

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## State Library

### History

In 2011, library reorganization legislation created a streamlined model of state-funded support services for libraries by combining the Library Service Areas and the State Library into one agency called Iowa Library Services. The new agency provides local support services to Iowa libraries and helps ensure the consistent availability of services across the state.

Six district offices were established with a library consultant and library resources technician at each office. The reorganization legislation adjusted library district boundaries to ensure that Iowa libraries have equitable access to the district staff. In the past, the number of public libraries served by an area ranged from 69 to 121. With the new district boundaries, the range is 87 to 96. The new boundaries balance the number of libraries served with the driving distance within the district. A map of the new districts is available at: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/q-s/reorganization/Map>.

### Program Overview

The State Library is known as the Division of Library Services in the Iowa Code and is attached to the Department of Education for administrative purposes. The State Librarian is responsible for the Division's budgeting and related management functions.

A nine-member Commission of Libraries appoints the State Librarian to administer the division. The State Librarian serves at the pleasure of the Commission. The Commission adopts rules under Iowa Code chapter 17A to address the responsibilities of the division, and approves the budget and the service plan submitted by the Division.

The State Librarian is in charge of organizing a library services advisory panel to advise and recommend to the Commission and the Division evidence-based best practices, to assist the Commission and Division to determine service priorities and launch programs, articulate the needs and interests of Iowa librarians, and share research and professional development information.

The State Library consists of three units:

- Library Support Network
- Specialized Library Services
- State Data Center

The Library Support Network is located within the Division to offer services and programs for libraries, including individualized, locally delivered consulting and training, facilitate resource sharing and innovation through the use of technology, administer Enrich Iowa programs, advocate for libraries, promote excellence and innovation in library services, encourage governmental subdivisions to provide local financial support for local libraries, and ensure the consistent availability of quality service to all libraries throughout the state. The organizational structure to deliver library support network services includes the six district offices established in the 2011 Iowa Acts. The district offices serve as a basis for providing field services to local libraries in the counties comprising the district.

The Specialized Library Services unit is located within the Division to provide information services to the three branches of state government and to offer focused information services to the general public in the areas of Iowa law, Iowa state documents, and Iowa history and culture. The law library is under the direction of the Specialized Library Services unit. The law library is to be maintained in the State Capitol or in rooms convenient to the State Supreme Court and is available for free use by the residents of Iowa under rules the Commission adopts.

The State Data Center is administered by the state data center coordinator and provides U. S. Census data to the residents of Iowa. The coordinator acts as the state's liaison with the United States Census Bureau matters relating to the [Decennial Census](#), [Economic Census](#), [Census of Agriculture](#), [Population Estimates](#), and [Population Projections](#)

### More Information

State Library of Iowa: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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## Funding

The Division receives a state General Fund appropriation and federal grants. Federal funding is subject to a Maintenance of Effort requirement, based on a three-year rolling average of state funding. Federal funding from Federal Fiscal Year 2012 to 2016 has averaged \$1.83 million annually. The Division of Library Services state General Fund appropriation has averaged \$2.6 million annually for the period of FY 2008 to FY 2017.

### State Library - State Funding

Fiscal Year	State Library	Library Service Areas	Total Funding
2008	\$ 1,879,827	\$ 163,600	\$ 2,043,427
2009	\$ 1,907,426	\$ 1,612,210	\$ 3,519,636
2010	\$ 1,573,650	\$ 1,455,989	\$ 3,029,639
2011	\$ 1,297,658	\$ 1,128,622	\$ 2,426,280
2012	\$ 1,209,619	\$ 1,005,444	\$ 2,215,063
2013*	\$ 2,215,063		\$ 2,215,063
2014	\$ 2,715,063		\$ 2,715,063
2015	\$ 2,715,063		\$ 2,715,063
2016	\$ 2,715,063		\$ 2,715,063
2017	\$ 2,715,063		\$ 2,715,063

\* In FY 2013, funding combined into one appropriation.

## Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [256](#)  
[286](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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