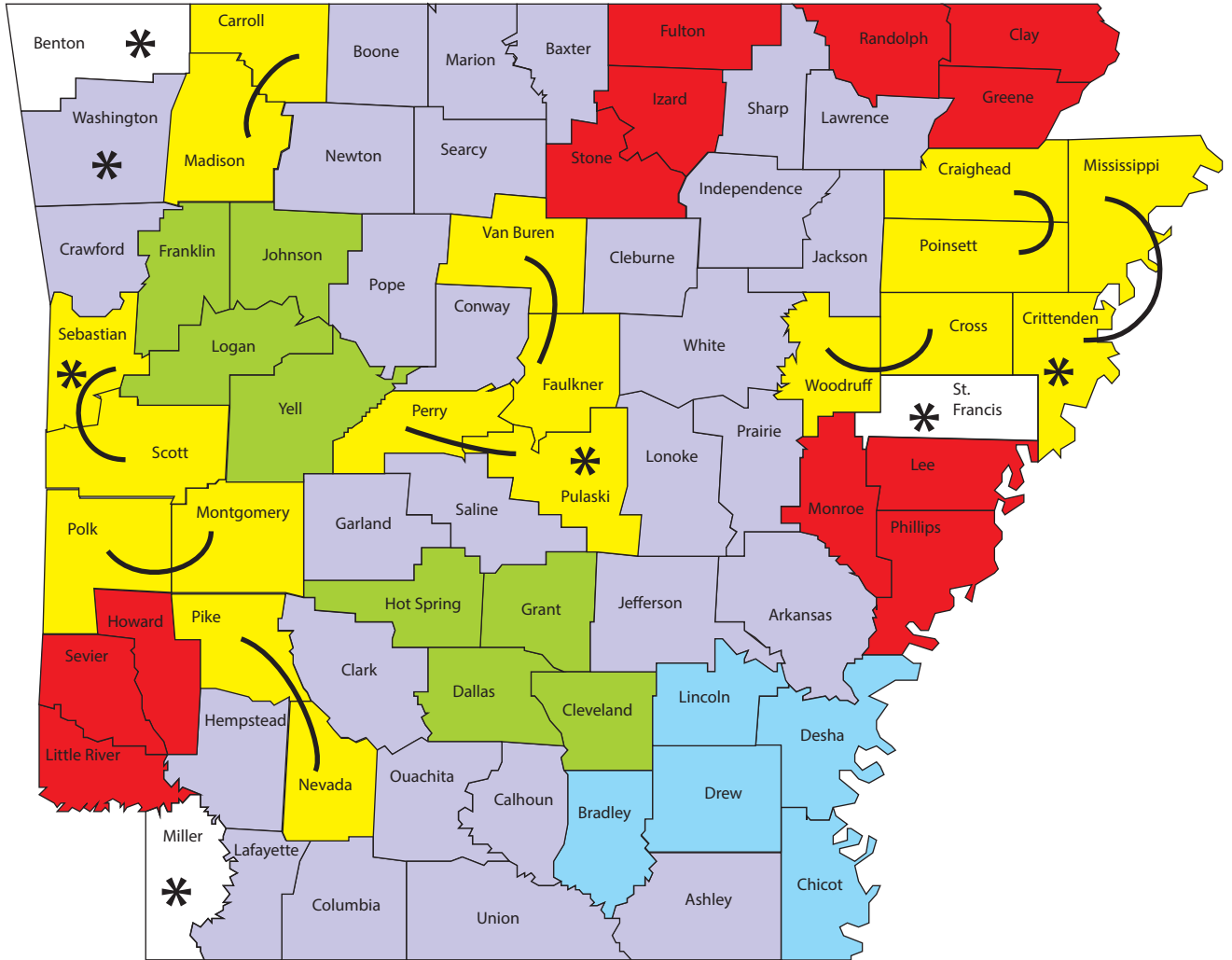
#### **Arkansas Traveler Statewide Resources**

Traditionally, we have sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Traveler resources every three years. When we wrote the last RFP in 2023, we gave ourselves the option to extend the three-year contracts on for an additional three years in accordance with Arkansas State Procurement laws. After talking it over with leadership in the State Library, we have decided to take advantage of that flexibility and largely keep the Traveler collection the same. While we do not intend to send out an RFP this fall, due to rising subscription costs we will need to make some small cuts to stay within budget. I have reached out to the current Traveler Advisory Committee members and offered to extend their terms to 2030 to align with the resources. Since these committee members are the ones that made the recommendations for the current collection, we thought they would be best suited to evaluate the offerings and make suggestions for adjustments. I am still finalizing the Advisory Committee members and will share the list of members in my next report.

ProQuest recently created a new app to make downloading books from eBook Central simpler. Readers will still be able to read books online and download chapters as PDFs, but the new eBook Central app should be much easier for book and chapter downloads than the previous platform. This upgrade required every institutional account within Traveler (i.e. each public library, academic library, and school district) to migrate from the old platform to the new app. Originally, ProQuest requested that each individual library fill out a form to coordinate a migration date with ProQuest's technical support team. To save everyone time, I set up one date for all the Traveler accounts to be moved at once. This was mutually beneficial in that libraries didn't have to worry about coordinating their own migration, and it was easier for ProQuest to move everyone at once. I'm happy to report that the migration was completed on December 11, 2025, with no issues.

Jimmy McColery has replaced Lori Hetrick as our ProQuest Customer Success Manager. Jimmy and I recently met to discuss monthly training and coordinate a success plan. We have not ironed out specific dates for trainings yet, but I will send those out to the listservs when they become available.

# Arkansas Public Library Systems



- 29  One-County System
- 9  Two-County System
- 4  Three-County System
- 2  Four-County System
- 1  Five-County System
- 3  No Countywide Library Tax
- 7 - \* Independent City Library

ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY  
RULES GOVERNING DISTRIBUTION OF  
SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE  
Effective May 29, 2023

1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 1.01 These rules shall be known as Arkansas State Library Rules Governing the Distribution of Scholarship Assistance.
- 1.02 These rules are enacted pursuant to the Arkansas State Library's authority under Act 489, Acts of Arkansas 1979, Arkansas Code Anno. 13-2-201 et seq.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.01 It is the purpose of these rules to formalize a process already in existence and set reasonable guidelines to make scholarship assistance available to every public library in the state of Arkansas to address the education needs of public library staff working toward the ultimate goal of obtaining a master's degree in library and information science as defined in 3.03. These rules are specifically for the purpose of establishing standards for distributing funds available through the state aid to public library fund administered by the Arkansas State Library.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

- 3.01 ASL refers to the Arkansas State Library.
- 3.02 ALA refers to the American Library Association.
- 3.03 A master's degree refers to the educational award given by a library school whose program is accredited by the ALA.
- 3.04 State Aid refers to State Aid to Public Libraries

4.0 FOCUS AREA

- 4.01 To aid Arkansas public libraries in employing master's degree librarians by providing educational opportunities for public library staff members through traditional, on-campus or distance learning.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

- 5.01 Scholarship funds will be distributed to a public library that submits scholarship application to the ASL Board. Priority will be given as follows:
  - 1. Public libraries eligible for State Aid whose personnel are employed as library directors.
  - 2. Public libraries eligible for State Aid whose personnel are employed positions other than library director.
  - 3. Public libraries not eligible for State Aid but recognized by the ASL as public libraries.

- 5.02 The applying institution (or its governing body) must be able to accept and administer the scholarship on behalf of the employee. Applying institutions may neither add to nor subtract from the scholarship eligibility requirements imposed on the employee.
- 5.03 Individuals upon whose behalf the library is applying must meet the following standards:
1. Unless employed as a library director and granted a waiver from the ASL Board, show evidence of completion of 12 semester hours toward the master's degree as evidenced by submitting an official transcript.
  2. Provide a copy of the agreement with the public library concerning employment in a public library for at least one year after completion of the master's degree.
  3. After each semester, furnish proof of completion of coursework which shows the individual received a minimum course grade (based upon an "A-F" grading scale), of "B", or if applicable, a "Credit" for a credit/no credit course. "Incompletes" do not qualify for reimbursement.
  4. Show evidence of conferral of degree by submitting an official transcript which indicates the date of conferral.
  5. Agree to remain employed by a public library in the state of Arkansas for a duration of one year upon completion of degree.
  6. Complete all required coursework and obtain the master's degree within three (3) years of acceptance to the scholarship program. This requirement may be waived by written appeal to, and approval by, the ASL Board.

## 6.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 6.01 The scholarship will be administered by the ASL Board.

## 7.0 SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSALS

- 7.01 The proposals shall include an application from the applicant library. The ASL Board shall review the proposals for approval. Proposals shall be consistent with Arkansas Code and existing ASL rules regarding an ALA accredited library program.
- 7.02 Funding may include but is not limited to tuition, materials, travel, lodging, and other items associated with educational costs.
- 7.03. Funding shall not be provided for hours in excess of the required number for the degree, nor for required courses not completed within the set number of hours required for the degree.

## 8.0 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

- 8.01 The ASL Board will budget and distribute funds appropriated for each biennium from the Arkansas State Legislature according to the following:
1. The total amount of funds to be distributed will be determined by the ASL Board each year at a minimum of 1% of the appropriated State Aid to Public Libraries.
  2. Funds may provide as many scholarships as are requested each year. All monies not disbursed shall be returned to the State Aid fund for distribution.
  3. Funds may be disbursed to the applicant library at the completion of each semester.
  4. Funds will be distributed via scholarship for each individual as identified by the ASL Board in accordance with eligibility. Each scholarship will include a set of assurances and provisions required in the eligibility standards.
- 8.02 The ASL Board reserves the right to approve or deny any scholarship applications.

# Arkansas State Library Board

**Jack Fortner**

Term: 9/2/2028  
Congressional District: 1

**Clay Goff**

Term: 9/2/2026  
Congressional District: 2

**Sydney McKenzie**

Term: 9/2/2028  
Congressional District: 3

**Lynlee McMillan**

Term: 9/2/2032  
Congressional District: 2

**Annette Bailey**

Term: 9/2/2030  
Congressional District: 1

**Emmaline Pilkington**

Term: 9/2/2030  
Congressional District: 4

Rev February 5, 2026

**ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY BOARD as created by Act 489, Acts of Arkansas, 1979.

**Section 2.** The organization shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Board.”

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

**Section 1.** The Board shall name the State Librarian.

**Section 2.** The Board shall act as the policy-making and responsible body for the Arkansas State Library and its functions as defined by Act 489 of 1979.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Arkansas Senate, for their interest in libraries and statewide library development.

**Section 2.** Appointments made from congressional districts and at-large shall be made in accordance with Ark. Code Ann §13-2-205 (3) or other controlling statutes. \*\*

## ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

**Section 1.** Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The State Librarian shall serve as executive secretary.

**Section 2.** Nomination and election of officers, with the exception of executive secretary, shall take place at the annual meeting.

**Section 2a.** Officers shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee of members named by the Chairman. Opportunity shall be given for additional nominations to be made from the floor.

**Section 2b.** Consent of all nominees shall be procured prior to nomination.

**Section 2c.** Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. No officer shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

**Section 2d.** Election of officers shall be by written ballot, show of hands, voice vote, or acclamation and counted by the executive secretary. \*\*

**Section 3.** Duties of the officers shall be defined by members as need arises.

**Section 3a.** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and perform the duties generally assigned to this office.

**Section 3b.** The Vice Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall preside over meetings and perform other duties as assigned.

**Section 3c.** The State Librarian, serving as executive secretary, shall keep the minutes of the Board meetings, attend all committee meetings, and perform duties generally assigned to this office. The executive secretary shall serve without vote in meetings of the Board or committees.

**Section 4.** Absences of officers or vacancies of office shall be filled by members as need arises.

**Section 4a.** In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside over the meeting and perform other duties as assigned.

**Section 4b.** In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, when a quorum is present, the members shall elect a temporary chairman to preside at the meeting and perform other duties as assigned.

**Section 4c.** When the office of Chairman is vacated during the year, the Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman for the remainder of the unexpired term.

**Section 4d.** When the office of Vice Chairman is vacated during the year, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a replacement who shall be duly elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** The Chairman shall name members of the following STANDING COMMITTEES at the annual meeting.

**Section 1a.** The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the executive secretary. This committee shall prepare the agenda for all meetings, call special meetings when deemed necessary, and perform interim duties as assigned by the Board.

**Section 1b.** The NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall be composed of two members appointed by the Chairman by September 1 each year. (The Chairman shall be excluded from membership.) The Committee shall prepare a slate of officers who have consented to serve if elected. \*\*

**\*Section 1c.** the POLICIES AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE shall be composed of the Vice Chairman and two members named by the Chairman. This Committee shall review all policies and bylaws each year and recommend changes or additions where needed.

**Section 1d.** The GOVERNMENTAL LIASON COMMITTEE shall be composed of the Chairman and two members named by the Chairman. The duty of this Committee shall be to work with the State Librarian on all matters concerning local, state, and federal legislation and funding.

**Section 1e.** The PERSONNEL COMMITTEE shall be composed of two members named by the Chairman to serve with the Chairman to solicit and review applications and make recommendations to the Board for consideration for the position of State Librarian when a vacancy exists and to serve with the State Librarian to solicit and review applications and make

recommendations to the Board for consideration for the managerial positions of associate or deputy directors when a vacancy exists.

**Section 2.** The Chairman shall name such AD HOC COMMITTEES as needed to carry out the functions of the Board.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

**Section 1.** Regular meetings of the Arkansas State Library Board shall be held on the second Friday of February, May, August, and November.

**Section 2.** The annual meeting of the Board for organizational purposes shall be held at the time of the regular meeting in November.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Committee. Upon written request from three members of the Board, the Executive Committee shall be required to call a special meeting. The notices of such special meetings shall state the specific business to be transacted and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call.

**Section 4.** Notices of all regular meetings and special meetings, when possible, shall be mailed by the State Librarian at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting.

**Section 5.** The order of business for regular meetings shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes
3. Unfinished business
4. New business
5. Reports
6. Adjournment

**Section 6.** In order to be considered as new business that the Board will take action on, an item must be listed on the proposed agenda and any corresponding document must be provided to the membership of the Board. Any member may cause an item to be added to the new business portion of the proposed agenda by notifying the State Librarian and providing any corresponding documents to the

State Librarian no less than ten (10) business days prior to the meeting in which the items are to be considered. A Board member may satisfy this requirement by proposing at a meeting that an item be added to the next meeting's agenda. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the discussion of topics raised by a Board member or addressing questions raised by a Board member.

## **ARTICLE VII QUORUM, VOTE**

**Section 1.** A majority (four) of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall count as a member for quorum.

**Section 2.** All business transacted by the Board shall be by majority vote of its members. The Chairman shall vote to confirm unanimity, in case of tie vote or when needed for quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the members at any regular meeting of the Board provided the amendment was stated in the call for the meeting or had been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX POLICIES, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS**

**Section 1.** The Board shall establish by majority vote such policies as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the state library agency and to promote statewide library development.

**Section 2.** Proposed policies or policy changes must be submitted in writing to the members and discussed at a meeting prior to the regular meeting when the vote on the question is to be recorded.

**Section 3.** The Arkansas State Library through majority vote of the Board shall enter into such contracts and agreements with other libraries, institutions, and agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 489 of 1979.

**ARTICLE X  
STATE LIBRARIAN**

The State Librarian shall be responsible to the Arkansas State Library Board for the proper management of the Arkansas State Library, for the administration of the policies to carry out the functions of the agency, for the preservation and care of its properties, and for the efficiency of its services.

**ARTICLE XI  
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE  
AND AUTHORITY**

**Section 1.** Except when in conflict with the provisions of Act 489 of 1979 or these Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of this Board.

**Section 2.** Act 489 of 1979, is the authority for these bylaws.

“**Section 1.** ... The State Librarian shall serve as executive secretary of the State Library Board, but without vote thereon, and shall attend all of the Board meetings and keep records thereof. The State Librarian shall have charge of the work of the State Library, and shall perform such other duties as the State Library Board may prescribe...”

“**Section 2. (a)** There is hereby created the State Library Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, to consist of seven (7.) members to be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Arkansas Senate ...

**(b)** The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor for reason of their interest in libraries and statewide library development.”

“**Section 3.** ... The Board shall meet at such place or places and shall keep such records as it may deem to be appropriate. The Board shall select

annually a Chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary and shall adopt policies and bylaws governing its meetings, the conduct of its business, and the business of the State Library. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all business transacted by the Board shall be by majority vote of its members.”

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STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS , AS SCHEDULED



STATE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

JAN 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY (OBSERVED); JAN 20- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY (OBSERVED); FEB 17 - GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AND DAISY GATSON BATES DAY (OBSERVED); MAY 26 - MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED); JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY; SEPT 1 - LABOR DAY; NOV 11- VETERANS DAY (OBSERVED); NOV 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY; DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE (OBSERVED); DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (OBSERVED)