

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

State Aid Budget Application - 2007-2008

CentralBookAid

2.15 **Budget Narrative:** Provide a brief narrative, no more than five hundred (500) words, explaining how expenditures in the proposed budget application attain the goals and intended results described in the system's approved Five-Year Plan of Service for the funding year.

The Central Library Development Aid helps fund personnel services for professional and support staff members who are essential in assisting Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) achieve its goal of providing service to Central Library patrons and support public service by providing fast, accurate information for patrons. Staff members of the Business, Science and Technology (BST) department support the economic development of Erie County, and are able to work with local organizations, including Service Corps of Retired Executive (SCORE) and other organizations to help assist individuals and small businesses. This aid will also support personnel costs for the Grosvenor Room. The Grosvenor Room houses the B&ECPL's local history, genealogy and rare book collection. Staff in the Grosvenor Room provide assistance to patrons in genealogical research, school projects and local history. These staff members also expand the visibility of the resources, including the Library's Rare Book holdings that are available to the citizens of Erie County thereby assisting the B&ECPL in achieving its goal of developing the Central Library as a unique downtown destination.

Central Library Book Aid will be used to purchase/subscribe to several databases that provide electronic access to information, which supports the diverse population of Erie County, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. These databases complement the collections available at the Central Library.