

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.

Goal 1: The Central Library will continue to conduct outreach and develop community partnerships, as well as provide and expand library service, collections and programs to Brooklyn's diverse community.

- Collections dollars will be allocated towards the purchase of education and job information materials to support the demand for these items as a result of the increase in the number of adult education and job information programs offered at the Central Library (Financial aid, College bound resources, and Resume workshops).*
- Collection dollars will be spent on titles for the poetry workshops, health and wellness, and book discussions to support the increase in the number of participants at outreach events and programs.*
- Increase spending on World Language materials to support the increase in the number of participants at programs for immigrant/multicultural groups and the changing demographic in the borough. The Multilingual Center has completed a year-long physical inventory of materials to improving accuracy of holdings in the OPAC.*

Goal 2: Well trained staff is key to the success of the Central Library.

- Staff will receive cross-division training and review new materials and collections in order to better serve the information needs of the community.*
- Materials will be purchased to support the professional development of staff which will be available for circulation by the public as well.*

Goal 3: The Central Library is the flagship facility of the Brooklyn Public Library.

- As the largest location in the system, with the largest collection, the Central Library is a resource for the entire borough. As a result, materials are purchased in all subject areas to support the reference, informational and recreational needs of the community of Brooklyn.*
- Purchase additional materials to support the newly renovated Brooklyn Collection and Education and Job Information Center.*