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<p style="text-align: center;">State University Libraries</p> <p>The Florida Library Association supports the funding request of the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) for electronic informational databases.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community College Libraries</p>  <p>The Florida Library Association supports continued funding and support of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) and statewide online electronic library resources.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">State Library & Archives of Florida</p> <p>(Department of State, Division of Library & Information Services)</p>  <p>The Florida Library Association supports the continuation of the Department of State, in particular the Division of Library and Information Services, and its programs in their current form as the agency goes through the Sunset Review process.</p>
<p>Public School Media Centers</p> <p>The Florida Library Association endorses the 2010 Legislative Platform of the Florida Association for Media in Education.</p> <p>FLA recognizes the critical importance of high quality school media center programs administered by professional librarians.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Braille & Talking Book Services</p>  <p>The Florida Library Association supports continued funding for the Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services to provide quality services to all eligible residents of Florida.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Department of Correction Library Services</p> <p>The Florida Library Association supports continued funding for State Correctional Institution Libraries.</p>

State Aid to Public Libraries

The Florida Library Association supports working toward the restoration of State Aid to Public Libraries funding from the current \$21,253,978 to the \$33,400,000 appropriated in 2000-2001. In 2008-2009 the appropriation was \$23,384,001. If funding is reduced further, vitally needed federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds received by Florida will be reduced. Florida received LSTA funding of \$8.7 million in 2009.

State aid provides critical funding that enables libraries to provide services such as

- *Access to government services, especially e-government* – public libraries are the “go to” place when Floridians need to use a computer and access the Internet to get government services
- *Education and reading* – libraries are the safety net that ensures that students of all ages succeed in school. Florida’s public libraries offer almost 40 million items for learning and reading
- *Local economic development* – libraries provide vital services to small businesses; individuals are helped with job searches and career information

Other State Programs for Libraries

Public Library Construction

The Florida Library Association supports funding of all Department of State approved Public Library Construction Grant applications* of up to \$500,000 each. This program

- Provides critical support to communities for new construction, renovation and expansion
- Makes available conveniently located, adequately sized, and up-to-date public library facilities



* A ranked list is available separately.

Community Libraries in Caring

The Florida Library Association supports funding of \$200,000 in Community Libraries in Caring (CLIC) Grants that provide essential funding for Florida’s small, rural public



libraries. CLIC Grant funds are used to

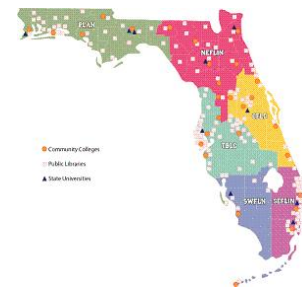
- Teach adults and children to read and write
- Purchase new books and audio visual items

A list of applicants is available separately.

Library Cooperatives

The Florida Library Association supports working toward restoration of Library Cooperative Grant funding from the current \$1.2 million to the \$2.4 million appropriated in 2007-08. These funds are critical for Florida’s six multi-type library cooperatives (MLCs). These funds are used to

- Maintain the Florida database of library records that makes interlibrary loan among libraries possible
- Coordinate resource sharing so Floridians can use resources from other libraries through ground delivery and reciprocal borrowing services
- Continuously upgrade the skills of library employees



Early Voting

The Florida Library Association supports the expansion of early voting sites to public locations beyond libraries and other currently allowed locations.