



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. An increase in state aid will be targeted to workforce development, information technology, access to electronic content, early literacy, and lifelong learning. The funding request for state aid to library systems is shown below.

	2023-24 Request	2024-25 Request
Requested Funding	\$22,013,100	\$24,013,100
Less Base	\$20,013,100	\$20,013,100
Requested Change	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000

Library Service Contracts

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

	2023-24 Request	2024-25 Request
Requested Funding	\$1,367,700	\$1,397,500
Less Base	\$1,367,700	\$1,367,700
Requested Change	\$0	\$29,800

BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind

WLA supports DPI’s request for an increase of \$104,000 in FY24 and \$203,000 in FY25 to cover costs to continue contracts with all current BadgerLink vendors and to maintain the current level of services through Newsline for the Blind.

	2023-24 Request	2024-25 Request
Requested Funding	\$3,387,300	\$3,486,300
Less Base	\$3,283,300	\$3,283,300
Requested Change	\$104,000	\$203,000