
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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State Library

Program Overview

2023 Iowa Acts, [Senate File 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act), transferred the State Library from the Department of Education to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). As a result, the State Library operates as one of the DAS's duties as a department. The State Library provides local support services to Iowa libraries and helps ensure the consistent availability of services across the State, especially in rural areas.

Organization

A nine-member Commission of Libraries that consists of the director of the DAS, one member appointed by the Supreme Court, and seven members appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms adopts rules to carry out the responsibilities of the Department as it relates to library services of the Department. The Commission is also to advise the Department and the State Librarian concerning the library services duties of the Department.

The director of the DAS appoints the State Librarian to administer the duties of the Department as it relates to library services. The State Librarian is responsible for the Department's management functions.

The State Librarian organizes a library services advisory panel to advise and make recommendations on evidence-based best practices to the Commission and the Division, 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 Librarian also organizes, staffs, and administers the Department as it relates to library services; submits a biennial report to the Governor evaluating the Department; and controls the library services related to the property of the department.

The State Library is organized into two main areas:

- Library Support Network.
- Specialized Library Services.

Library Support Network

The Library Support Network offers services and programs for libraries, including individualized, locally delivered consulting and training; facilitation of resource sharing and innovation through the use of technology; administration of Enrich Iowa programs; advocating for libraries; promoting excellence and innovation in library services; encouraging governmental subdivisions to provide local financial support for local libraries; and ensuring the consistent availability of quality service to all libraries throughout the State. There are six district offices, each serving between 13 and 22 counties. The district offices serve as a basis for providing field services to local libraries in the counties comprising the district.

More Information

State Library of Iowa: www.statelibraryofiowa.gov
Department of Administrative Services: das.iowa.gov
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Specialized Library Services

Specialized Library Services provides information services to the three branches of State government and offers 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 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.

State Data Center

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 on matters relating to the Decennial Census, Economic Census, Census of Agriculture, Population Estimates, and Population Projections.

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 years 2021 through 2023 averaged \$2.1 million annually. The State Library General Fund appropriation has been funded at \$2.6 million annually since FY 2024.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [8A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [286](#)

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