

# Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission

## Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Library Commission's statutory authority is set forth under Article 4, Chapter 51 of Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 2005. In addition to the powers granted in Chapter 51, state statutes provide that the Commission is the state agency designated to receive federal library program funds appropriated through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Information on the LSTA may be viewed on the Institute of Museum and Library Services website: <http://www/imls.gov/>

## Vision Statement:

Affordable, reliable, progressive and equitable library services for all Nebraskans regardless of their economic status and geographic location.

## Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska Library Commission is statewide promotion, development and coordination of library and information services. As the state library agency, the Commission is an advocate for the library and information service needs of all Nebraskans.

## Goals:

1. Nebraska library personnel will have the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to provide quality library and information services for all Nebraskans.
2. All Nebraskans will have improved access to enhanced library and information services.
3. Nebraska libraries will have appropriate technologies to access and deliver online library and information services.
4. Eligible Nebraskans will have access to regional books and magazines in an accessible format, as well as to the Library of Congress talking book and Braille collection.
5. Improve the operations, facilities and resources of the Nebraska Library Commission to achieve agency goals 1-4.

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	3,553,085	3,670,057	4,180,019	3,720,300	4,185,569	3,779,262
Cash Fund	104,049	95,349	95,349	96,547	95,349	97,908
Federal Fund	1,387,438	1,400,678	1,515,074	1,469,405	1,616,199	1,506,686
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	5,044,572	5,165,984	5,790,442	5,286,252	5,897,117	5,383,856

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## Program 252 - Statewide Library & Information Services

### Program Objectives:

Program 252: Statewide Library and Information Services consists of the following components: Agency Administrative / Support Services, Network Services, Reference and Information Services, Talking Book and Braille Services, and Library Development Services.

Goals, activities and evaluation measures for the Nebraska Library Commission are identified in the Commission's long range plan for Library and Information Services 2003 - 2007 which may be viewed at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/1staplan/2003-2007planindex.html>

Specific activities for each of the Library Commission's goals are enumerated in the "Supporting Information" section.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	2,289,071	2,386,024	2,404,751	2,434,658	2,441,251	2,491,634
Cash Fund	104,049	95,349	95,349	96,547	95,349	97,908
Federal Fund	658,453	716,008	767,906	774,135	777,906	795,291
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,051,573</b>	<b>3,197,381</b>	<b>3,268,006</b>	<b>3,305,340</b>	<b>3,314,506</b>	<b>3,384,833</b>

### Performance Measures:

The following performance measures were selected as highlights of NLC activities during the past two years (fiscal years 2005 and 2006). Complete outputs and outcomes are outlined in the "Supporting Information Section."

- |   | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
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| 1. Reference questions answered   | 16,083  | 15,283  |
| 2. Loan transactions for libraries  | 9,965   | 9,539   |
| 3. Electronic Library (hits)  | 400,848 | 489,913 |
| 4. Nebraska state documents added   | 4,490   | 4,757   |
| 5. Electronic state documents downloaded  | 0       | 715     |
| 6. Web site hits  | 552,383 | 684,986 |
| 7. "Ask a Librarian" on NE.Gov site   | 12,500  | 9,296   |
| 8. During FY 2006, the Talking Book and Braille Service circulated a total of 168,406 recorded books, magazines, and videos; and 182,211 such items in FY 2005.   |         |         |
| 9. 27 talking books and 127 magazine issues were recorded in Library Commission studios in FY 2006, and 21 books and 136 magazine issues in FY 2005.  |         |         |
| 10. During FY 2006, a total of 42,441 cassettes were duplicated by Telex high speed tape duplication equipment; 377 issues of magazines were duplicated for circulation to borrowers. In FY 2005, volunteers provided 1,978.55 hours of assistance in the recording of books and magazines in Library Commission studios and 2,516.68 hours in FY 2006. |         |         |

## Agency 34 - Nebraska Library Commission Program 302 - Government Aid

### Program Objectives:

The Government Aid Program provides state and federal (Library Services and Technology Act) funds to improve local library services. This goal is met, in part, by increasing access to library services through expansion of library service units, encouraging cooperation and partnerships among all types of libraries, and strengthening the operations, facilities and resources of libraries. The major aid packages are Library Lender Compensation, Public Library Aid, Public Library Services and Technology, Regional Library Systems, NebraskAccess, Professional Development Grants and Children and Youth Services Grants. A more detailed description of each Aid package is included in the "Supporting Information" section of the narrative.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,264,014	1,284,033	1,775,268	1,285,642	1,744,318	1,287,628
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	728,985	684,570	747,168	695,270	838,293	711,395
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,992,999</b>	<b>1,968,603</b>	<b>2,522,436</b>	<b>1,980,912</b>	<b>2,582,611</b>	<b>1,999,023</b>

### Performance Measures:

Performance measures for the major aid packages -- Nebraska Lender Compensation, Public Library Aid, Public Library Services and Technology, Regional Library Systems, NebraskAccess, Professional Development Grants and Children and Youth Services Grants are provided in the "Supporting Information" section of this narrative.

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