

2026 Budget Introduction

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 2025

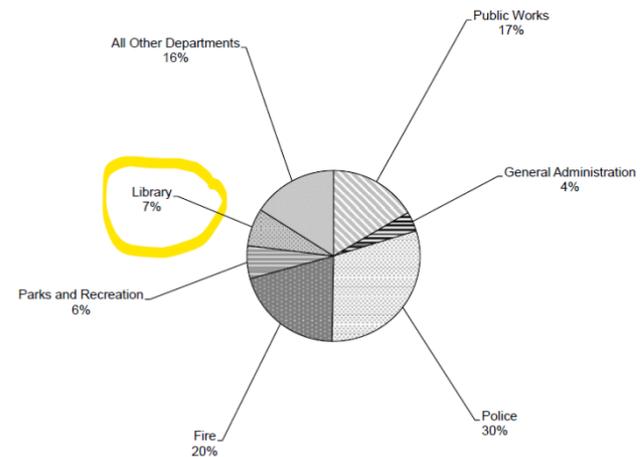
In general, how are public libraries funded?

- **Local Funding** provides most of the funding.
 - City, Village, County
 - Operational costs, collection budgets, technology, buildings and maintenance.
- **State Funding** supports the 15 library systems through state budget.
 - Interlibrary Loan, shared resources and catalogs, statewide services: braille and talking books, digital historical resources.
 - Library systems also rely on member fees
- **Federal Funding** supports efficiencies, innovation, and access at large scale.
 - Badgerlink databases, continuing education, grants for innovation, consulting for statutory compliance.
 - Proposed elimination and pending litigation

How is our library funded?

- City tax dollars
- Revenues from counties for residents who use libraries in non-librariated communities
 - APL offsets approx. 20% of funding with county reimbursements
- Additional funding from fees, donations and grants
- Very little funding from federal and state
 - IMLS: Library Services and Technology Act – none active
 - Non-State Grant Fund for Library Project \$274,000 (last year)
- Friends of APL provides grants that enhance, not replace, what can be accomplished with public funding
- Friends can be fiscal agents on grants for which APL would normally not qualify

2025 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
\$72,957,308



GENERAL FUND REVENUES
• Property taxes
• State aids
• State shared revenues
• Other revenues

APL Operating Budget

DEPARTMENT BUDGET SUMMARY							
Programs		Actual		Budget		% Change *	
Unit	Title	2022	2023	Adopted 2024	Amended 2024	2025	
Program Revenues		\$ 1,195,930	\$ 1,190,652	\$ 1,186,628	\$ 1,186,628	\$ 1,298,646	9.44%
Program Expenses							
16010	Administration	817,121	691,995	636,156	639,751	719,565	13.11%
16021	Children's Services	559,829	576,489	575,914	584,237	578,948	0.53%
16023	Public Services	659,767	704,838	789,086	793,086	883,005	11.90%
16024	Community Partnerships	562,575	548,111	549,149	572,712	551,911	0.50%
16031	Building Operations	764,788	636,792	640,030	640,030	711,663	11.19%
16032	Materials Management	1,337,667	1,279,895	1,317,500	1,319,840	1,424,593	8.13%
16033	Network Services	323,925	253,736	260,670	262,670	337,562	29.50%
TOTAL		\$ 5,025,672	\$ 4,691,856	\$ 4,768,505	\$ 4,812,326	\$ 5,207,247	9.20%
Expenses Comprised Of:							
Personnel		3,406,823	3,439,465	3,627,189	3,633,877	3,863,323	6.51%
Training & Travel		37,011	21,399	26,494	27,194	47,714	80.09%
Supplies & Materials		614,087	573,978	552,530	569,062	730,964	32.29%
Purchased Services		961,064	634,737	557,794	577,695	565,246	1.34%
Capital Outlay		6,687	22,277	4,498	4,498	-	-100.00%

APL Revenues

	<u>2022 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>2024 ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2024 REVISED BUD</u>	<u>2025 BUDGET</u>
Program Revenues						
423200 Library Grants & Aids	1,063,001	1,064,805	-	1,166,028	1,166,028	1,268,046
480100 General Charges for Service	742	788	190	-	-	-
500100 Fees & Commissions	358	-	-	-	-	-
501500 Rental of City Property	6,467	-	-	-	-	15,000
502000 Donations & Memorials	155	325	14	-	-	-
503500 Other Reimbursements	125,207	124,734	87,851	20,600	20,600	15,600
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	1,195,930	1,190,652	88,055	1,186,628	1,186,628	1,298,646

Capital Projects

The City capitalizes assets costing \$10,000 or more per item and having an expected life of three years or more.

- Decisions are made with 5-year spending plan.
- Council may only commit funding for the next year.
- Anything over \$25,000 becomes a separate budget request or CIP.

Kick off: Instructions from Finance & Mayor's office in spring

