

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.

During the past six years the Schenectady County Public Library has concentrated on thoroughly weeding and updating our collections. Collection maintenance and making the collection accessible to our member library patrons are the main areas where CLDA funds will be spent. Last year we circulated more items than ever before and we loaned more items through interlibrary loan than ever before.

CLDA funding comprises less than 2% of our budget but it is vital for our interlibrary loan service to member libraries and for direct borrowing by member library patrons.

Last year reference services at the Central Library answered more than 90,000 questions. Many of these questions were from member libraries and their patrons. Reference staff also presented programs for member library staff and redesigned the library website to make it more user friendly.