

Reference Division

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Legislative constituents would not be able to ask an accurate and trusted source for information about legislation, legislative procedure, or who their legislator is and how to contact them. One-of-a-kind documents produced by state agencies would be inaccessible to Kansas taxpayers and decision makers and most likely lost for future use.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
Specific KSA 46-1212 "One of the functions of the state library shall be to provide library services to the legislative branch of state government." KSA 75-2534 "The state library shall provide library and informational services to the judicial, legislative and executive branches of the state government...." KSA 75-2541 requires each book to be cataloged. KSA 75-2566 through 2568 requires the library to " establish, operate and maintain a publication collection and depository system" and is authorized to adopt regulations to implement and administer the act.	Mandatory	No	1

Program Goals

- A. Provide library resources and research support to members of the Kansas Legislature and state agencies.
B. Assisting Kansans in identifying legislation and understanding legislative procedure.
C. Preserve and provide access to the publications of state government.

Program History

The Reference Division is composed of a reference program that provides direct assistance to inquiries from and about all branches of Kansas government. The other program within the Reference division is state documents and cataloging. This program organizes information produced by Kansas government to assist current and future research needs regarding Kansas government. The Organic Act of 1855 specified a library "to be kept at the seat of government for the use of the governor, legislative assembly, judges of the supreme court, secretary, marshal, and attorney of said territory ..." Organic Act: An Act to Organize the Territory of Kansas (1855) Sec. 33. This requirement is still the goal of the Reference Division at the State Library but utilizing modern resources.

Performance Measures

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
1. Number of materials loaned	A	3,462	2,476	1,592	2,510	2,000	3,000
2. Number of information requests responded to	A	4,209	3,490	3,114	3,604	4,000	4,500
3. Number of requests from known state employees	A	417	482	280	393	300	400
4. Number of contacts supplied for legislators	B	794	689	661	715	700	750
5. Number of searches using databases available only to agencies and legislative staff	A	91,257	110,109	118,998	106,788	125,000	130,000
6. Number of views to the KS Government Information Library (KGI) blog	C	4,812	5,480	8,434	6,242	7,000	7,500
7. Number of page views annually to KGI Library	C	42,630	70,841	100,131	71,201	125,000	150,000
8. Average cost per search using databases available only to agencies and legislative staff.	A	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.45
9. Cost of content management system per page viewed in KGI	C	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05
Output Measures							
10. Total cost for online databases for legislative and state agency use	A	\$ 56,466	\$ 58,139	\$ 64,300	\$ 59,635	\$ 66,229	\$ 68,216
11. Average cost for online databases available only to agencies and legislature	A	\$ 7,056	\$ 7,267	\$ 8,037	\$ 7,453	\$ 8,278	\$ 9,745
12. Number of items added to KGI	C	3,218	6,934	4,453	4,868	5,000	5,500
13. Number of blogs submitted promoting KGI	C	42	44	50	45	45	45

Funding

Funding Source	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State General Fund	\$ 3,872,811	\$ 3,743,255	\$ 3,334,468	\$ 3,743,255	\$ 3,932,651	\$ 3,985,306
Federal Funds	1,529,258	2,005,936	2,245,211	2,005,936	1,895,699	1,895,699
Total	\$ 5,402,069	\$ 5,749,191	\$ 5,579,679	\$ 5,749,191	\$ 5,828,350	\$ 5,881,005

Statewide Services

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

1. More than 360,000 books in digital format become unavailable or inaccessible. Library circulation statewide decreases by nearly over 750,000 transactions.

2. Teachers, students, instructors, parents, researchers, business and industry, along with the general public will lose access to resources searched over 150 million times in FY 2021. Most local libraries will be unable to provide a fraction of the lost information due to the much lower price of statewide purchase.

Kansans are severely limited in access to library materials other than those held locally. 575,000 thousand requests borrow titles from cooperating libraries would go unfilled. Timely delivery of materials will suffer should the library courier service not be maintained at current levels.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
Specific Act of March 4, 1899, ch. 163, 1899 Kan. Sess. Laws 327 (creating Kansas traveling libraries commission). Empowered the State Library to proactively support the reading and informational needs of the public statewide. K.S.A. 75-2575 through 75-2586,	Mandatory	No	1

Program Goals

A. Make reading materials available to all Kansans
 B. Provide reliable and relevant e-content
 C. Provide educational opportunities that will assist residents with career and business opportunities

Program History

This program carries out the statutory and mission-based obligation to enhance and expand the quality of library service across the state, for all potential library users, and through both direct-to-user services and materials/services shared with local libraries.

It is considered to be authorized by the Act of March 4, 1899, and expanded to include partnership with libraries of all types by K.S.A. 75-2575 through 75-2686, both cited above.

Performance Measures

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
1. Digital book collections - total circulation	A	654,395	712,620	755,809	734,214.5	864,000	1,010,000
2. Cost per search, statewide research databases	B	\$ 0.006	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.010	\$ 0.008	\$ 0.008	\$ 0.008
3. Total interlibrary items loaned by Kansas libraries annually (Calendar Year)	C	870,772	772,663	577,293	740,242.67	801,000	810,000
<i>Output Measures</i>							
4. Total searches, statewide	B	136,087,581	134,726,678	134,389,300	135,067,853	149,650,000	164,150,000
5. Total sessions, learning modules	B	81,567	113,459	118,249	104,425	150,000	182,000
<i>Additional Measures as Necessary</i>							
6. Digital book collections - patron accounts	A	73,701	76,507	22,392	57,533.3	22,980	25,130

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Talking Books

Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Kansans with print disabilities (blindness, visual impairment, physical impairment, reading disabilities) will lose access to an accessible library of over 120,000 audio and braille materials that support lifelong learning, cultural engagement, and entertainment.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
75-2534 9(c) For the benefit of blind readers of Kansas, the state library may make available books and other reading matter in Braille, talking books or any other medium of reading used by the blind. To this end, the state library is authorized to provide library services for the blind and other handicapped persons through contract, agreement or otherwise with the library of congress or any regional library thereof.	Mandatory	No	1

Program Goals

- A. Provide reading materials in an accessible format to eligible Kansas residents.
- B. Provides personalized library support to eligible Kansas residents.
- C. Produce specialized reading material by Kansas authors or about Kansas for users of the Talking Books Program.

Program History

Kansas Talking Books (KTB) provides personalized library support and materials in an accessible format to eligible Kansas residents to ensure that all may read. This library service features audio books, audio magazines, braille books, braille magazines, and playback equipment mailed directly to patrons and returned postage free, personalized reference and reader advisory support from library staff, and access to the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service through the web or via mobile app at no-cost to library patrons. Starting in 1940, the State Department of Social Welfare Division of Services for the Blind contracted braille and talking book services for eligible Kansans through the Wolfner Library in Missouri. The Funding for Talking Books as a division of the State Library of Kansas was approved in the Governor's Budget for FY 1970. KTB was established as a regional network library of the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled in July 1970. Subregional libraries were established in Manhattan, Hays, Hutchinson, Dodge City, Kansas City, & Wichita, providing direct service to Talking Book patrons in their service areas with administrative and material support provided by the regional library in Topeka. Over the years, subregionals were also located in Great Bend, Topeka, & Norton. The regional library moved from Topeka to Emporia in July 1983. In 2009, Kansas Talking Books began circulating materials on digital talking book cartridges with digital talking book machines to replace the cassette collection. By 2012, all subregional libraries were closed and statewide circulation operations were consolidated to the regional library in Emporia. Contracts for outreach services with NWKLS, SWKLS, CKLS, and SEKLS were established and remain in place. In 2020, KTB began shifting to a Download on Demand circulation model, providing access to

Performance Measures

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
1. Number of titles circulated by staff	A	160,734	145,443	138,723	148,300	150,000	170,000
2. Number of talking book machine and accessories circulated	A	1,551	1,376	1,239	1,389	1,300	1,365
3. Patron BARD downloads	A	47,317	55,891	55,319	52,842	60,000	65,000
4. Cost Per Item Circulated		\$ 1.56	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.05	\$ 1.83
5. Total Active Talking Book Users Served	A	4,714	5,015	4,870	4,866	4,970	5,070
6. Number of BARD users	A	627	643	635	635	675	725
7. Phone/email contacts (Emporia, Norton, Great Bend, Dodge City, Iola)	B	17,755	27,351	25,290	23,465	29,000	30,000
<i>Output Measures</i>							
8. Locally Produced Kansas Titles in the collection	C	868	903	910	894	925	940
9. Digital books produced	C	76	35	15	42	15	15
10. DTB titles available	A	93,547	101,605	108,260	101,137	112,000	117,000
11. Presentations/Contacts (Emporia, Norton, Great Bend, Dodge City, Iola)	B	242	2,419	478	1,046	1,500	2,700
<i>Additional Measures as Necessary</i>							
12. Children served during FY	A	42	38	26	32	30	40
13. Schools served during FY	A	164	162	161	162	165	165
14. Children's material circulated	A	5,405	5,959	5,668	5,814	6,000	6,250
15. Children's material available	A	16,585	17,372	18,229	17,801	19,000	20,000

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