



ALA's Report on Library Funding in the United States;

41 States Report Cuts

(Chicago, Illinois) America's libraries are an important part of the community. More than 106,000 public, academic, and school libraries serve Americans nationwide. They are diverse and changing places, which open doors of opportunity and provide equal access to information. People of all ages and background benefit from the expert guidance of librarians @ your library.

ALA has found that libraries in at least 41 states (82 percent) report funding cuts of as much as 50 percent. Most of the data accumulated from published reports reflects deep cuts to library budgets on the federal, state, and local levels. Many "positive" news stories describe a status quo situation—library staff are relieved that their limited budgets aren't reduced further or that fundraising efforts are underway to close funding gaps.

Here are some general trends:

- Libraries report reductions of library personnel; salary freezes; reductions in operating hours (including some library closings); elimination of some programs and services such as bookmobiles and interlibrary loans; decreased books and materials budgets; minimal hiring of library professionals and staff; and an increased dependence on volunteers and part-time employees.
- There is an increased trend in fundraising by Friends organizations, volunteers, and community supporters. More importantly, revenues from these campaigns are supplementing operating expenses instead of supporting programs, services, or long-term projects.
- A small number of libraries are reporting positive impacts such as new construction of libraries, expansion of hours, small pay increases, and reinstatement of previously cut hours or services.

We will continue to update our database of information on a weekly basis.

Find out how changes to library funding are impacting your library. Click on the map to search data on a specific state or use the links below.

Members of the media can arrange interviews with national spokespeople by calling Larra Clark, ALA Press Officer, at 312-280-5043 or Macey Morales, PR Coordinator, at 312-280-4393.



<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Maine</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>
<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Maryland</u>	<u>Oregon</u>
<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>Massachusetts</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>
<u>California</u>	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Rhode Island</u>
<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Minnesota</u>	<u>South Carolina</u>
<u>Connecticut</u>	<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>South Dakota</u>
<u>Delaware</u>	<u>Missouri</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
<u>Florida</u>	<u>Montana</u>	<u>Texas</u>
<u>Georgia</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>Utah</u>
<u>Hawaii</u>	<u>Nevada</u>	<u>Vermont</u>
<u>Idaho</u>	<u>New Hampshire</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
<u>Illinois</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>Washington</u>
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>New Mexico</u>	<u>West Virginia</u>
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>
<u>Kentucky</u>	<u>North Dakota</u>	

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Resources & Links

- For a more detailed report on bond issues, see [American Libraries'](#) annual Referenda Roundup.
- **TAKE ACTION!** Find out how you can support libraries in your community.
- Check out what's happening [@ your library](#) in the Campaign for America's Libraries.

For more information, contact ALA Public Information Office at **fundingdata@ala.org**.



Library Funding Feedback Form

Nothing makes the case more strongly for decision makers than personal stories and hearing from constituents. We know that these published reports only scratch the surface of what's happening around the country. Your library story will help bring the facts and figures to life. Thank you for your contribution.

Name:

Organization/Library:

Position:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email:

Negative impacts on library budgets:

Positive impacts on library budgets:

Fundraising Activities:

Potential Bond Issues:

Please make any additional comments below:



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A total of \$80 million has been cut by state for 2003-2004 education budget and another \$140-190 million is projected to be cut from the 2004-2005 budget. As a result, school libraries have virtually no money for library enhancement. Public libraries also are struggling and are cutting staff because of funding cuts.

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To search the data, select specific information from the drop-down menus, or use the grid below to see all current funding information about this state.

Search by:

Library Type:

Name of Library:

City:

Library Name	City	Type	Date
		S	11/02/2003
<p>Negative Impact: A total of \$80 million has been cut by state for 2003-04 education budget and another \$140-190 million is projected to be cut from 2004-05 budget; there will be no money for library enhancement</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date

		Calera	P	11/05/2003
<p>Negative Impact:</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.: Calera Library Board moving ahead on building new library; architect's plans have been approved; need to work on fundraising plans to raise the \$1.5 million needed</p>				
Library Name	City	Type	Date	
	Montgomery	P	02/11/2004	
<p>Negative Impact: Facing a \$200 million budget gap, the Montgomery City Council approved nearly \$7 million in cuts, including cuts to the library; will cut four hours per week of service at county libraries in Bethesda, Davis, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Olney, Wheaton, and White Oak; reduced hours go into effect on March 1 (savings of \$100,000)</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>				
Library Name	City	Type	Date	
Alabama Public Library Service	Montgomery	SA	10/28/2003	
<p>Negative Impact: Because of state budget cuts, 10 of 51 jobs will be eliminated; had to cut \$250,000 out of salary and benefits; sustained 10% cut in funding; 6 employees will be laid off (4 retired)</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>				
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Alabama schools		S	10/27/2003
<p>Negative Impact: State cut money for library enhancement for second time in three years; some schools might not be able to renew periodical subscriptions, replace worn or lost books, to buy new books; Legislature passed budget that cut much of the money available for libraries</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Autauga County schools		S	10/27/2003
<p>Negative Impact: Cut of more than \$75,000 intended for libraries (2002 \$73,142 and 2004 \$0)</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Elmore County High School	Eclectic	S	10/27/2003
<p>Negative Impact: State funds for library enhancements were completely cut; periodical subscriptions may not be renewed; worn/lost books may not be replaced; no new books purchased; Elmore Co. school system lost \$92,000+ in state funds for library enhancement; worried about maintaining accreditation standards; 2002 \$92,000 and 2004 \$0)</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			

Library Name	City	Type	Date
Homewood Public Library	Homewood	P	08/27/2003
<p>Negative Impact: Receives about 97% of funding from the city, which could reduce its allocation from the state; if library gets less from the city, it could get a waiver that would allow it to receive full funding from the state</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Homewood Public Library	Homewood	P	09/24/2003
<p>Negative Impact: Library eliminating 3 positions in anticipation of funding cuts (A clerk in children's library and 2 circulation clerks)</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Indian Valley Elementary School	Sylacuga	S	11/02/2003
<p>Negative Impact: No funds for libraries this year</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date

Montgomery County schools		S	10/27/2003
<p>Negative Impact: Loss of more than \$280,000 in library funds (2002 \$286,457 and 2004 \$0)</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library	Norristown	P	11/02/2003
<p>Negative Impact: Library has slashed spending by \$300,000 for 2004; videos, DVDs, and popular books (Harry Potter) might be cut/reduced; longer waiting lists</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities: Facing a \$1.1 million cut in state aid, library starting a new fundraising campaign</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Pell City schools	Pell City	S	11/02/2003
<p>Negative Impact: \$93,000 cut from library enhancement and technology</p> <p>Positive Impact:</p> <p>Potential Fundraising Activities:</p> <p>Fundraising Results:</p> <p>Bond Issues & Misc.:</p>			
Library Name	City	Type	Date
Talladega City Schools	Talladega	S	11/02/2003
<p>Negative Impact: \$27,000 cut from library enhancement</p>			

Positive Impact:

Potential Fundraising Activities:

Fundraising Results:

Bond Issues & Misc.:

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Talladega County School System	Talladega	S	11/02/2003

Negative Impact: \$66,359 cut in library enhancement funds

Positive Impact:

Potential Fundraising Activities:

Fundraising Results:

Bond Issues & Misc.: