

**AGENCY OF ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES
Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request**

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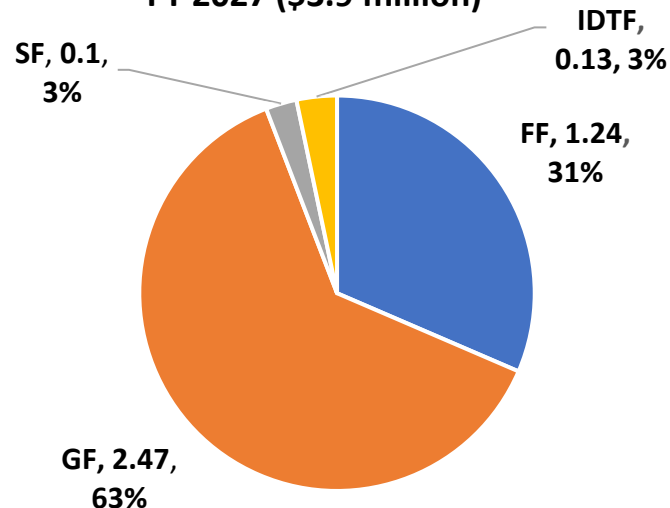
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Agency of Administration,
Department of Libraries
FY 2027 Governor's Recommend Budget

MISSION: To provide, administer, and maintain access to information in a variety of formats to the three branches of State government, libraries statewide, the general public, and Vermonters with special needs.

CORE VALUES: The Department of Libraries supports public, school, and academic libraries state-wide by fostering resource sharing between institutions state-wide and provides a service of advice and consultation to all libraries in the State to strengthen libraries in Vermont, enhance public access to information, and foster learning, and build community.

**Governor's Recommended Budget
FY 2027 (\$3.9 million)**



FY 2027 SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Exempt, 16 Classified, and 2 Limited-service positions
- Resource-sharing for all Vermonters:
 - Vermont Online Library
 - Palace Project App for eBooks, eAudiobooks
 - Automated Interlibrary Loan system
 - Courier service between public libraries
 - Statewide Summer Reading Program
- ABLE Library services to visually impaired and print disabled Vermonters
- Library services for state government and state employees
- Statewide consultation and continuing education for library staff and trustees, including the Vermont Certificate of Public Librarianship
- Administer federal capital project grant funding opportunities for Vermont's libraries
- FY2025 vacancy rate was 9.6%, and is 11.1% so far in FY2026

Executive Summary for FY 2027 Budget Book

Mission Statement

Guided by 22 V.S.A. §601-635, the mission of the Department of Libraries is to provide, administer, and maintain access to information in a variety of formats to the three branches of State government, libraries statewide, the general public, and Vermonters with special needs; to support, strengthen, and foster new means for statewide cooperation and resource sharing among all types of libraries and government agencies; to lead a service of advice and consultation to all libraries, in order to assist them in realizing their potential; and to increase public awareness of libraries and their services.

Inherent in this mission is the belief that libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in a democracy and that every person who lives in the State of Vermont should have access to the educational, cultural, recreational, informational, and research resources of libraries.

Executive Summary

To fulfill its mission the Vermont Department of Libraries provides:

- reference services, interlibrary loan service, and direct access to the Department's physical and online resources to State employees and Legislators;
- State Library collections focused on Vermont legislative history, Vermontiana, management, children's literature, federal documents, public policy, and library science;
- library materials to Vermonters who are incarcerated or who reside in State psychiatric facilities; and
- direct library services to Vermonters with qualifying visual and physical disabilities through the ABLE Library (Audio, Braille, Large Print, and Electronic resources).

The Department supports resource sharing among Vermont's public, academic, and school libraries by providing electronic resources to all Vermonters including the:

- Palace Project App, a statewide platform providing access to a growing collection of digital eBook and eAudiobook titles that supplements the online collections of local public libraries;
- Vermont Online Library, a collection of vetted, licensed digital resources including full-text periodicals, online reference books, health and medical information, small business resources, language learning, and auto repair manuals;
- Udemy, an online learning platform with more than 20,000 instructional videos and classes; and
- Peterson's Career and Test Prep, an online learning platform with skill-building resources in reading, writing, math, and science; college admissions exams; occupational licensing tests; workplace skills improvement and career exploration; CDL licensing; medical licensing; and SAT, LSAT, and GRE test preparation.

The Department encourages the sharing of physical library materials statewide the state's interlibrary loan (ILL) program by:

- providing an online ILL system (CLOVER) with easy and direct access to the holdings of Vermont's libraries;
- coordinating the statewide ILL courier system;
- providing annual courier grants to public libraries that participate in ILL; and
- obtaining materials requested by Vermonters from libraries in other states and throughout the world.

The Department supports excellence in library services statewide by:

- offering a robust schedule of Continuing Education programs for library staff and trustees including the Certificate of Public Librarianship;
- providing personalized consultation services to public and school library staff and public library trustees;
- collecting data and administering state and federal surveys to benchmark current levels of library service in Vermont;
- granting funds annually to the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) program at Vermont Law and Graduate School which provides Vermonters with access to legal information and legal reference services; and
- granting funds annually to support public libraries in providing high-quality, topical programming encouraging community dialog.

The Department promotes youth educational attainment statewide by:

- providing statewide summer reading program through annual non-competitive summer reading grants to public libraries and providing thematic promotional materials to support the program to public libraries;
- administering a competitive grant program to support local public libraries in developing engaging programs for youth;
- providing all Vermonters with access to a collection of high-quality, high-interest online reading materials to encourage a love of reading and help maintain reading gains;
- providing continuing education, training, and consultation services focused on library service to youth;
- supporting the facilitating the Vermont Youth Book Awards committees and facilitating youth voting to engage youth in reading and in voting for their favorite new titles; and
- providing continuing education to youth services libraries to encourage the provision of library programs and services for children, teens, and their families that foster early childhood literacy, STEAM learning, a lifelong love of reading, school readiness, and school success.

The Department administers local and federal grant funds to strengthen the capacity of Vermont's libraries to deliver quality services, build partnerships, strengthen community connections, and improve public access to information, including:

- Vermont's Grants to States annual allotment from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS);
- \$16.4M in funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for States, Territories & Freely Associated States for public library capital improvements addressing critical building projects that support library patron access to high-speed Internet enabling work, education, and health monitoring; and
- \$10M in Congressionally Directed Funding (CDS) for Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to enable small, rural public libraries to address capital project needs.

To further its goal of ensuring all Vermonters have equitable access to modern library services, the Department works with:

- The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which provides the Department with substantial annual funding through its Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States program, benchmarks library services nationally, and supports best practices in librarianship;
- The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) the Council of State Library Agencies in the Northeast (COSLINE): two communities of practice for State Library Administrative Agencies supporting excellence among State Library Agencies in the development and implementation of library services.

The Department presents the Vermont Book Award in partnership with Vermont Humanities.

The Department also regularly works with the American Library Association (ALA); Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL); Catamount Library Consortium; Green Mountain Library Consortium (GMLC); National Federation of the Blind of Vermont; National Library Service (Library of Congress); Northeast Organic Farming Association VT (NOFA); Preservation Trust of Vermont; Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI); Vermont Community Foundation; Vermont Council on Rural Development; Vermont Consortium of Academic Libraries (VCAL); Vermont Council of the Blind; Vermont Council on the Arts & Vermont Creative Network; Vermont Folklife Center; Vermont Historical Society; Vermont Humanities & Center for the Book; Vermont Library Association (VLA); and Vermont School Library Association (VSLA).

Vermont Department of Libraries 2027 Programmatic Budget

10/27/2025

22 V.S.A. § 605 The duties and functions of the Department of Libraries shall be to provide, administer, and maintain:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/22/013/00605>

22 V.S.A. § 606 The Department, in addition to the functions specified in section 605 of this title:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/22/013/00606>

	Shall
	May
	No mention

22 V.S.A. § 605, (1) A law library to serve the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, other members of the Judiciary, the legal profession, members of the General Assembly, officials of State government, and the general public.

Law Library	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Fund 21500 (Inter-Unit Transfers)
Community Legal Information Center	Grant to VT Law School	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Westlaw Database	Department holds SOV contract and is reimbursed by agencies with seats.	\$ 120,449.00	\$ 129,815.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,815.00
Program Total		\$ 210,449.00	\$ 219,815.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 129,815.00

22 V.S.A. § 605 (2) A collection of federal documents.

Collection of Federal Documents	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
	Partial Federal Depository library: Maintain print collection and provide access to print and online federal documents collections.					
Federal Depository Program Library	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries.</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 605 (3) An information and reference service to State government, including a comprehensive collection of current information relating to matters of public policy and topics pertinent to State government.

Information Service to State Government	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
ILL	<i>Costs reflected in Interlibrary Loan & Courier</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VT Online Library & Databases	<i>Costs reflected in Electronic Information Resol</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Policy Collection	<i>Costs reflected in State Library Collections</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reference Services	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 605 (4) A general library collection of a sufficient size and scope to reinforce and supplement the resources of local and regional libraries. All materials of the Department of Libraries shall be available for free circulation to all citizens, institutions, and organizations under procedures adopted by the State Librarian except that the State Librarian may restrict rare or reference-type materials to one location. The Department shall arrange, classify, and catalog all materials in its custody and provide for their safekeeping and shall rebind books as needed. The Department shall provide service to other libraries in the State, schools, and individuals and may provide service by mail or book wagon or otherwise.

Electronic Information Resources	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Fund 21015 (Smith)
Cengage Learning, Inc.	VT Online Library & Databases	\$ 286,000.00	\$ 286,000.00	\$ 97,240.00	\$ 188,760.00	\$ -
eBook & eAudiobooks - Adult	State Library digital books	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
eBook & eAudiobooks - Youth	State Library digital books	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Lyrais Platform	Palace Project App Platform	\$ 8,394.63	\$ 8,394.63	\$ 2,854.17	\$ 5,540.46	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 314,394.63	\$ 314,394.63	\$ 115,094.17	\$ 194,300.46	\$ 5,000.00

Interlibrary Loan & Courier	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
Auto-Graphics Inc.	CLOVER ILL (Share It)	\$ 218,580.98	\$ 226,419.20	\$ 76,982.53	\$ 149,436.67	\$ -
Auto-Graphics Inc.	State Library Online Catalog (Verso)	\$ 12,050.86	\$ 12,482.81	\$ 4,244.16	\$ 8,238.65	\$ -
Auto-Graphics Inc.	Verso Consortia Costs	\$ 14,621.00	\$ 14,621.00	\$ 4,971.14	\$ 9,649.86	\$ -
OCLC, Inc	Cataloging & World Share ILL	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 10,030.00	\$ 19,470.00	\$ -
NIC Vermont	Web forms - Courier data reporting	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 3,168.00	\$ -
Priority Express	Courier service and warehouse fees	\$ 18,504.00	\$ 19,107.00	\$ 16,285.00	\$ 2,821.50	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 298,056.84	\$ 306,930.01	\$ 114,144.82	\$ 192,784.69	\$ -

State Library Collections	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Fund 21015 (Smith)
Accessible Youth Collection	Print materials, State Library	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
State Library Collections - adult	Print materials, State Library	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
State Library Collections - youth	Print materials, State Library	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Library processing supplies	Print material labels, mylar, etc.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
WT Cox Information Services	State Library Newspapers	\$ 6,358.85	\$ 6,358.85	\$ 6,358.85	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 17,858.85	\$ 17,858.85	\$ 12,858.85	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00

22 V.S.A. § 605 (5) A service of advice and consultation to all libraries in the State, in order to assist them in realizing their potential. This service shall be provided at a regional level as well as at the State level. The Department may provide centralized cataloging and other related technical services to libraries in the State to the extent feasible.

22 V.S.A. § 606 (5) Shall provide a continuing education program for a Certificate in Public Librarianship. The Department shall conduct seminars, workshops, and other programs to increase the professional competence of librarians in the State.

22 V.S.A. § 606 (2) Shall provide consultative services to other libraries in the State, and shall encourage formation of central records of library holdings.

Library Workforce Development	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Fund 21015 (Smith)
	Workforce development led by Department staff					
Continuing Education webinars	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workforce Development General	Expert (non-department) webinars for external	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Workforce Development Youth	Expert (non-department) webinars for external	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Niche Academy	Instructional platform for library staff & trustee	\$ 8,505.00	\$ 8,760.00	\$ 2,978.40	\$ 5,781.60	\$ -
Professional Development	Professional Development for Department Staf	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Springshare LLC	Consultation data tracking platform	\$ 7,733.00	\$ 8,041.00	\$ 8,041.00	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 38,238.00	\$ 31,601.00	\$ 20,819.40	\$ 5,781.60	\$ 5,000.00

22 V.S.A. § 605 (6) All libraries in State correctional institutions and all State institutions for the treatment of persons with a mental condition or psychiatric disability and persons with an intellectual disability.

Services to Underrepresented Populations - Institutions	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
Correctional Facility Collections	Print materials, correctional facilities	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Psychiatric Facility Collections	Print materials, psychiatric facilities	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 22,600.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 605 (7) Reading materials for persons who are blind and persons with a physical disability.

Library Services to Individuals with Print Disabilities	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
Public Library Service to Blind & Print Disab	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Keystone Systems Inc	KLAS, ABLE Library Catalog	\$ 22,814.00	\$ 22,814.00	\$ 7,756.76	\$ 15,057.24	\$ -
NIC Vermont	ABLE Library Accessible Website	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 990.00	\$ -
ABLE Library Collections	Large Print Books & Periodicals	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 29,314.00	\$ 29,314.00	\$ 13,266.76	\$ 16,047.24	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 606 (1) Shall administer any grants-in-aid to libraries that may be available from State funds, and may prepare plans and applications to obtain federal aid monies that may be available.

Grant Administration	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Fund 21015 & 21014 (Smith & Learned)
Summer Reading Grants	Grants to public libraries, dependent on investr	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00
Winnie Belle Learned Grants	Grants to public libraries, dependent on investr	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
Courier Grants	Grants to public libraries, 100% IMLS funding	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ -	\$ 78,000.00	\$ -
IMLS Grant Administration	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IMLS 5-Year Evaluation	Independent evaluation	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ -
Program Total		\$ 146,000.00	\$ 161,000.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 91,200.00	\$ 63,000.00

22 V.S.A. § 606 (3) Shall promote improved communications among libraries in the State as well as cooperative use of facilities.

Communications Among Libraries	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
Regional Meetings	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Round Tables	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Twice-weekly Digest	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Newsletter	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries and Library Workforce Development (Springshare)</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Listserv Facilitation	<i>Costs reflected in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 606 (4) May provide facilities in cooperation with other libraries for storage of little-used materials.

No current activity.

22 V.S.A. § 606 (6) May receive and administer gifts of real and personal property accepted by the Governor on behalf of the State under 29 V.S.A. § 101.

No current activity.

22 V.S.A. § 606 (7) May dispose of by sale or exchange, or may discard, material that is obsolete or has ceased to be useful, because of its physical condition or otherwise. Any proceeds from the sale or disposition of materials shall be credited to a special fund established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the Department for the purchase of library materials.

Weeding State Library Collections	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	General Fund	IMLS Grants to States	Special Funds (Smith/WBL)
Collection maintenance	<i>Costs included in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 606 (8) Shall provide advice on State information technology policy.

Information Technology Advise	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
Commissioner serves on Web Portal Board and other committees/boards as required.	<i>Costs included in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 606 (9) May develop and adopt model policies for free public libraries concerning displays, meeting room use, patron behavior, internet use, library materials selection, and other relevant topics, as well as procedures for the reconsideration and retention of library materials, to ensure compliance with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Vermont laws prohibiting discrimination in places of public accommodation.

Model Policies	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	General Fund	IMLS Grants to States	Special Funds (Smith/WBL)
Leadership team and Consultants develop public library model policies	<i>Costs included in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 606 (10) Shall adopt a material selection policy and procedures for reconsideration and retention that reflect Vermont's diverse people and history, including diversity of race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability status, religion, and political beliefs.

State Library Policy Development	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000 (General)	Fund 22005 (IMLS)	Other
Leadership team and Consultants develop state library policies.	<i>Costs included in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

22 V.S.A. § 606 (11) May develop best practices and guidelines for public libraries and library service levels.

Benchmarking Statewide Public Library				Fund 10000	Fund 22005		
Service Levels	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	(General)	(IMLS)	Other	
Baker & Taylor Inc	Bibliostat data collection portal (PLS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Develop best practices & service guidelines for public libraries	<i>Costs included in Staffing & Salaries</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	

No mention in statute.

Cultural Programming	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	Fund 10000	Fund 22005	Other	
				(General)	(IMLS)		
Grants to support cultural programming	Direct grants to support programming in public libraries.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Program Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

Summer Reading Program Support, Book Awards & Early Childhood Literacy	Description	FY2026 Cost	FY2027 Cost	General & Special Funds	Fund 22005	Fund 21015	
					(IMLS)	(Smith)	
Youth Book Award Support	Mailing books (postage reimbursed by Friends of Dorothy Canfield Fischer), coordinating meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Collaborative Summer Library Program	Summer reading consortium membership	\$ 1,946.00	\$ 1,946.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,946.00
Program Total		\$ 1,946.00	\$ 1,946.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,946.00

Department of Libraries ARPA Capital Project Funded Program

Updated 1/7/26

The **U.S. Treasury Capital Project Fund for Libraries** is a competitive capital project grant program for public libraries to ensure Vermonters in recipient communities have continued access to high-speed internet to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at their local public libraries. This \$16.4M leverages funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the State's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. <https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectgrants/treasury>

The Department awarded \$15.9M in grants of \$174,502 to \$1.5M to 14 public libraries in September 2024. The period of performance ends on 12/31/26.

Grant Recipients

Library: Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

City: Canaan

County: Essex

Award: \$900,000

Project: Interior renovations for ADA compliance and improved patron centered useability, new HVAC system, new windows

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Arvin A. Brown Public Library

City: Richford

County: Franklin

Award: \$174,502

Project: Renovations to increase useable library space, new HVAC system, electrical system updates, new windows, and interior renovations for ADA compliance

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Bennington Free Library

City: Bennington

County: Bennington

Award: \$1,500,000

Project: Building envelope repairs with new windows and insulation, new HVAC system with electrical system updates

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Brandon Free Public Library Inc.

City: Brandon

County: Rutland

Award: \$1,406,936

Project: Installation of four-story elevator with renovations and improvements for ADA compliance, repair or replace windows for energy efficiency

Project Status: Complete

Capital Fund Project Profile: Brandon Free Public Library

Library: Brooks Memorial Library

City: Brattleboro

County: Windham

Award: \$1,472,501

Project: Asbestos abatement and building envelope repairs with interior and exterior renovations for ADA compliance

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Grand Isle Free Library

City: Grand Isle

County: Grand Isle

Award: \$1,500,000

Project: New library building construction

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Groton Free Public Library

City: Groton

County: Caledonia

Award: \$522,043

Project: Building expansion and envelope repairs with renovations for ADA compliance, new HVAC system

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Jeudevine Memorial Library

City: Hardwick

County: Caledonia

Award: \$725,000

Project: Library expansion with two-story addition, four ADA compliant bathrooms, HVAC plumbing and electrical updates

Project Status: Complete

Capital Fund Project Profile: Jeudevine Memorial Library

Library: Johnson Public Library

City: Johnson

County: Lamoille

Award: \$1,500,000

Project: Relocate building away from flood zone with new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, construct an addition to existing building, renovations to egresses for

ADA compliance

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Lawrence Memorial Library

City: Bristol

County: Addison

Award: \$483,000

Project: New HVAC system, building envelope repairs for structural integrity, electrical and mechanical system updates

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Leach Public Library

City: Irasburg

County: Orleans

Award: \$1,082,750

Project: Library expansion with two-story addition, new elevator, ADA compliant bathroom, and new HVAC system

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Middletown Springs Public Library

City: Middletown Springs

County: Rutland

Award: \$1,293,384

Project: Renovate and upgrade library building infrastructure at new library site

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Salisbury Free Public Library

City: Salisbury

County: Addison

Award: \$978,807

Project: Repair or replace HVAC system, new plumbing system, potable water, interior and exterior renovations for ADA compliance

Project Status: In Progress

Library: Wilder Memorial Library

City: Weston

County: Windsor

Award: \$650,000

Project: Building expansion and envelope repairs, new HVAC and plumbing systems, electrical system updates, and new ADA compliant bathroom

Project Status: In Progress

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Development Form: Department of Libraries

General \$\$ Transp \$\$ Educat \$\$ Clean Water \$\$ Special \$\$ Glob Commit \$\$ Federal \$\$ Int. Service \$\$ Interdept'l Transfer \$\$ All other \$\$ Total \$\$

Approp #1 [1130030000]:Libraries FY 2026 Approp	2,371,969	0	0	0	96,994	0	1,273,020	0	120,449	0	3,862,432
Other Changes: (Please insert changes to your base appropriation that occurred after the passage of the FY 2026 budget)											0
FY 2026 Other Changes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Approp. After FY 2026 Other Changes	2,371,969	0	0	0	96,994	0	1,273,020	0	120,449	0	3,862,432
CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL/CURRENT LAW	98,940	0	0	0	(9,816)	0	(31,185)	0	9,366	0	67,305
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>22,047</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(16,337)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>56,358</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9,366</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>71,434</i>
500000: Salary & Wages: Classified Employees	59,565				(7,914)		(4,661)				46,990
500010: Salary & Wages: Exempt Employees											
501500: Health Insurance: Classified Employees	7,382				(2,708)		(9,274)				(4,600)
501510: Health Insurances: Exempt Employees											
502000: Retirement: Classified Employees	17,572				(2,279)		(1,344)				13,949
502010: Retirement: Exempt Employees											
All Other Employee Payroll Related Fringe Benefits	(178)				(729)		(3,101)				(4,008)
504040: VT Family & Medical Leave Insurance Premium	31				(29)		(92)				(90)
504045: Child Care Contribution	263				(35)		(22)				206
505200: Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium	300						0				300
508000: Vacancy Turnover Savings	9,914						0				9,914
507550: Contract & 3rd Party-Info Tech (reallocation of COSLINE membership, moved to Dues 516500)	(86,095)						68,542				(17,554)
507600: Other Contr and 3rd Pty Serv (Increase needed because FY27 budget needs to include \$20K for LSTA evaluation & plan by independent contractor.)	10,953				457		8,950		9,366		29,726
Other Personal Services Expenses	2,340						(2,640)				(300)
507350: Contr&3rd Pty-Educ & Training					(3,100)						(3,100)
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>76,893</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11,721</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(63,410)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>25,204</i>
515010: Fee-for-Space Charge	0										0
516000: Insurance Other Than Employee Benefits	(41)										(41)
516010: Insurance - General Liability	126										126
516671: VISION/ISD	1,091										1,091
516685: ADS Allocated Charge	43,059										43,059
519006: Human Resources Services	7,558										7,558
523620: Single Audit Allocation	66										66
516660: ADS Service Level Agreement	(24,550)										(24,550)
514000: Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space	18,316										18,316
521500: Books&Periodicals-Library/Educ	16,215				10,000		(49,266)				(23,051)
Other Operating Expenses	15,053				1,721		(14,144)				2,630
<i>Grants</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(5,200)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(24,133)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(29,333)</i>
550220: Grants					(5,200)		(24,133)				(29,333)
											0
											0
Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	98,940	0	0	0	(9,816)	0	(31,185)	0	9,366	0	67,305
FY 2027 Governor Recommend	2,470,909	0	0	0	87,178	0	1,241,835	0	129,815	0	3,929,737

Department of Libraries FY 2026 Appropriation	2,371,969	0	0	0	96,994	0	1,273,020	0	120,449	0	3,862,432
Reductions and Other Changes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FY 2026 Total After Other Changes	2,371,969	0	0	0	96,994	0	1,273,020	0	120,449	0	3,862,432
TOTAL INCREASES/DECREASES	98,940	0	0	0	(9,816)	0	(31,185)	0	9,366	0	67,305
Department of Libraries FY 2027 Governor Recommend	2,470,909	0	0	0	87,178	0	1,241,835	0	129,815	0	3,929,737

Agency of Administration - Department of Libraries

Program Name	Program Purpose and Context	Program Services Provided	Program Website	Additional Reporting Links	Data Steward Email	Primary Outcome	Number of Measures Reported
ABLE Library	The ABLE Library serves blind Vermonters and individuals with visual impairment or print, reading, or learning disability. The ABLE Library is a network library for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled and connects Vermonters to this national program.	The ABLE library provides access to digital talking books, large print books in all genres, Wonderbooks and high contrast picture books, and audio-described DVDs. The ABLE Library also provides Vermonters with access to braille materials and hosts and presents library programs for the community it serves.	https://able.vermont.gov/		karen.gravlin@vermont.gov	Vermonters with Disabilities Live with Dignity and in Settings They Prefer	3
Information & Access	The Information & Access Division manages statewide interlibrary loan service through CLOVER and the Courier program; provides physical and online resources to Vermonters, including online databases, eBook, and eAudiobooks ; collects data for public libraries in the state; and provides reference services to legislators, state employees, libraries, and the public.	Access information and millions of physical books through the interlibrary loan system and the statewide courier network, online databases, and an eBook and eAudiobook platform.	https://libraries.vermont.gov/		thomas.mcmurdo@vermont.gov	Vermont Has Open, Effective, and Inclusive Government	4
Library Advancement	The Library Advancement Division provides consultation services and administers grants available to the Vermont library community with a goal of improving library service for all Vermonters.	The Advancement Division offers general consulting to library directors, library staff, and trustees on the topics of library management and operations, youth services, inclusive services, and services to rural communities. The Advancement Division oversees the Certificate of Public Librarianship program and continuing education for library professionals and trustees in Vermont.	https://libraries.vermont.gov/		janette.shaffer@vermont.gov	Vermont's State Infrastructure Meets the Needs of Vermonters, the Economy, and the Environment	4

Agency of Administration - Department of Libraries

Program Name	Measure	Measure Type	Unit Type	Polarity	Reporting Period	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Target	Notes
ABLE Library	Percent of ABLE users satisfied	Quality	Percent	Higher is Better	SFY	-	-	0.81	0.87	0.84	0.95	Notes on 2025 Performance: The Department undertook significant steps to improve patron privacy this year, including asking every ABLE user who wished to receive books from the National Library Service of the Library of Congress to submit a signed data-sharing consent form. This administrative activity may have negatively influenced satisfaction levels reported in the 2025 survey. Strategies to meet target: Develop ABLE library patron satisfaction survey. Implement ABLE patron satisfaction survey. Convene regular meetings of the ABLE Library advisory group to gather feedback about services with a goal of
ABLE Library	Number of active ABLE users	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	1111.00	1091.00	1106.00	994.00	848.00	950.00	Notes on 2025 Performance: In 2025, the Department conducted two necessary housekeeping tasks this year which impacted its ability to meet its target numbers: 1. Removal of long-dormant records of patrons (including deceased community members) and 2. Improving patron privacy practices. The community of ABLE library users has already begun to grow. Strategies to meet target: Perform outreach to community members eligible for ABLE library service, particularly youth. Distribute Brailled printed piece promoting the ABLE Library service to partner agencies.
ABLE Library	Number of ABLE Library items circulated	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	102022.00	117971.00	107418.00	104838.00	91863.00	110000.00	Strategies to meet target: Increase number of active ABLE Library users by promoting awareness of new collections for youth to school librarians so they can encourage use of these collections in their communities, promote awareness of available collections to existing ABLE library users, conduct outreach to service providers (e.g. ophthalmologists and optometrists).
Information & Access	Number of user searches Vermont Online Library databases	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	444662.00	503477.00	590509.00	508202.00	367797.00	500000.00	Note on 2025 Performance: Federated searching is impacting the manner in which this metric is reported by the vendor. The Department is working with the vendor to understand and address the issue so that usage is more accurately reflected.

Information & Access	Number of items loaned and borrowed through statewide CLOVER Interlibrary Loan (ILL) platform	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	45319.00	51425.00	56261.00	56842.00	57557.00	60000.00	Strategies to meet target: Conduct increased outreach to libraries not yet participating in the courier network focused on the savings in shipping costs of participating libraries through departmental communications. Continue to provide interlibrary loan courier grants to public libraries participating in the courier system to move Interlibrary Loan (ILL) materials between institutions.
Information & Access	Number of Vermont State Library eBooks and eAudiobooks circulated	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	9396.00	10049.00	10282.00	22297.00	20329.00	20000.00	Strategies to meet target: Grow the collection of eBook and eAudiobook titles available through the Biblioboard platform, which is more readily accessible at correctional facilities. After collection development, the Department will work with the Department of Corrections to provide incarcerated individuals with direct access to these resources. Promote the Palace App and its growth through the media and through regular updates in the Department's newsletter and email communications to libraries.
Information & Access	Percent of courier system libraries that report satisfaction with the service	Quality	Percent	Higher is Better	SFY	0.94	0.96	0.94	0.96	0.98	0.95	Strategies to meet target: Provide consultation and support to public libraries to address concerns and issues that evolve during the course of their participation in ILL resources sharing. Convene regular meetings of libraries participating in the ILL network to hear concerns and collaboratively develop solutions. Conduct annual survey to gauge satisfaction of participating libraries in the Interlibrary Loan service.
Library Advancement	Number of workforce development trainings for library staff and trustees.	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	81.00	58.00	55.00	61.00	54.00	60.00	Strategies to meet target: Offer Certificate Program Core Courses twice yearly. Add a series of trainings geared toward youth librarians, including an expert series focused on early childhood literacy.
Library Advancement	Number of library staff and trustees attendees of workforce development trainings offered by the Department.	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	1417.00	1520.00	1392.00	1209.00	2037.00	1250.00	Strategies to meet target: Continue to provide high-quality workforce development sessions and series for library professionals. Respond to post-session surveys of attendees to refine/improve training and to inform future topics.
Library Advancement	Number of consultations and reference interactions with library directors, trustees, and staff by the Department	Quantity	Number	Higher is Better	SFY	2414.00	2414.00	1926.00	3179.00	3337.00	2500.00	Notes on FY2025 Performance: The wind down of the FiberConnect network led to an increase in technology consultation this fiscal year. The Department anticipates the 2026 number to be more consistent with prior years.

Library Advancement	Number of graduates of Certificate of Public Librarianship program	Quantity	Number	No Polarity	SFY	29.00	20.00	14.00	33.00	31.00	25.00	Notes on FY2025 Performance: It typically takes 2 years for a learner to complete the Certificate of Public Librarianship Program. The Department have a new large cohort starting in 2025 and a large graduation last year, so anticipate a lower number of completions in FY2026.
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FY2025 - FY2026 CARRYFORWARD

Annually the General Assembly authorizes the Commissioner of Finance and Management to allow unspent appropriations from the General Fund to carryforward. The following table reflects the carryforward authorized by the Commissioner in FY2026 for the Department of Libraries.

Libraries Operations Costs Dept ID 113003000:

	FY2026 Appropriation	FY2025 Carryforward	% of FY2026 Appropriation
General Fund:			
Department of Libraries	\$ 2,371,969.00	\$ 135,396.05	6%
Total General Fund:	\$ 2,371,969.00	\$ 135,396.05	6%

Libraries Plan of Action:

The Department requests approval to use the entire carry-forward amount as follows:

1. Up to \$14,211 toward invoices not processed by June 13, 2025, for services and products ordered during Fiscal Year 2025. This is a base budget activity for which the original funding was provided.
2. \$90,000 toward the Fiscal Year 2025 Grant to the Vermont Law and Graduate School for the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC). This annual grant for law library services is typically made in June but was not processed prior to the year-end deadline in 2025. This is a base budget activity for which the original funding was provided.
3. \$31,185 to bridge the gap between Vermont's actual 2025 Grants to States allotment from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (\$1,241,835) and the post-COLA adjustment Grants to States figure in the Governor's FY2026 budget proposal (\$1,273, 020).

**1130030000 - Department of Libraries
Major Budget Object Comparison**

Source of Funds Detail - General Fund

General Fund	FY 2026 Appropriation Act	FY 2027 Governor Recommended	Difference	% Change
Personal Services	\$ 1,826,833.00	\$ 1,848,880.00	\$ 22,047.00	1.2%
Operating Expenses	\$ 455,136.00	\$ 532,029.00	\$ 76,893.00	16.9%
Grants	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal General Fund	\$ 2,371,969.00	\$ 2,470,909.00	\$ 98,940.00	4.2%

Source of Funds Detail - Special Fund

Special Fund	FY 2026 Appropriation Act	FY 2027 Governor Recommended	Difference	% Change
Personal Services	\$ 21,794.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (16,794.00)	-77.1%
Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ 11,721.00	\$ 11,721.00	
Grants	\$ 75,200.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (5,200.00)	-6.9%
Subtotal Special Fund	\$ 96,994.00	\$ 86,721.00	\$ (10,273.00)	-10.6%

Source of Funds Detail - Misc Special Revenue

Misc Special Revenue	FY 2026 Appropriation Act	FY 2027 Governor Recommended	Difference	% Change
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ 457.00	\$ 457.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	
Grants	\$ -		\$ -	
Subtotal Misc Special Revenue	\$ -	\$ 457.00	\$ 457.00	

Source of Funds Detail - Interdepartmental Transfer Fund

Interdepartmental Transfer Fund	FY 2026 Appropriation Act	FY 2027 Governor Recommended	Difference	% Change
Personal Services	\$ 120,449.00	\$ 129,815.00	\$ 9,366.00	7.8%
Operating Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	0.0%
Grants	\$ -		\$ -	0.0%
Subtotal Interdepartmental Transfer Fund	\$ 120,449.00	\$ 129,815.00	\$ 9,366.00	7.8%

Source of Funds Detail - Federal Fund

Federal Fund	FY 2026 Appropriation Act	FY 2027 Governor Recommended	Difference	% Change
Personal Services	\$ 1,102,063.00	\$ 1,158,421.00	\$ 56,358.00	5.1%
Operating Expenses	\$ 68,164.00	\$ 4,754.00	\$ (63,410.00)	-93.0%
Grants	\$ 102,793.00	\$ 78,660.00	\$ (24,133.00)	-23.5%
Subtotal Federal Fund	\$ 1,273,020.00	\$ 1,241,835.00	\$ (31,185.00)	-2.4%
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 3,862,432.00	\$ 3,929,737.00	\$ 67,305.00	1.7%

State of Vermont
FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget
Rollup Report

Organization: 1130030000 - Libraries
Sec No: B.110
BU: 01130

Budget Object Group: 1. PERSONAL SERVICES

Budget Object Rollup Name	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Salaries and Wages	1,284,224	1,308,521	1,308,521	1,365,425	56,904	4.3%
Fringe Benefits	818,589	986,154	986,154	991,911	5,757	0.6%
Contracted & 3rd Party Service	855,838	775,464	775,464	784,237	8,773	1.1%
Per Diem & Other Pers Services	343	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Budget Object Group Total: 1. PERSONAL SERVICES	2,958,993	3,071,139	3,071,139	3,142,573	71,434	2.3%

Budget Object Group: 2. OPERATING

Budget Object Rollup Name	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended to FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Equipment	449	0	0	0	0	0.0%
IT/Telecom Services and Equipment	136,203	97,814	97,814	123,315	25,501	26.1%
IT Repair and Maintenance Services	1,640	1,409	1,409	1,700	291	20.7%
Other Operating Expenses	15,275	16,592	16,592	17,100	508	3.1%
Other Rental	1,358	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0.0%
Other Purchased Services	112,208	130,224	130,224	132,230	2,006	1.5%
Property & Maintenance	1,813	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Property Rental	181,465	180,000	180,000	198,316	18,316	10.2%
Supplies	107,675	93,192	93,192	70,221	-22,971	-24.6%
Travel	6,120	2,619	2,619	4,172	1,553	59.3%
Budget Object Group Total: 2. OPERATING	564,205	523,300	523,300	548,504	25,204	4.8%

Budget Object Group: 3. GRANTS

Budget Object Rollup Name	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Grants	278,337	267,993	267,993	238,660	-29,333	-10.9%
Budget Object Group Total: 3. GRANTS	278,337	267,993	267,993	238,660	-29,333	-10.9%

Total Expenditures	3,801,535	3,862,432	3,862,432	3,929,737	67,305	1.7%
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Fund Name	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
General Funds	2,222,747	2,371,969	2,371,969	2,470,909	98,940	4.2%
Special Fund	190,272	96,994	96,994	87,178	-9,816	-10.1%
Federal Funds	1,260,811	1,273,020	1,273,020	1,241,835	-31,185	-2.4%
IDT Funds	127,705	120,449	120,449	129,815	9,366	7.8%
Funds Total	3,801,535	3,862,432	3,862,432	3,929,737	67,305	1.7%

Position Count	18.0
FTE Total	18.0

State of Vermont
FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget
Detail Report

Organization: 1130030000 - Libraries

Sec No: B.110

BU: 01130

Budget Object Group: 1. PERSONAL SERVICES

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Salaries and Wages	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
500000 - Salaries	1,284,005	1,187,948	1,187,948	1,227,866	39,918	3.4%
500010 - Exempt	0	201,614	201,614	208,686	7,072	3.5%
500060 - Overtime	219	0	0	0	0	0.0%
508000 - Vacancy Turnover Savings	0	-81,041	-81,041	-71,127	9,914	-12.2%
Total: Salaries and Wages	1,284,224	1,308,521	1,308,521	1,365,425	56,904	4.3%

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Fringe Benefits	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
501000 - FICA	92,955	90,876	90,876	88,687	-2,189	-2.4%
501010 - FICA - Exempt	0	15,423	15,423	15,236	-187	-1.2%
501500 - Health Insurance	353,057	414,347	414,347	405,397	-8,950	-2.2%
501510 - Health Ins - Exempt	0	43,255	43,255	47,605	4,350	10.1%
502000 - Retirement	340,609	342,131	342,131	353,628	11,497	3.4%
502010 - Retirement - Exempt	0	44,122	44,122	46,574	2,452	5.6%
502500 - Dental Insurance	13,874	13,650	13,650	14,064	414	3.0%
502510 - Dental - Exempt	0	1,706	1,706	1,758	52	3.0%
503000 - Life Insurance	5,685	4,841	4,841	3,095	-1,746	-36.1%
503010 - Life Ins - Exempt	0	867	867	555	-312	-36.0%
503500 - Long Term Disability	676	425	425	361	-64	-15.1%
503510 - LTD - Exempt	0	339	339	350	11	3.2%
504000 - Employee Assistance Program	576	595	595	606	11	1.8%
504010 - EAP - Exempt	0	74	74	76	2	2.7%

504040 - VT Family & Medical Leave Ins	4,521	5,156	5,156	5,066	-90	-1.7%
504045 - Child Care Contribution Exp	4,807	6,114	6,114	6,320	206	3.4%
505200 - Workers Comp - Ins Premium	1,828	2,233	2,233	2,533	300	13.4%
Total: Fringe Benefits	818,589	986,154	986,154	991,911	5,757	0.6%

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Contracted and 3rd Party Service	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
507350 - Contr&3rd Pty-Educ & Training	15,150	12,200	12,200	9,200	-3,000	-24.6%
507550 - Contract & 3rd Party-Info Tech	688,650	628,165	628,165	610,612	-17,553	-2.8%
507600 - Other Contr and 3rd Pty Serv	152,038	134,699	134,699	164,425	29,726	22.1%
507615 - Interpreters	0	400	400	0	-400	-100.0%
Total: Contracted and 3rd Party Service	855,838	775,464	775,464	784,237	8,773	1.1%

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
PerDiem and Other Personal Services	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
506000 - Per Diem	343	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total: PerDiem and Other Personal Services	343	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%

Total: 1. PERSONAL SERVICES	2,958,993	3,071,139	3,071,139	3,142,573	71,434	2.3%
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Budget Object Group: 2. OPERATING

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Equipment	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
522700 - Furniture & Fixtures	449	0	0	-	0	0.0%
Total: Equipment	449	0	0	0	0	0.0%

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
IT/Telecom Services and Equipment	FY2025 Actuals					

Description						
516605 - ADS VOIP Exp	1,960	1,980	1,980	1,980	0	0.0%
516652 - Telecom-Telephone Service	0	335	335	0	-335	-100.0%
516657 - Telecom-Toll Free Phone Serv	0	340	340	0	-340	-100.0%
516659 - Telecom-Wireless Phone Service	6,952	8,500	8,500	7,400	-1,100	-12.9%
516660 - ADS Service Level Agreement	77,949	27,472	27,472	2,922	-24,550	-89.4%
516671 - IT Inter Svc Cost-VISION/ISD	24,284	26,560	26,560	27,651	1,091	4.1%
516683 - IT InterSvcCost ProjManage&Rvw	0	0	0	7,676	7,676	0.0%
516685 - IT Inter Svc ADS Allocated Fee	23,046	25,127	25,127	68,186	43,059	171.4%
519085 - Software as a Service	16	0	0	0	0	0.0%
522201 - Hardware-Computer Peripherals	983	7,500	7,500	1,500	-6,000	-80.0%
522216 - Hardware-Desktop & Laptop PCs	1,013	0	0	6,000	6,000	0.0%
Total: IT/Telecom Services and Equipment	136,203	97,814	97,814	123,315	25,501	26.1%

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
IT Repair and Maintenance Services	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
513010 - Repair & Main-OfficeTechEquip	1,640	1,409	1,409	1,700	291	20.7%
Total: IT Repair and Maintenance Services	1,640	1,409	1,409	1,700	291	20.7%

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Other Operating Expenses	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
523035 - Storage Areas	13,807	14,400	14,400	14,842	442	3.1%
523620 - Single Audit Allocation	1,468	2,192	2,192	2,258	66	3.0%
Total: Other Operating Expenses	15,275	16,592	16,592	17,100	508	3.1%

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Other Rental	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
514550 - Rental - Auto	1,322	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
515000 - Rental - Other	36	50	50	50	0	0.0%
Total: Other Rental	1,358	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0.0%

Other Purchased Services	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Description						
516000 - Insurance other than Empl Bene	487	485	485	444	-41	-8.5%
516010 - Insurance - General Liability	9,691	10,282	10,282	10,408	126	1.2%
516500 - Dues	11,200	12,000	12,000	12,771	771	6.4%
516813 - Advertising - Print	0	400	400	0	-400	-100.0%
516820 - Advertising - Job Vacancies	-251	1,146	1,146	1,000	-146	-12.7%
516872 - Sponsorships	0	150	150	0	-150	-100.0%
517005 - Printing & Binding-BGS Copy Ct	318	2,000	2,000	200	-1,800	-90.0%
517010 - Printing-Promotional	120	0	0	350	350	0.0%
517050 - Process&Printg Films, Microfilm	278	259	259	300	41	15.8%
517100 - Registration for Meetings&Conf	3,110	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%
517120 - Emp Training & Background Chks	150	0	0	0	0	0.0%
517205 - Postage-BGS Postal Svcs Only	3,597	6,250	6,250	3,800	-2,450	-39.2%
517300 - Freight & Express Mail	7,107	10,879	10,879	4,276	-6,603	-60.7%
517400 - Instate Conf, Meetings, Etc	182	0	0	0	0	0.0%
517410 - Catering/Meals Cost	378	980	980	600	-380	-38.8%
517500 - Outstate Conf, Meetings, Etc.	-520	648	648	648	0	0.0%
519005 - Agency Fee	59,950	65,393	65,393	70,523	5,130	7.8%
519006 - Human Resources Services	15,713	16,152	16,152	23,710	7,558	46.8%
519040 - Moving State Agencies	700	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total: Other Purchased Services	112,208	130,224	130,224	132,230	2,006	1.5%

Property and Maintenance	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Description						
510220 - Recycling	13	0	0	0	0	0.0%
512000 - Repair & Maint - Buildings	1,800	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total: Property and Maintenance	1,813	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Property Rental	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Description						

514000 - Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space	181,214	180,000	180,000	198316	18,316	10.2%
514010 - Rent Land&Bldgs-Non-Office	251	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total: Property Rental	181,465	180,000	180,000	198,316	18,316	10.2%

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Supplies	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
520000 - Office Supplies	2,459	2,627	2,627	2,627	0	0.0%
520015 - Stationery & Envelopes	348	275	275	275	0	0.0%
520500 - Other General Supplies	2,702	1,822	1,822	1,822	0	0.0%
520540 - Educational Supplies	1,946	0	0	0	0	0.0%
520712 - Water	326	268	268	325	57	21.3%
521500 - Books&Periodicals-Library/Educ	97,882	88,000	88,000	64,949	-23,051	-26.2%
521510 - Subscriptions	1,974	0	0	223	223	0.0%
521512 - Subscription-DOL-Electronic	38	0	0	0	0	0.0%
521515 - Subscriptions Other Info Serv	0	200	200	0	-200	-100.0%
Total: Supplies	107,675	93,192	93,192	70,221	-22,971	-24.6%

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Travel	FY2025 Actuals					
Description						
518000 - Travel-Inst-Auto Mileage-Emp	0	290	290	290	0	0.0%
518010 - Travel-Inst-Other Transp-Emp	48	0	0	0	0	0.0%
518500 - Travel-Outst-Auto Mileage-Emp	188	138	138	138	0	0.0%
518510 - Travel-Outst-Other Trans-Emp	2,303	958	958	958	0	0.0%
518520 - Travel-Outst-Meals-Emp	505	162	162	162	0	0.0%
518530 - Travel-Outst-Lodging-Emp	2,856	999	999	2,552	1,553	155.5%
518540 - Travel-Outst-Incidentals-Emp	220	72	72	72	0	0.0%
Total: Travel	6,120	2,619	2,619	4,172	1,553	59.3%

Total: 2. OPERATING	564,205	523,300	523,300	548,504	25,204	4.8%
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Budget Object Group: 3. GRANTS

		FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
Grants Rollup	FY2025 Actuals					

Description						
550220 - Grants	278,337	267,993	267,993	238,660	-29,333	-10.9%
Total: Grants Rollup	278,337	267,993	267,993	238,660	-29,333	-10.9%
Total: 3. GRANTS	278,337	267,993	267,993	238,660	-29,333	-10.9%

Total Expenditures	3,801,535	3,862,432	3,862,432	3,929,737	67,305	1.7%
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Fund Name	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Original As Passed Budget	FY2026 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed	Percent Change FY2027 Governor's Recommended and FY2026 As Passed
General Funds	2,222,747	2,371,969	2,371,969	2,470,909	98,940	4.2%
Special Fund	190,272	96,994	96,994	87,178	-9,816	-10.1%
Federal Funds	1,260,811	1,273,020	1,273,020	1,241,835	-31,185	-2.4%
IDT Funds	127,705	120,449	120,449	129,815	9,366	7.8%
Funds Total	3,801,535	3,862,432	3,862,432	3,929,737	67,305	1.7%

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Position Summary Report

Organization: 1130030000 - Libraries

Sec No: B.110

BU: 01130

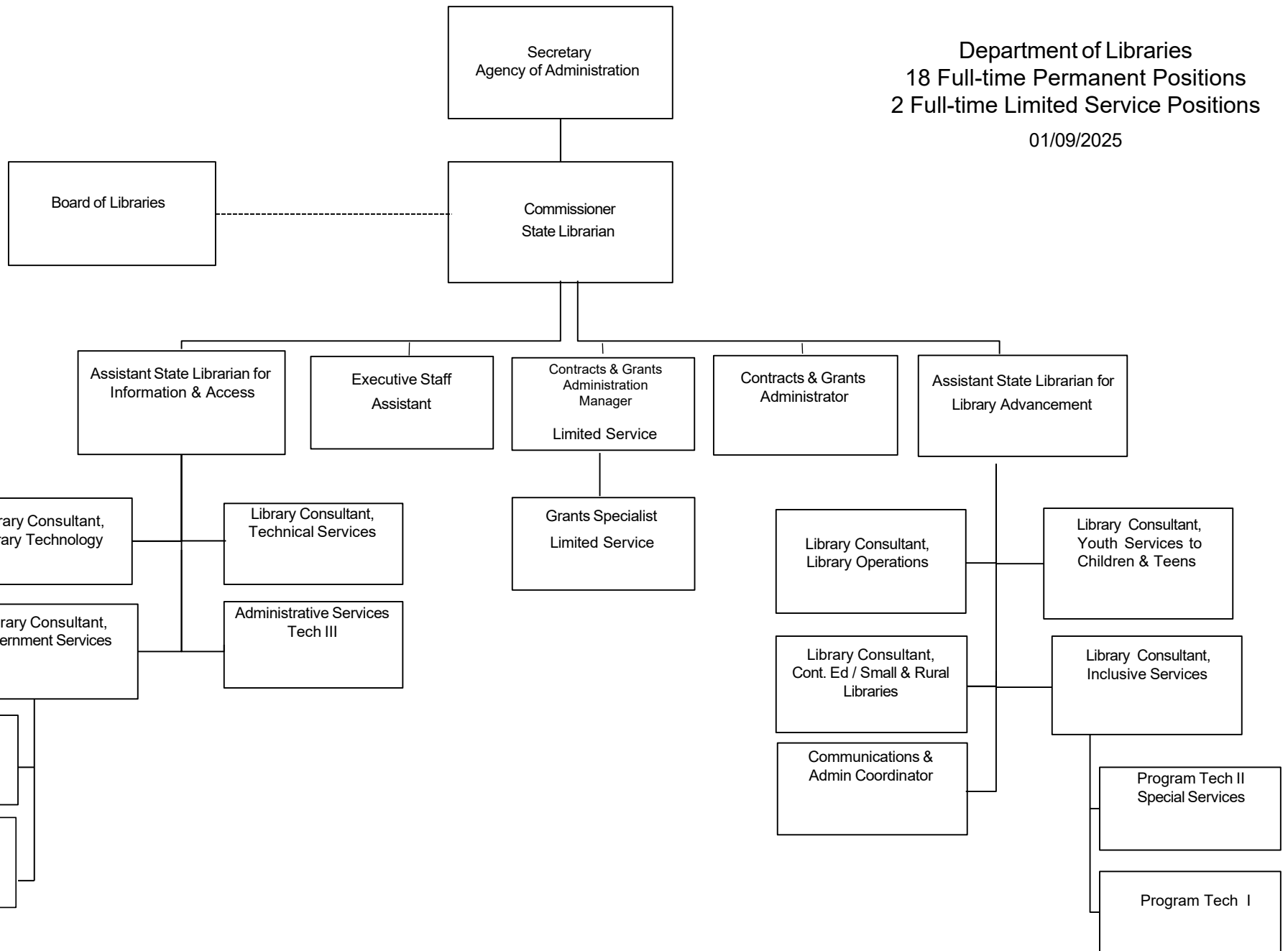
Position Number	Classification	FTE	Count	Gross Salary	State Benefits	Federally Mandated	Total
780049	[004700] Program Technician I	-	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
780026	[004800] Program Technician II	1	1	\$61,692	\$34,250	\$4,492	\$100,434
787003	[00500E] Executive Staff Assistant	1	1	\$67,475	\$50,990	\$4,706	\$123,171
780049	[050100] Administrative Assistant A	1	1	\$45,552	\$45,869	\$3,484	\$94,905
780010	[089180] Administrative Svcs Tech II	1	1	\$60,715	\$19,057	\$4,644	\$84,416
780003	[089190] Administrative Svcs Tech III	1	1	\$63,981	\$34,764	\$4,666	\$103,411
780002	[131000] Assistant State Librarian	1	1	\$102,315	\$46,559	\$7,600	\$156,474
780038	[131000] Assistant State Librarian	1	1	\$112,465	\$64,508	\$8,149	\$185,122
780040	[220302] Library Consultant AC: Svcs	1	1	\$84,615	\$55,998	\$6,016	\$146,629
780001	[220310] Library Consultant	1	1	\$84,615	\$67,173	\$5,846	\$157,634
780032	[220310] Library Consultant	1	1	\$71,532	\$53,630	\$5,471	\$130,633
780033	[220310] Library Consultant	1	1	\$84,614	\$67,173	\$5,846	\$157,633
780043	[220310] Library Consultant	1	1	\$79,310	\$39,514	\$5,839	\$124,663
780050	[220310] Library Consultant	1	1	\$71,531	\$36,924	\$5,244	\$113,699
780054	[220310] Library Consultant	1	1	\$87,444	\$56,845	\$6,234	\$150,523
780024	[220500] Librarian A	1	1	\$67,517	\$62,064	\$4,538	\$134,119
780030	[220809] Library Comm Admin Coordinator	1	1	\$79,685	\$65,701	\$5,469	\$150,855
780007	[550200] Contracts & Grants Administrat	1	1	\$70,283	\$36,816	\$5,149	\$112,248
787001	[90390A] State Librarian	1	1	\$141,211	\$47,620	\$10,530	\$199,361
Total		18	18	\$1,436,552	\$885,455	\$103,923	\$2,425,930

Fund #	Fund Name	FTE	Count	Gross Salary	State Benefits	Federally Mandated	Total
10000	10000 - General Fund	12	12	\$1,003,310	\$601,628	\$72,743	\$1,677,681
22005	22005 - Federal Revenue Fund	6	6	\$433,242	\$283,827	\$31,180	\$748,249

Total		18	18	\$1,436,552	\$885,455	\$103,923	\$2,425,930
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Department of Libraries
18 Full-time Permanent Positions
2 Full-time Limited Service Positions

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FY2027 Governor's Recommended Budget
Federal Receipts Inventory Report**

Organization: 1130030000 - Libraries

Sec No: B.110

BU: 01130

Fund Name	Federal Grant Number (ALN)	Federal Grant Name	Justification	Budget Request Amount
22005 - Federal Revenue Fund	45.310	Institute of Museum and Library Services - State Library Program	IMLS award	\$1,241,835
Total				\$1,241,835

Fund Name	Budget Request Amount
22005 - Federal Revenue Fund	\$1,241,835
Total	\$1,241,835

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Grants Out Inventory Report**

Organization: 1130030000 - Libraries

Sec No: B.110

BU: 01130

Fund Name	Grant Recipient	Grant Purpose	Prior Year Budget Amount	Budget Request Amount	Variance
10000 - General Fund	VT Law Library	CLIC Grant	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0
21014 - Winnie Belle Learned Fund	Public Libraries- To be determined	Support programming for youth in public libraries.	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
21015 - Elva S Smith Bequest	Public Libraries- To be determined	Support Public Libraries	\$75,200	\$52,000	-\$23,200
22005 - Federal Revenue Fund	Public Libraries- To be determined	Support Public Libraries	\$102,793	\$78,660	-\$24,133
Total			\$285,993	\$238,660	-\$47,333

Fund Name	Prior Year Budget Amount	Budget Request Amount	Variance
10000 - General Fund	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0
21014 - Winnie Belle Learned Fund	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
21015 - Elva S Smith Bequest	\$75,200	\$52,000	-\$23,200
22005 - Federal Revenue Fund	\$102,793	\$78,660	-\$24,133
Total	\$285,993	\$238,660	-\$47,333

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Interdepartmental Transfers Inventory Report

Organization: 1130030000 - Libraries

Sec No: B.110

BU: 01130

Fund Name	Sending Org	Sending Org Sec No.	Justification	Budget Request Amount
21500 - Inter-Unit Transfers Fund	1100010000 - Secretary of Administration - Secretary's Office	B.100	355 users within the Executive Branch Staff for the Westlaw legal reference database.	\$79,318
21500 - Inter-Unit Transfers Fund	1215001000 - Legislative Counsel	B.125	23 users within the Legislative Branch Staff for the Westlaw legal reference database.	\$5,139
21500 - Inter-Unit Transfers Fund	2120000000 - Judiciary	B.204	181 users within the Judicial Branch Staff for the Westlaw legal reference database.	\$40,441
21500 - Inter-Unit Transfers Fund	3400001000 - Human Services - Agency of Human Services - Secretary's Office	B.300	20 users within the other independent boards and entities for the Westlaw legal reference database.	\$4,917
Total				\$129,815

Fund Name	Budget Request Amount
21500 - Inter-Unit Transfers Fund	\$129,815
Total	\$129,815

Department of Libraries Narrative

Updated January 2026

Mission

Guided by 22 V.S.A. Sec. 601-635, the mission of the Vermont Department of Libraries is to provide, administer, and maintain access to information in a variety of formats to the three branches of State government, libraries statewide, the general public, and Vermonters with special needs; to support, strengthen, and foster new means for statewide cooperation and resource sharing among all types of libraries and government agencies; to lead a service of advice and consultation to all libraries, to assist them in realizing their potential; and to increase public awareness of libraries and their services.

Inherent in this mission is the belief that libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in a democracy and that every citizen of the State of Vermont should have access to the educational, cultural, recreational, informational, and research benefits of libraries.

Goals & Objectives

- Expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages to support their needs for business development and creation, workforce development, digital literacy, and lifelong learning.
- Promote resource sharing through interlibrary loan and improve coordination among and between agencies, departments, and outside organizations to make information more accessible to vulnerable, underserved, and remote populations.
- Increase the department's capacity to provide services and programs by improving our organizational framework and supporting a well-trained and empowered workforce.
- Provide access to resources available statewide through interconnected platforms that share content/collections across libraries.
- Provide libraries opportunities to strengthen their capacity to provide quality services and resources to all citizens.
- Enhance workforce readiness programs, including entrepreneurial endeavors, using materials and services available through libraries.
- Build partnerships, programs, and services that enhance access to early childhood and family literacy, digital literacy, and lifelong learning library resources, particularly to populations facing barriers to traditional library services.

Work Units and Functions

The **Commissioner of the Department of Libraries & State Librarian** oversees all functions of the Department of Libraries including the Business Unit and the Information and Access, Library Advancement, and Capital Projects divisions. The State Librarian administers state, federal, and special funding, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations. The State Librarian is advised by the Vermont Board of Libraries.

The **Business Unit** comprises the Commissioner & State Librarian, the Executive Staff Assistant, and the Contracts and Grants Manager. This team oversees the administration of the Department's state and federal allocations, human resources activities, procurement, contracting, and granting.

The **Information & Access Division**, directed by the Assistant State Librarian for Information & Access, provides resources to legislators, state employees, libraries, and the public. The functions of this division include:

- Selecting, cataloging, and maintaining the print and physical collections of the Vermont State Library, including materials focused on Vermont legislative history, Vermontiana, library science, and public policy;
- Serving as a partial federal depository, and makes physical and online federal government documents available to Vermonters;
- Providing reference services to state employees, libraries, and the public;
- Granting funds annually to the Vermont Law & Graduate School to support public access to a comprehensive law library and legal reference service;
- Consulting public library staff on cataloging and technology topics;
- Administering the statewide interlibrary loan service through the CLOVER platform;
- Administering the Courier network of 144 public, school, and academic libraries in Vermont through which interlibrary loan materials are shared;
- Awarding non-competitive grants to Vermont's public libraries to offset the cost of participating in the Courier network;
- Providing online information resources to all Vermonters through the Vermont Online Library;
- Supplementing the eBook and eAudiobook collections of local public and school library collections through the Palace Project App;
- Supporting information technology projects of the Department's website, library listservs, the online catalog of the State Library, and the CLOVER platform;

- Gathering and compiling annual public library statistics from public libraries in Vermont and reporting this data to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the national Public Library Survey; and
- Gathering and compiling other public library metrics relevant to library service in Vermont.

The **Library Advancement Division**, directed by the Assistant State Librarian for Library Advancement, supports the Vermont library community to improve services for all Vermonters. The functions of this division include:

- Providing consultation services to public library directors, staff, and trustees on library operations, youth services, inclusive services, and library services to rural communities;
- Providing training in topics of library science to public library directors, staff, and trustees;
- Administering Certificate of Public Librarianship program and continuing education for library professionals and trustees in Vermont;
- Administering the Audio Braille Large-print Electronic (ABLE) Library, a network library of the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, which directly provides public library service to Vermonters who are blind or have other print disabilities;
- Granting special funds (Smith and Winnie Belle Learned) in support of youth services programming at public libraries in Vermont; and
- Administering the annual Grants to States allocation from the Institute of Museum and the Library Services' Library Services and Technology Act grant to the State of Vermont.

The **Capital Projects Division**, comprising two limited-service staff, administers the Department's two one-time federal grant programs to support capital improvements in public libraries across the state. These two grant programs are:

- The **U.S. Treasury Capital Project Fund for Libraries** is a competitive capital project grant program for public libraries to ensure Vermonters in recipient communities have continued access to high-speed internet to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at their local public libraries. This \$16.4M leverages funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the State's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Department awarded \$15.9M in grants of \$174,502 to \$1.5M to 14 public libraries in September 2024. The subrecipients will complete their renovations, expansions, or new builds by the end of December 2026. <https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectgrants/treasury>
- The **Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants for Small, Rural Public Libraries in Vermont** is a competitive \$10M capital project grant program for public libraries made possible with one-time funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through their FY2023 Economic

Initiative Community Project Funding program. The program is intended to support capital projects necessary to maintain, repair, or improve existing library buildings. This funding was made possible with the support of Senator Leahy, who included the Department's proposal in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The Vermont Department of Libraries launched the application process for \$9.6 million in competitive grant funding through the Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants for Small, Rural Public Libraries in Vermont on December 3, 2025. The application period will end on March 31, 2026. The Department plans to award grants to public libraries for the repair or replacement of existing features of their library buildings and/or for accessibility upgrades. The Department anticipates awarding at least 20 grants of \$50,000-400,000 through a highly competitive process. Vermont public libraries eligible for the funding must be housed in buildings owned by an incorporated public library or a municipality and must be open at least 14 hours per week. The application evaluation rubric will favor small public libraries located in rural communities. <https://libraries.vermont.gov/capitalprojectgrants/public-facilities-preservation>