



**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 the ability of libraries to respond to urgent local needs. The funding request for state aid to library systems is shown below.

	2025-26 Request	2026-27 Request
Requested Funding	\$26,013,100	\$28,013,100
Less Base	\$24,013,100	\$24,013,100
<b>Requested Change</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

**Library Service Contracts**

Increased funding of the DPI contracts with providers of specialty library services will maintain continuation of existing statewide access to valuable resources. The funding request for library service contracts is shown below.

	2025-26 Request	2026-27 Request
Requested Funding	\$2,016,700	\$2,064,100
Less Base	\$1,397,500	\$1,397,500
<b>Requested Change</b>	<b>\$619,200</b>	<b>\$666,600</b>

**BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind**

WLA supports DPI’s request for an increase in FY27 to cover costs to continue contracts with all current BadgerLink vendors and to maintain current level of services offered through Newsline for the Blind.

	2025-26 Request	2026-27 Request
Estimated BadgerLink and Newsline cost	\$3,276,200	\$3,582,900
Combined Chapter 20 Appropriation (FY25 Base)	\$3,486,300	\$3,486,300
<b>Difference (DPI request)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$96,600</b>