

As you know, the budget situation is not looking good for Illinois. Currently, the legislators have passed a “50% budget” and you’ve likely heard various agencies preparing for a “doomsday budget.” We want to keep you informed of how this current budget, which goes into effect July 1, could potentially impact both your library and the services you receive from Library Systems and the Illinois State Library.

Below is the information that has been gleaned from known “library bills.” It is likely that there are other bills and sources and this chart will be updated as this information is known.

What can you do?

Be informed. Read this information and understand the implications for both your library and your library partners.

Talk to your legislators. Let them know about your concerns and offer your support.

Be ready to act. The situation changes quickly in Springfield, and we need to be ready to mobilize.

SB1197 (House Amendment 2) - (09600SB1197ham002)

SOURCE	APPROPRIATED TO	AMOUNT	ORIGINAL
General Revenue Fund	SOS	\$15,667,800	\$27,410,500

FOR: Operational expenses, awards, grants, and permanent improvements

HB2206 Engrossed (Passed both houses 5/30/09)

SOURCE	APPROPRIATED TO	AMOUNT	ORIGINAL
Live & Learn	SOS	\$16,004,200	\$16,004,200

FOR: For annual equalization grants, per capita and area grants to library systems, and per capita grants to public libraries, under Section 8 of the Illinois Library System Act.

This amount is in addition to any amount otherwise appropriated to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Live & Learn	SOS	\$300,000	\$300,000
Accessible Electronic Info Svc Fund	SOS	\$77,000	\$77,000

FOR: Blind and physically handicapped.

Live & Learn	SOS	\$1,145,000	\$1,145,000
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FOR: Annual per capita grants to all school districts of the State for the establishment and operation of qualified school libraries or the additional support of existing qualified school libraries under Section 8.4 of the Illinois Library System Act. This amount is in addition to any amount otherwise appropriated to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Live &Learn	SOS	\$274,000	
SOS SPEC SVC FUND	SOS	\$226,000	

FOR: Grants to library systems for library computers and new technologies to promote and improve interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing programs among Illinois libraries.

Live &Learn	SOS	\$306,000	\$306,000
SOS SPEC SVC FUND	SOS	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

FOR: Annual library technology grants and for direct purchase of equipment and services that support library development and technology advancement in libraries statewide.

Live &Learn	SOS	\$810,800	\$810,800
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FOR: Grants to libraries for construction and renovation as provided in Section 8 of the Illinois Library System Act. This amount is in addition to any amount otherwise appropriated to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Federal Library Svc Fund	SOS	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
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FOR: Library services under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act, P.L. 104-208, as amended; and the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, P.L. 89-209. These amounts are in addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Live &Learn	SOS	\$500,000	\$500,000
Federal Library Svc Fund: LSTA Title IA	SOS	\$0	\$0
SOS SPEC SVC FUND	SOS	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund	SOS	\$50,000	\$50,000

FOR: Support and expansion of the Literacy Programs administered by education agencies, libraries, volunteers, or community based organizations or a coalition of any of the above. Grants to benefit Illinois Veterans Home libraries.

State Library Fund	SOS	\$12,000	\$12,000
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FOR: To increase the collection of books, records, and holdings; to hold public forums; to purchase equipment and resource materials for the State Library; and for the upkeep, repair, and maintenance of the State Library building and grounds.