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State of Kansas

Agency: State Library of Kansas

September 15, 2025

Mr. Adam Proffitt, Director
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Dear Mr. Proffitt,

As State Librarian, I hereby submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2027 budget document for the State Library. It has been prepared in accordance with the instructions transmitted with your letter of July 9, 2025. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information and explanation included in this budget request are correct and complete.

My staff and I are prepared to provide clarification or any additional information that you or our budget analyst may require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray C. Walling", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ray C. Walling
State Librarian

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AGENCY MISSION

The mission of the State Library is to provide library and information services to the executive and legislative branches of state government and to provide library extension services to all residents of the state. The agency is further directed by statute to provide leadership and assistance in the development, organization, and management of local libraries and to provide specialized library services to people with print disabilities.

Kansas Public Libraries at a Glance

- Kansas Population: 2,970,606
- Library Service Area Population: 2,547,222
- Total Public Libraries: 322 central libraries, 45 additional branch libraries
- Visits: 9,691,513
- Total Physical Material Circulation: 15,941,648
 - Adult: 7,845,094
 - Children: 8,096,554
- Electronic Resource Circulation: 5,925,883
- Public Internet Computers
 - Available: 3,679
 - Usage: 1,154,970
- Wireless Internet Provided
 - Available locations: 322 libraries, 45 library buildings
 - Usage: 3,195,104 (reported by 184 libraries)
- Programs
 - Number of Programs: 67,966
 - Program Attendance: 1,356,899

Source: KS Division of the Budget, 2024 Certified Kansas Population by County; State Library of Kansas, Kansas Public Library Survey, CY 2024

FY 2025 Statewide Downloadable Collection

- Materials available to readers: 406,084
- Checked out or viewed: 651,126

Source: State Library of Kansas, Administrative Data

PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST WITH AGENCY MISSION

Collection & Access Services Division
Library Development Division
Talking Books Services Division
User Services Division

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STATUTORY HISTORY

The State Library of Kansas has served Kansas residents since 1855, when it was established as the territorial library in one of the earliest of the territorial government enactments. The State Library of Kansas was established in its present form in 1963 with enactment of the State Library Act. Under this act, many of the responsibilities of the Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission were transferred to the agency. This empowered the agency to assist library development throughout the state and to provide library and information extension services to all the residents of the state that do not have access to library service.

K.S.A. 75-2534 directs the State Library to provide library and informational services to the judicial, legislative and executive branches of the state government and to provide extension services to all residents of the state.

K.S.A. 75-2537 provides that the State Librarian shall have the complete management of the State Library.

K.S.A. 75-2542 directs the State Librarian to provide leadership and assistance in the organization and development of local libraries.

K.S.A. 75-2546 provides for the State Library of Kansas Board, who advocates for library services and resources, and advises the State Librarian on matters that will best promote and advance said library services and resources in Kansas.

K.S.A. 75-2553 through 75-2561 authorizes and directs the state grants-in-aid to libraries program.

K.S.A. 75-2561 directs the State Librarian to include in the agency's budget request the estimated amount needed for the state grants-in-aid to libraries program.

K.S.A. 75-2562 vests the State Librarian with the authority to apply for and receive any grants or other funds for library purposes from the federal government.

K.S.A. 75-2565 through K.S.A. 75-2568 provides for the establishment of a state documents depository system.

K.S.A. 75-2575 through 75-2586 directs the State Library to encourage interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing.

K.S.A. 46-1212 directs the library to provide services to the legislature.

AGENCY PHILOSOPHY

The State Library of Kansas believes in full and equitable access to library information for all Kansans by:

- Providing extension services whenever economically feasible and efficient.
- Assisting librarians to meet unique needs of their community members.
- Providing excellent service to our users. State Library services are delivered with respect, fairness and confidentiality, and employees are committed to developing partnerships which will benefit all Kansans and will enhance the quality of life for Kansans.

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GOALS

- Provide the resources and services needed by state employees and elected officials in the course of their work.
 - Be an authoritative source for Kansans to ask questions regarding state government, the legislative process, and other research topics.
 - Develop and promote a repository that collects, preserves, and makes state government information accessible.
 - Provide library and information services for persons with a print disability.
 - Raise awareness of print disabilities and accessibility needs of the print disabled.
 - Support tangible resource sharing between all Kansas libraries.
 - Develop, promote, and support digital resources that foster Kansans' personal, educational, and professional growth.
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GOAL #1:

Provide the resources and services needed by state employees and elected officials in the course of their work.

OBJECTIVE #1:

Realize a 5% annual usage increase of legislative and state agency databases through promotion, training, and support services.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Contact non-Shawnee County based state agencies about our resources.
- Hold more orientation sessions for state employees.
- Develop research guides on topics of interest to government officials and state employees.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of outreach interactions to elected officials and state agencies	32	136	140	144
Number of orientation sessions offered	16	14	18	20
Number of research guides added or updated*	N/A	9	10	12

* Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025

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OUTCOME MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of articles accessed	38,388	46,599	48,929	51,376
Number of searches	138,053	166,849	175,192	183,952

OBJECTIVE #2:

Build a collection of government resources that is responsive to state government needs.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Conduct a triennial survey of state agencies and legislative staff to determine resources that would be most useful in their work.
- Publish an online suggestion form for books, periodicals, databases, and other materials.
- Add more content to CloudLibrary, geared towards state agencies and elected officials.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of eBook titles added	29	34	35	37
Number of survey responses [#]	N/A	31	33	N/A

[#] Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025 and FY 2026 only

OUTCOME MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of research requests from known state employees	496	640	672	706
Number of suggestions received [*]	N/A	8	10	12
Percentage of respondents that were satisfied according to triennial survey [#]	N/A	83.8%	80%	N/A

^{*} Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025

[#] Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025 and FY 2026 only

GOAL #2:

Be an authoritative source for Kansans to ask questions regarding state government, the legislative process, and other research topics.

OBJECTIVE #1:

Increase awareness of services provided to Kansans by the User Services Division, realizing an increase of 5% each year.

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STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Create a webpage describing the legislative process and services the division provides during the process.
- Run ads on Legislative Hotline.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Digital ad reach~	N/A	N/A	420,000	N/A
Views of new webpage^	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,400

~ Associated with a strategy to be implemented in FY 2026

^ Associated with a strategy to be implemented in FY 2027

OUTCOME MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Research requests from non-state employees	2,870	3,130	3,287	3,451
Number of questions regarding the legislature and legislation	1,370	1,041	1,094	1,148

GOAL #3:

Develop and promote a repository that collects, preserves, and makes state government information accessible.

OBJECTIVE #1:

Increase the number of items available through and preserved by Kansas Government Information (KGI) Online by 3,000 additional items annually.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Continue to digitize KSHS documents missing from the collection.
- Continue inventory of Kansas document collection.
- Contact state agencies to gather additional documents.

OUTPUT/OUTCOME MEASURE:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of items in KGI	49,486	52,582	55,582	58,582

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OBJECTIVE #2:

Increase the usage of KGI resources by 5% annually through promotion, training, support services, and targeted digitization.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Consult with User Services librarians on questions they are receiving and news they find.
- Increase outreach to state entities and other organizations about KGI.
- Place QR codes throughout the Kansas documents collection and other places linking to KGI.
- Targeted harvesting of state documents from agency websites.
- Observing trends in document viewing and prioritizing digitization based on trends.
- Look for longer term trends in KLRD Annual Briefing Book for topics that might have gaps in KGI.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of outreach interactions with state entities and other organizations about KGI	5	14	15	16
Number of QR code pass throughs to KGI resources	234	191	201	211

OUTCOME MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total number of page views annually in KGI	86,716	156,032	163,834	172,026

GOAL #4:

Provide library and information services for persons with a print disability.

OBJECTIVE #1:

Increase awareness of the Talking Books Services Division to expand the user base of Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) by 4% and all division services by 1% annually.

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- Develop partnerships with other state agencies to act as referral sources or certifying authorities.
- Expand outreach to nursing homes, schools, medical professionals, and library staff.
- Reimagined promo materials/develop pieces for specific audiences (Spanish/other languages, marketing vs. informational, etc.).
- Host training webinars for certifying authorities and referral sources. Use examples from top referral organizations about how they encourage people to use service.
- Develop a patron ambassador program to better speak to their peers of program benefits.
- Identify “non-traditional” community spaces (such as pharmacies, professional associations and conferences, chamber of commerce, community organization meet ups/coffees) and provide outreach materials/ host events.
- Release a statewide PSA.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Nursing homes/schools/medical professionals contacted	169	283	350	400
Number of meetings with, information packets sent, and presentations to state agencies / contacts	3	8	50	50
Number of new items designed with targeted releases	2	0	2	2
Number of PSA reach~	N/A	N/A	500,000	500,000
Organizational meetings attended*	N/A	1	6	6
Training webinars hosted*	N/A	3	5	3
Patron ambassadors trained*	N/A	2	3	3
Patron ambassador contacts to potential users*	N/A	0	125	250

* Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025

~ Associated with a strategy to be implemented in FY 2026

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	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total BARD users	560	582	606	630
Total active users	4,514	4,331	4,375	4,418

OBJECTIVE #2:

Engage existing users to expand circulation by 1% and BARD downloads by 4% annually.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Conduct user satisfaction survey.
- Hold annual NOVEMBARD, BARD awareness campaign.
- Include information about BARD in readers' advisory blog posts.
- Host webinars and virtual programs that can be tied back into talking books collections (cooking, crafts, guest speakers, etc.).
- Recruit readers to rate unrated National Library Service books.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of blog posts with BARD information	22	13	30	30
Number of NOVEMBARD activity participants	45	60	75	90
Number of tutorial views ^{##}	98	N/A	150	N/A
Number of survey responses ⁺⁺	273	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of programs held*	N/A	24	24	24
Number of attendees at programs*	N/A	113	100	150
Number of items rated by readers through division efforts*	N/A	0	20	30

⁺⁺ Associated with a strategy to be implemented only in FY 2024

^{##} Associated with a strategy implemented only in FY 2024 and FY 2026

* Associated with a strategy to be implemented in FY 2025

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OUTCOME MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of titles circulated by staff	216,475	203,970	206,010	208,070
Patron downloads annually	58,090	60,444	62,862	65,377
NFB Newsline content accesses ⁺	47,070	182,445	184,270	186,113
Cost per item circulated	\$1.96	\$1.54	\$1.60	\$1.56

⁺ Data collection began January 2024

OBJECTIVE #3:

Upload 30 titles annually to BARD.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Recruit more volunteer narrators and audio editors and expand recording studio options with new partnerships.
- Convert KS prefix books to DBC and upload to BARD.
- Identify local authors who have recorded their books and seek permission to reformat the audio into an accessible format.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Titles converted from KS to DBC	25	1	15	15
Number of volunteer hours per year	139	104	200	220
Number of audio books received [*]	N/A	2	3	3

^{*} Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025

OUTCOME MEASURE:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of locally produced titles uploaded to BARD annually	44	11	30	30

GOAL #5:

Raise awareness of print disabilities and accessibility needs of the print disabled.

OBJECTIVE #1:

Reach 750 new people over 3 years.

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- Promote and circulate braille awareness kit to libraries and the public.
- Increase/expand activities with Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management through their new student orientation or LI 833 Resources and Services for Diverse Population.
- Develop partnerships with community service organizations (Lions, Rotary, Optimists, etc.).
- Present conference programs about accessibility.

OUTPUT MEASURES:*

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Contacts made with service organizations	66	64	80	N/A
Braille kit circulations	1	2	5	N/A
Number of SLIM students reached through orientations, classes or other activities	0	7	12	N/A
Number of audience attendees at conference sessions*	N/A	170	150	N/A

* Associated with a strategy implemented in FY 2025

* Goal and objective will be completed in FY 2026

OUTCOME MEASURE: *

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of people reached through awareness activities	113	465	200	N/A

* Goal and objective will be completed in FY 2026

GOAL #6:**Support tangible resource sharing between all Kansas libraries.****OBJECTIVE #1:**

Subsidize 25% of the cost of the Kansas Library Express courier program each year to provide cost efficient resource sharing.

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STRATEGY TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Use reappropriated funds to subsidize the cost of the Kansas Library Express courier program at the target rate of this objective for the current fiscal year.
- Submit enhancement request to subsidize the cost of the Kansas Library Express courier program at the target rate of this objective following the completion of the RFP process.

OUTPUT MEASURE:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Amount of subsidy contributed to the courier program by the State Library*	\$190,000	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$195,000

* Does not include reappropriated funds or enhancement request

OUTCOME MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Percentage of program cost covered by the subsidy	20.4%	20.8%	18.8%	16.7%
Number of items delivered by KLE	901,658	880,005	880,005	880,005
Cost per item delivered via KLE	\$1.03	\$1.06	\$1.18	\$1.33

GOAL #7:

Develop, promote, and support digital resources that foster Kansans' personal, educational, and professional growth.

OBJECTIVE #1:

Realize a 5% increase in database usage each year.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Offer webinars on statewide databases to train librarians on how to use, connect to, and promote them.
- Facilitate local authentication improvements to access the databases.
- Partner with other state agencies to promote the use of State Library resources to realize their missions.

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OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of statewide database webinars held	12	21	22	23
Number of webinar participants in attendance plus number of times recordings were viewed	249	422	433	465
Number of contacts made with other state agencies regarding databases	1	1	2	2

OUTCOME MEASURE:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Database Total Item Requests	2,369,364	2,110,319	2,215,835	2,326,627

OBJECTIVE #2:

Realize a 5% increase in user accounts and downloads/views each year from the digital book collections.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Offer webinars on digital book collections to train librarians on how to use, connect to, and promote use.
- Create effective marketing material, including brochure, with concise directions on how to access and use digital books.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of digital book webinars held	6	11	12	13
Number of participants in attendance during digital book webinars plus number of times digital book webinar recordings were viewed	218	332	348	366

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	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Active patron accounts on digital book platforms	15,360	13,584	14,263	14,976
Downloads and views across all platforms	964,206	651,555	684,132	718,339

OBJECTIVE #3:

Increase awareness of learning platforms that support Kansans' lifelong learning needs, as seen by a 5% increase of usage and accounts each year.

STRATEGIES TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE:

- Offer librarian-targeted webinars on each learning platform to train librarians on how to use, connect to, and promote use.
- Partner with other state agencies to promote the use of learning platforms to realize their missions.

OUTPUT MEASURES:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of learning platform webinars held	5	6	7	8
Number of participants in attendance during learning platform webinars plus number of times learning platform webinar recordings were viewed	118	166	174	183
Number of contacts made with other state agencies regarding learning platforms	1	1	2	2

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	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Mango uses	43,818	46,778	49,117	51,573
Number of Learning Express sessions	8,774	14,177	14,886	15,630
Number of Universal Class lessons viewed	27,925	24,497	25,722	27,008
Number of Auto Repair Source sessions	1,905	4,620	4,851	5,094
Number of Ferguson's Career Guidance Center Views	49,159	101,365	106,434	111,755

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ACTUAL POSITION DATA:

For FY 2026, the agency's approved authorized FTE positions total 29.50. The agency's actual FTE data as of June 30, 2025 was as follows:

Program	FTE Positions
Administration	5.00
Collection & Access Services Division	5.00
Library Development Division	2.00
Talking Books Services Division	8.00
User Services Division	6.00
Agency Total	26.00

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PACKAGE:

The State Library is not requesting any supplemental funding packages.

ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE:

The State Library is requesting two enhancement packages for consideration by the Governor and the Legislature.

- 1. State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries** – The agency is requesting to increase state grants-in-aid to public libraries and regional systems of cooperating libraries by \$483,000 from the state general fund. This increased aid to locals funding would allocate \$1,000 to each legally established public library (\$322,000 total) and a total of \$161,000 to the regional system of cooperating libraries. This maintains the funding ratio outlined in K.S.A. 75-2555 and has previously been implemented within the text of the budget bill.

Based on data from the 2024 Kansas Public Library Survey, the average state grants-in-aid request per capita by library service level was:

Service Level	Library Service Area Population	Average Request Per Capita
Gateway	Fewer than 499 people	\$5.71
Linking	500 - 999 people	\$2.11
Service Center I	1,000 - 2,499 people	\$0.98
Service Center II	2,500 – 9,999 people	\$0.86
Major Service Center I	10,000 – 24,999 people	\$0.70
Major Service Center II	25,000 – 99,999 people	\$0.76
Major Resource Center	More than 100,000 people	\$0.32
Average Request		\$0.62

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Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2561, the State Librarian's annual budget includes an estimate of the needed amount of grant-in-aid to libraries based on the requests by libraries and amounts reasonably available for such purposes. Considering feedback from previous legislative sessions, this enhancement is a step toward:

- addressing the significantly higher per capita need for libraries serving rural communities.
- addressing the disparity between identified library need per capita (\$0.62) and current year appropriations for the per capita formula (\$0.30).
- bringing the FY 2027 appropriation (\$1,804,717), if approved, closer to FY 2000 appropriation level (\$2,821,531).

This change would not affect other programs of the agency or of other agencies. The agency does not anticipate requests over the following three budget cycles to decrease from the current request.

- 2. State Courier Subsidy Increase** – Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2575 *et seq.*, the agency is responsible for providing programs of interlibrary cooperation and for resource sharing. The agency requests an additional \$96,650 from the state general fund for aid to locals to subsidize the cost of a courier service that allows libraries to share materials to meet their local community needs. While library mail through USPS costs \$4.25 for the first pound and \$0.71 for each additional pound, the cost to ship an item using the courier averaged \$1.06 last fiscal year, with over 880,000 items delivered. This service, administered by the Northeast Kansas Library System, served 364 libraries. While the FY 2025 subsidy accounted for 18.8% of the service's annual cost, the agency's strategic plan aims to reach a 25% subsidization rate (goal #6, objective #1). As the cost of contracts and fuel increase for this service, the agency anticipates the trajectory of expenses over the next five budget years to be:

	<i>Estimate</i>				
	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Estimated total cost of the courier service for the calendar year	\$1,166,600	\$1,309,269	\$1,469,386	\$1,649,084	\$1,850,759
Subsidy request	\$291,650	\$326,648	\$365,846	\$409,747	\$458,917

This change would not affect other programs of the agency or of other agencies.

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EXPENDITURE REQUESTS BY MAJOR ACCOUNT CODE**Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages**

In the current year, expenditures for this major account code increased by \$35,668 with the implementation of the FY 2026 Pay Plan and \$16,372 for FY 2026 rate changes for health insurance and KPERS. The current year also includes full salary and benefits for positions that were vacant during the previous year. The agency decided not to fund a vacant position in the current and budget year. The budget year includes an additional \$17,865 for health insurance and a reduction of \$474 for the KPERS rate change. The budget year also includes full salary and benefits for positions that are vacant during the current year.

FY 2025: \$1,853,610

FY 2026: \$1,918,037

FY 2027: \$1,973,300

Object Code 200: Contractual Services

Database access fees are projected to increase by \$21,846 for the current year and an additional \$56,119 for the budget year. Other electronic resource licensing fees are estimated to increase by \$73,708 for the current year and decrease by \$10,718 in the budget year. The decrease is due to \$44,071 of reappropriated funds being used for one-time content licensing fees. Other expenditures for this major account code include communication, marketing, rent, and travel.

FY 2025: \$3,007,074

FY 2026: \$3,133,110

FY 2027: \$3,139,449

Object Code 300: Commodities

Expenditures in this category include office and professional supplies, data processing, and other consumables. In addition to modest increases due to inflation, the agency allocated additional funding in the current year for a binding project and office supplies.

FY 2025: \$14,475

FY 2026: \$18,403

FY 2027: \$15,300

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Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

During the previous year, the agency spent \$83,800 on a streaming video collection, \$22,600 for children's ebooks, \$18,000 for laptop/desktop computer replacements, \$5,900 for printing/scanning equipment, and \$4,400 for ebooks for state government. Funding for these expenditures was one-time and is not included in the current or budget year amounts proposed. For the budget year, the agency is planning to reduce spending on the account code for books and library materials by just over \$4,250.

FY 2025: \$171,774
FY 2026: \$37,085
FY 2027: \$32,212

Object Code 500: Aid to Locals

The agency allocated \$1,321,717 from the state general fund in its base budget for distributions under the State Grants-in-Aid to Libraries Act for the current and budget year. This is a reduction of \$486,000 from the previous year allocation. Under this act, two-thirds of the funding is distributed to qualifying public libraries based on the ratio of the population of the library service area to the population of all library service areas in the state. This aid supplements local tax revenue from the library service area, other municipal support, grants provided by the regional systems of cooperating libraries, external grants, and/or donations that jointly fund public library operations. Public libraries reported spending FY 2024 state aid on the following expenses: 7% on programming, 19% on digital resources and collections, 41% on books, 6% on salaries, 27% on supplies and other expenses. The other third of the funding will be distributed to regional systems of cooperating libraries pursuant to regulation (K.A.R. 54-1-23). This aid supplements local tax revenue from each regional system's taxing district and contractual services provided to non-participating libraries.

In FY 2025, the agency spent \$195,000 to subsidize the cost of the state courier program. The current year includes an additional \$64,870 of reappropriated funds for this program. Program expenditures for the budget year are reduced back to \$195,000. This funding is issued to the Northeast Kansas Library System as a grant that subsidizes the cost of the program for the 325 libraries receiving direct service and 39 libraries receiving indirect service. The remaining amount is paid by libraries receiving direct service and, in some cases, is partially subsidized by regional systems of cooperating libraries.

In FY 2025, state general funds were used to provide Talking Books Outreach grants totaling \$45,000. These grants were issued to the Central, Northwest, and Southeast Kansas Library Systems to provide local outreach for Talking Books Division services. Proposed funding for these services will remain at \$45,000 for the current and budget year.

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Annually, the agency provides federal funds to the Northeast Kansas Library System to coordinate the statewide summer reading program in collaboration with the other regional systems of cooperating libraries. While \$19,314 was provided in the previous year, \$23,000 is allocated for the current and budget year to help cover increased costs.

Grants are also issued directly to libraries to fund the purchase of titles recognized by the Kansas Notable Books program.

FY 2025: \$2,106,144

FY 2026: \$1,685,586

FY 2027: \$1,620,713

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LSTA Allocations:

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FFY 2024	FFY 2025	FFY 2026	FFY 2027
Allocation	\$2,109,780	\$2,107,788	\$2,107,788	\$2,107,788

3257 Federal Library Services & Technology Act

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) provides for annual allotments of federal funds to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs) to improve library services, facilitate access to resources in libraries, and encourage resource sharing among all types of libraries nationwide. The State Library of Kansas is the designated recipient of the Kansas annual allotment from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The allocations listed above for LSTA funding for FFY 2026 and FFY 2027 are assuming no change from the FFY 2025 grant received.

Match & Maintenance of Effort

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Section 9133(b), SLAAs are required to meet a Federal match requirement by using non-Federal funding for at least 34% of the total cost of projects funded in part with LSTA dollars.

Additionally, 20 U.S.C. Section 9133(c) requires SLAAs to show maintenance of effort (MOE). The intent of the MOE is to assure that federal assistance results in an increased level of library-related activity and that a state does not simply replace state dollars with federal dollars. The state MOE for a given year must be equal to or more than the average of state expenditures for the three fiscal years preceding that fiscal year.

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APPENDIX A: Children's ProgramsSummer Reading Program

The State Library utilizes Library Services and Technology Act funds to allow every public library in the state of Kansas to participate in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (includes all 50 states, Washington D.C. and a number of territories). Public libraries receive access to a manual in digital or print format, which outlines the selected theme and programs, along with other print materials. They can purchase promotional material at a considerable discount. Additionally, public libraries in Kansas work cooperatively with their local community businesses to promote reading and to acquire prizes and gifts for the summer readers who participate in the Summer Reading Program.

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FFY 2024	FFY 2025	FFY 2026	FFY 2027
LSTA funds spent	\$22,000	\$19,314	\$23,000	\$23,000
Total attendance at all summer library events held for children/youth age 0-18	283,018	294,352	296,000	296,000

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers

Each November, the State Library sponsors "Kansas Reads to Preschoolers" month across the state. A committee of Kansas librarians and the State Librarian identify a book to read during this month. The State Library purchases copies of the selected title for public libraries. The State Library encourages libraries to use the book to participate in statewide programming efforts focused on children 2-5 years of age.

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funds spent on Kansas Reads to Preschoolers	\$2,712	\$2,272	\$1,126	\$2,000
Estimated attendance at Kansas Reads to Preschoolers events	15,107	13,821	14,000	14,000

Children's eBook collectionsScholastic BookFlix

Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. This statewide subscription allows unlimited simultaneous usage for all Kansans. Children (and their caregivers) can listen to a book anywhere they have internet access.

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	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total statewide cost	\$42,491	\$43,341	\$44,208	\$45,092
Children's books viewed	378,904	184,465	193,688	203,373

Assist children with learning a foreign language

Mango Languages is a service provided by the State Library, allowing all residents access to learning modules for over 70 languages. The learning modules are available via the internet and are accessible via mobile devices.

While it is not possible to determine how much usage was specifically children using this resource, the State Library believes that most of the usage of this resource is students.

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Learning module sessions	43,818	46,778	49,117	51,573

Help students develop and improve their math, language arts, and other skills

There are a multitude of ebooks, tutorials, practice tests, and other resources for students within the LearningExpress Library. While resources are not categorized by age, the agency believes many of the resources are being used by students. The top five used resources for students in FY 2025 included: *1,001 Problems to Master Algebra, 2nd Edition*; ACT® Reading Test Preparation Tutorial; *1001 Vocabulary & Spelling Questions*; ACT® English Test Preparation Tutorial; and *Geography Review in 20 Minutes a Day*. It is also important to note that LearningExpress Library also includes other modules, such as the Job and Career Accelerator, which are not included in the statistics provided.

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Number of LearningExpress Library resources used	13,751	21,014	22,065	23,168

Provide information / research material online for students

The State Library subscribes to several databases on a statewide basis so that all residents may access this information at no cost. Several of these databases are aimed at and give students trusted resources to meet their research, homework help, and study needs. Materials are designed and presented to meet the needs of young students and integrated with curriculum development and management tools for the benefit of instructors. These include research databases from EBSCO and several versions of encyclopedias from Britannica.

These databases and resources are accessible to all Kansas residents with no limit on how many may use them simultaneously.

A combination of state general funds and LSTA funds are used for the database access and subscription fees.

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	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Item Requests across all Britannica products	1,103,967	956,722	1,004,558	1,054,786
Total Cost	\$175,850	\$184,500	\$193,725	\$203,411

	<i>Actual</i>		<i>Estimate</i>	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total Item Requests across EBSCO research databases	847,734	766,569	804,897	845,142
Total Cost	\$562,673	\$579,553	\$581,019	\$600,000

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Agency: 00434 State Library				
Version: 2027-A-03-00434				
Series: 1000 STATE GENERAL FUND				
		FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request
40001	APPROPRIATION	5,078,388	4,636,074	0
40002	REAPPROPRIATION	163,322	126,021	0
40004	TRANSFERS	0	0	0
40005	LAPSES	0	(47,467)	0
	Total Available	5,241,710	4,714,628	0
	Total Reportable Expenditures	5,115,690	4,714,628	5,187,538
	Total Expenditures	5,115,690	4,714,628	5,187,538
	Balance Forward	126,020	0	(5,187,538)
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Agency: 00434 State Library

Version: 2027-A-03-00434

Series: 2076 STATE LIBRARY FD

		FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request
40007	CASH FORWARD	6,234	5,533	4,783
469090	OTHER NONREVENUE RECEIPTS	1,511	1,500	1,500
	Total Available	7,745	7,033	6,283
	Total Reportable Expenditures	2,212	2,250	2,250
	Total Expenditures	2,212	2,250	2,250
	Balance Forward	5,533	4,783	4,033
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Agency: 00434 State Library

Version: 2027-A-03-00434

Series: 3257 GRANTS TO STATES

		FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request
40007	CASH FORWARD	642,929	735,587	770,032
440100	FEDERAL GRANT OPERATING	2,122,710	2,107,788	2,107,788
469090	OTHER NONREVENUE RECEIPTS	3,686	0	0
	Total Available	2,769,325	2,843,375	2,877,820
	Total Reportable Expenditures	2,033,738	2,073,343	2,168,836
	Total Expenditures	2,033,738	2,073,343	2,168,836
	Balance Forward	735,587	770,032	708,984
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Agency: 00434 State Library

Version: 2027-A-03-00434

Series: 7304 GRANTS AND GIFTS FD

		FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Adjusted Budget Request	FY 2027 Adjusted Budget Request
40007	CASH FORWARD	269,378	280,857	297,357
469090	OTHER NONREVENUE RECEIPTS	14,745	18,500	6,500
	Total Available	284,123	299,357	303,857
	Total Reportable Expenditures	3,266	2,000	2,000
	Total Expenditures	3,266	2,000	2,000
	Balance Forward	280,857	297,357	301,857
KANSAS		404 Aggregate Report		rwalling / 2027-A-03-00434

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2076 State Library Fund

The State Library maintains a fee fund to collect revenue that is intended for a specific purpose. Only one budget unit, 2500, is actively accumulating new funds. This revenue is paid to the agency for lost or damaged books and for photocopies. The agency uses these funds for contractual services associated with the photocopiers.

**State Library Fund (Fee Fund)
Estimated Receipts**

<u>Revenue Source:</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Photocopy Revenue	\$477	\$1,511	\$1,500	\$1,500

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Agency: State Library of Kansas

3257 Grants to States Fund

Statutory Authority: KSA 75-2534 authorizes the State Librarian to apply for and receive public or private grants, gifts and donations of money for the State Library.

The Grants to States program annually supports the purposes and priorities of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The State Library of Kansas, as a state library administrative agency (SLAA), is allotted federal funding annually to improve library services, facilitate access to resources in libraries, and encourage resource sharing among all types of libraries.

The allotment includes a base fee and per capita formula set forth in 20 U.S.C. 9131(b). Allotments are awarded on October 1 (or later when the federal budget approval is delayed) and may be expended over a 24-month period. Most receipts are on a reimbursement basis, so there may be significant fluctuation year to year.

**LSTA Fund
Estimated Receipts**

<u>Revenue Source:</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Library Services and Technology Act	\$2,544,904	\$2,126,396	\$2,107,788	\$2,107,788

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Agency: State Library of Kansas

7304 Grants and Gifts Fund

Statutory History: KSA 75-2534 authorizes the State Librarian to apply for and receive public or private grants, gifts and donations of money for the State Library.

The agency receives travel grants for staff to participate in national events, which are deposited into budget unit 7000 and then used to reimburse employee expenditures.

From time to time, the agency receives donations from libraries for services provided. Contributions for books are deposited in budget unit 7000, while those for databases are deposited into budget unit 7003.

The Talking Books Services Division receives donations from patrons and families and has been designated the recipient of memorial funds of deceased patrons. These gifts are used to enhance the Talking Books Services for program-specific expenditures. This revenue is deposited into budget unit 7007.

**Grants and Gifts Fund
Estimated Receipts**

<u>Revenue Source:</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Travel Grants	\$4,120	\$7,840	\$3,000	\$3,000
Book Contributions	\$218	\$0	\$0	\$0
Database Contributions	\$0	\$6,375	\$15,000	\$3,000
Talking Books Services Donations	\$2,360	\$530	\$500	\$500