



FY 2025 – 2027 State Budget Priorities *Library Service Contracts*

WLA supports a request for an increase of \$619,200 in FY26 and \$666,600 in FY27 to fully fund the estimated costs of maintaining the existing service levels for five library service contracts.

DPI contracts with five providers: the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL), the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison), the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL), the Cooperative Children’s Book Center (CCBC), and Auto-Graphics to provide access to unique resources and materials.

- The UW-Madison and MPL lend materials to residents living in all parts of the state in response to requests forwarded by public library systems.
- WTBBL offers specialized services to Wisconsin residents who cannot read or use regular print materials due to temporary or permanent visual or physical limitations. The Library of Congress provides the recorded and Braille materials (estimated annual value of \$376,700); Wisconsin funds processing, maintenance, and circulation.
- The CCBC provides information, outreach, and continuing education opportunities for public and school librarians, teachers, and others throughout Wisconsin.
- Auto-Graphics delivers a cost effective software platform for WISCAT, the state interlibrary loan network, and authenticates Wisconsin residents’ access to BadgerLink. This contract provides a stable, reliable funding source for critical statewide library services and database access. Auto-Graphics was previously funded by grants.

Cost to continue funding for the DPI contracts with providers of specialty library services will maintain existing service levels and allow continuation of 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
Requested Change	\$619,200	\$666,600

	FY25 Base	FY26 Projection	FY27 Projection
UW Madison	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
MPL-ILL	\$192,100	\$226,700	\$234,600
MPL-WTBBL	\$954,700	\$1,100,300	\$1,135,600
CCBC	\$170,700	\$209,700	\$213,900
Auto-Graphics	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Total Costs (Rounded)	\$1,397,700	\$2,016,700	\$2,064,100
Change to FY23 Base		\$1,397,700	\$1,397,700
DPI Request		\$619,200	\$666,600