

Library of Virginia



Mission:

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and culture and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Collections and Usage

The Library of Virginia oversees the most comprehensive collection documenting Virginia history, culture, and government available anywhere.

- ❖ Printed collections: 1,891,721 books, periodicals, government publications, etc.
- ❖ Virginia newspapers: 49,897 reels of newspaper microfilm
- ❖ Photographs/images: 300,000
- ❖ Archives:
 - 144,700,000 manuscripts
 - 49,139 reels of microfilm
 - 45,587 maps
- ❖ Visitation: 246,007 in FY 2011
- ❖ Virtual visitation: 2,489,648 online users in FY 2011 (main website and Virginia Memory)

Core Responsibilities

- ❖ Operate two facilities – the main Library building and the State Records Center
- ❖ Acquire, catalog, process, and provide access to our collections
- ❖ Oversee the Commonwealth's archives and records management program
- ❖ Provide guidance and advice to Virginia's 91 public library systems and administer state and federal aid to libraries

FY 2012 General Fund Budget

❖ State aid for public libraries (56.53%)	\$14,771,834
❖ Rent paid to DGS (9.02%)	\$2,356,396
❖ Salaries/wages/fringe benefits (26.56%)	\$6,940,155
❖ Operating budget (7.89%)	\$2,060,915
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State Aid to Local Libraries

State Aid is a formula-based grant program described in § 42.1–48 of the *Code*.

Full funding of the formula occurs when the General Assembly allocates sufficient funds to permit each library system to claim all monies due from the combination of local effort, per capita, and square miles served.

Funds are prorated when the formula is not fully funded.

State Aid Funding

Full funding of state aid to public libraries today would require an appropriation of \$26,688,522.

The current budget for FY 2012 provides \$14,771,834, or 55% of full funding.

Uses of State Aid

- ❖ Approximately 76% of State Aid is used for books and library materials and resources
- ❖ 12% is used for equipment (including computers), furniture, automation systems, etc.
- ❖ 9% is used for salaries for professional librarians

For many library systems, State Aid is the only funding source for materials.

Public Library Services

Libraries are critical community anchor institutions serving more patrons than ever.

Citizens are using libraries for local news and events, e-government, workforce development and jobs, homework, continuing education, medical information, and entrepreneurship.

To continue its mission, the Library community is seeking restoration of a 2% reduction in State Aid reflected in the Governor's FY 2013 budget (\$295,436) and \$2.5 million additional funding to bring State Aid appropriation closer to full funding.

Budget Request for Electronic Records

The Library of Virginia cannot currently keep up with processing electronic records coming in to the state archives. The number of paper records that are transferred to the archives are holding steady while the electronic material is growing exponentially. Management of electronic records is much more complicated than paper.

- ❖ Requesting \$219,000 for FY 2013 and \$401,000 for FY 2014
- ❖ Covers cost of 4 positions (2 records analysts and 2 archivists), training, hardware and software

Find It Virginia

- ❖ Collection of databases that offer all Virginia citizens free, 24/7 access to a wide array of online information resources
- ❖ License agreements for Find It Virginia negotiated and managed by Library of Virginia
- ❖ Currently funded through federal LSTA grant program
- ❖ Comparable in concept to VIVA, but content targeted to K-12 and general public

<http://www.finditva.com/>