

Legislative Agendas and Priorities 2019 Summary of States by Topic

Funding – State Aid (General)

California- Focus on libraries as centers that benefit a wide range of community
Florida – Request to increase aid to public libraries to 33 million (currently 20.5 million)
Missouri - Maintain funding levels
Montana - Support state aide per capita (not noted asking for increase or not)
Nevada – asking for 1.5 million permanent funding for databases, emerging technology, book collections, bookmobiles
New Jersey -Asking for 10.5 million supplemental appropriation for increase per capita aid
New Mexico – increase funding per capita from \$0.38 to \$1
New York – Requesting 200 million (a 100 million increase)
Missouri- Requesting small increase in per capita for state aid.
Pennsylvania- Focus on restoring funding to the public library subsidy line
Rhode Island – Increase state aid to minimum 25% of local (currently 22%)
West Virginia- maintain but ask for \$1 more per capita for grants-in aid

Academic Libraries

Alaska – restoration of lost funding in budget of University of Alaska libraries
Florida- increase in statewide e-resource funding by 20% as cost risen 27% since 2012 with no increase

After School Programs Summer Programs

Alaska – Live homework help
California- Funding for after school and for summer Lunch at the Library
Rhode Island- Return \$300,000 funding for AskRI.org for online homework help via Tutor.com

Broadband

Alaska – Funding for Online with Libraries (OWL) broadband program
Indiana- Advocate for initiatives to provide additional broadband coverage for communities, schools, libraries
Missouri- Continue funding internet connectivity, no cuts
New Mexico- Fund Library Broadband infrastructure fund 1 million for five consecutive years
West Virginia – Advocate for adequate and affordable broadband in all areas for individuals and public sectors

Census

California- Secure adequate funding for libraries to assist with collection and submission
New York- Asking 40 million for library-based Complete Count Initiatives

Construction

Alaska- Working for future library construction law when economy improves
California – Seek measure on ballot for library construction/infrastructure
Florida- Requesting \$11.25 million
Massachusetts-Requesting 250 million in new bond funding
New York- Requesting 75 million and opportunities for small and rural libraries to apply
West Virginia – Fund new Libraries Improvement Fund with 10 million

Early Education

California - Seeks funding to serve as centers of early education among other services

High School Diploma Program

Florida- \$750,000 to continue Smart Horizons Online H.S. through public libraries

Innovation, Development, and Collection Grants

Alaska – public school library collection grants (asking for future as financial situation not good)
Florida – Requesting establishing competitive innovation grant program at 2 million

Net Neutrality/Open Access

Alaska- Supporting net neutrality for unfettered access to all
California-Advocate for net neutrality
Illinois - Seeking reintroduction of bill to prohibit state to do business with ISP's that throttle content
Rhode Island- Will support net neutrality bills if re-introduced.

Interlibrary Loan

Massachusetts- Increase funding to stabilize delivery to support sharing (costs 45% higher than 2011)
Kansas- Increase in funding to Kansas Express Courier

Repository

Texas- Provide funding for new open educational resources repository.

Rural Endowment

New Mexico- Requesting 50 million endowment that would provided dedicated funding for 49 public and tribal libraries under 3,000 in population

School Libraries

Alaska -Adoption of AASL National Standard by Department of Education (Alaska)
Arizona- Focus on role of school libraries and how funding increases impact of success of teacher librarians
Indiana- Requesting increase of \$2 per student per capita for materials, certified school librarians
Kansas- Importance of school librarians to student success
Missouri - Continue funding with no cuts
Montana- Support for school libraries and teacher librarians
New Jersey- For required school librarian per pupil ratio, add information literacy in curriculum K-12
New Mexico- 1 book per child- \$3 million for each of next five years. Request state administrator position for school libraries
Rhode Island- Change to education plan or legislation that would require cert librarian in every school, support adoption of AASL National Standards by Dept. of Ed.

Statewide Databases and Resources

Alaska- Asking for full funding to keep at current databases
Indiana- Requesting stable funding for state's virtual library
Montana -
Kansas- Maintain statewide database funding

State Library

Alaska -Full funding for state library
California- Advocate for funding
Missouri- Support for funding
Montana- Funding for state library
Nevada- 13 million to support new State Library Knowledge and Information Center
Texas- State Library and Archives Reauthorization and their budget. And for them to be able to advertise services and resources, and produce educational materials for sale.

Systems and Centers

Florida - \$2 million for multi-type cooperatives to fully fund grant program for resource sharing, training, interlibrary loan, shared catalogs
West Virginia -Increase funding to \$1.02 per capita for 13 Service Center libraries around the state.

Taxing

Missouri- maintain non-resident professional athletes/entertainer tax which Library Network Fund receives 10%. Monitor legislation that could allow lowering of property taxes
Utah- Focus on getting librarians into authorizing language of new tax law
West Virginia-

Tribal Libraries

New Mexico- Requesting 20 million for capital improvements/education programming from Yazzie Lawsuit

Trustee Laws

Illinois- Refine language to make consistent qualifications to serve as trustee for municipal and district libraries