

**State Library
Budget 250
Senate Bill No. 2013; House Bill No. 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 legislative appropriation	29.75	\$4,078,187	\$1,898,325	\$5,976,512
2005-07 legislative appropriation	28.75	3,507,082	1,659,272	5,166,354
2007-09 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriation	1.00	\$571,105	\$239,053	\$810,158

NOTE: The 2007-09 legislative appropriation amounts include \$117,746, of which \$100,674 is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$10 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

State aid to public libraries - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1.2 million from the general fund for state aid to public libraries, an increase of \$200,000 from the amount appropriated for the 2005-07 biennium of \$1 million.

State aid to public libraries reimbursement - House Bill No. 1309 provides that the State Library withhold from the amount of state aid to which a public library is entitled during the 2007-09 biennium any amount the public library received in excess of that to which it was entitled during the 2005-07 biennium as a result of a statutory dispute regarding the meaning of a mill levy. The State Library is to use the funding withheld to reimburse public libraries that received less during the 2005-07 biennium as a result of the dispute regarding the meaning of a mill levy.

Library Vision 2010 - The 2007 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$237,500 from the general fund for grants relating to the Library Vision 2010 project.

Status/Result

The State Library is providing the state aid to public libraries in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 54-24.2-02 that provides \$1 per capita for city libraries and \$1 per capita and \$5 per square mile for county libraries. Libraries must maintain a maintenance-of-effort requirement that provides no public library is eligible to receive any funds appropriated for state aid to libraries during a fiscal year if the governing body has diminished the appropriation for public library services below the average of the three preceding fiscal years.

The State Library is adjusting the state aid to libraries payments for the first year of the 2007-09 biennium to reduce payments to libraries overpaid and increase payments to libraries underpaid as a result of a statutory dispute regarding the meaning of a mill levy during the 2005-07 biennium.

The State Library will be awarding Library Vision 2010 grants to school and local libraries to pay costs associated with cataloging library records and adding them to the statewide library database. The State Library estimates adding 5 libraries to the database to date during the 2007-09 biennium for a total of 66 libraries. The State Library has identified 37 public libraries and 124 school libraries that would be eligible to add their library records to the statewide library database.