

Monroe County Library System

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 2007-08 Central Library Budget represents an attempt to survive continuing tight fiscal constraints and maintain baseline services, while at the same time, begin rebuilding efforts to restore the library to its' role as the premier educational institution in Monroe County. .

One of the goals for the Central Library as stated in the MCLS Plan of Service is to provide research and information referral services for MCLS members. In order to accomplish this, Central Library Development Aid will be used to provide for the professional salaries of one subject specialist, one bi-lingual library assistant, and for the salary of two part-time librarian assistants. This will result in improved reference service (in-person and by telephone) provided by the Central Library. The addition of the professional staff will allow Central to share library staff expertise with member libraries as pertains to Central's special collections and resources.

Central Library Development Aid will also be used to pay for the microfilming of periodicals and adding reference materials to the collection. The funds of Central Book Aid also will be used to purchase adult non-fiction library materials. This strategy allows for the Central Library to provide and maintain in-depth collections in all formats that supplement member library collections.

CLDA funds go toward the multi-purpose automation cost of the Systems Integrated Library System (ILS).