

# State of the STATE LIBRARY

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# AGENDA

- Budget
  - Overview of FY 20-21 budget
- COVID-19 Effects
- Accomplishments



# State Library: Total Budget FY 20-21

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| State Funding         | \$3,638,022        |
| Transfer from Tourism | \$821,436          |
| Self-generated        | \$90,000           |
| Federal Funding       | \$2,689,040        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>   | <b>\$7,238,498</b> |

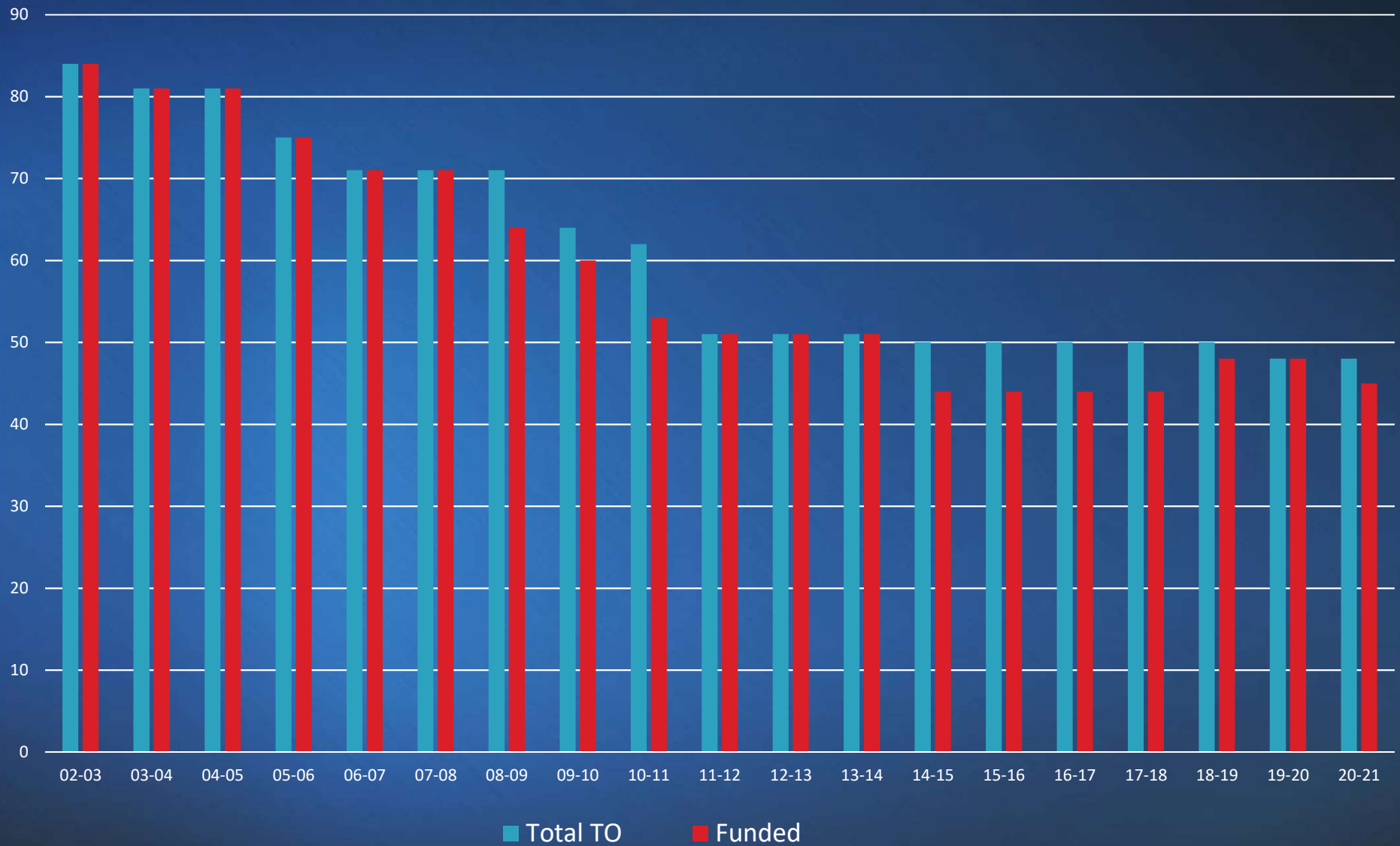


# FY 20-21 Budget

- No State Aid.
- Continued difficulty meeting match to use federal funds.
- \$235,000 cut in federal funds.
- Are unable to fill vacancies.

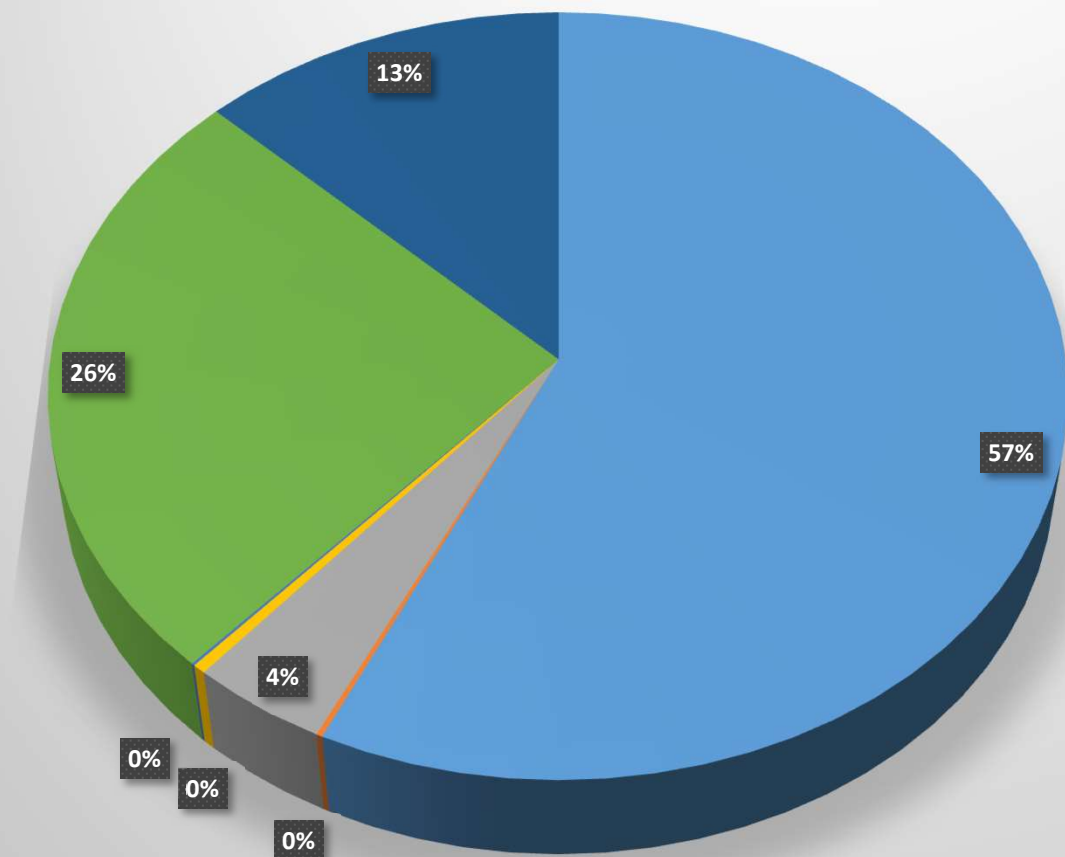


# State Library Staffing History



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# Total Annual Budget



- Personnel
- Travel
- Operating Expenses
- Supplies
- Professional Services
- Other Charges
- Inter Agency Transfers



# FY 20-21 Benefits to Public Libraries

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| ● Databases                | \$1,435,728        |
| ● ILL (LS + OCLC)          | \$182,000          |
| ● Statewide                | \$212,000          |
| ● State Aid                | \$0                |
| ● Bibliostat               | \$6,050            |
| ● <u>CE &amp; Children</u> | <u>\$115,000</u>   |
| ● <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$1,950,778</b> |



# Database Funding



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# COVID-19



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# Timeline

- March 11
  - World Health Organization (WHO) designates COVID-19 worldwide pandemic
  - Governor John Bel Edwards issues first declaration of Public Health Emergency
- March 13
  - Governor John Bel Edwards issues second declaration
  - State Librarian holds staff meeting outlining COVID-19 plans
  - SLOL begins updating Louisiana Public Library Emergency Status Blog



# Timeline (con't)

- March 13
  - Libraries statewide begin contacting SLOL
    - Alternate hours/closures
    - Service adaptations
      - Curbside/Virtual programs
- March 23
  - Statewide Stay at Home order for Louisiana begins
- May 15
  - Louisiana enters phase 1



# Timeline (con't)

- June 5
  - Louisiana enters phase 2
- September 21
  - Louisiana enters phase 3



# What we did during stay at home

- Up to date Emergency Status Blog
- Up to date Status/Wifi Map
- Attended Webinars by ALA and Library 2.0
- Weekly Virtual Director's Meetings
- Weekly adult/youth programmer's meetings
- Compiled and shared reopening plans for public libraries
- Discussed Reopening phases with libraries
- Surveyed Directors on library needs



# Webinars LD attended

- How to Promote Online Services During Quarantine
- Serving Patrons in a Crisis
- Mitigating COVID-19 When Managing Paper-Based, Circulating, and Other Types of Collections
- Self-Care During a Crisis: Breath, Think, and Grow
- Leading with Compassion during COVID-19 Crisis
- Designing Libraries for Safety in the Age of COVID-19



# Public Libraries during COVID-19

- Implementing Curbside Services
- Create Virtual Programs
- Begin hosting Zoom meetings between staff/admin
- Board meetings go virtual
- Putting emphasis on disinfecting
- Rotate staff once opened
- Computer by appointment
- Closed stacks





# 2020 Hurricanes

- Hurricane Marco- August 24
- Hurricane Laura- August 27
- Hurricane Sally- September 16 (Missed Louisiana)
- Hurricane Delta- October 9





# Hurricane Laura

- 30 libraries throughout the state with damage
  - Roof damage
  - Broken windows
  - Flooding
  - Leaks
  - AC units destroyed
  - Collection damage
- 59 libraries without power



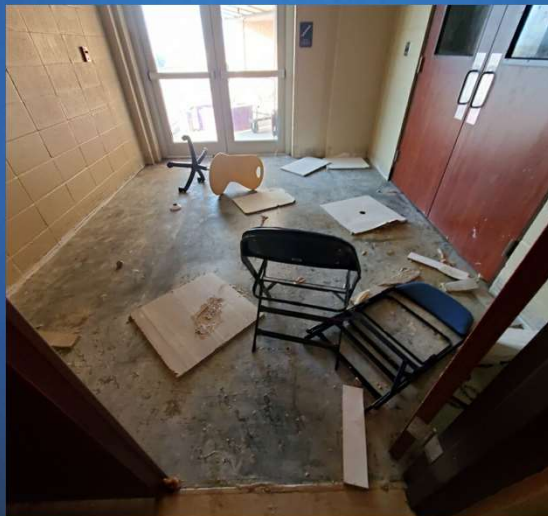
# Parishes affected

- Acadia
- Allen
- Beauregard
- Calcasieu
- Cameron
- Franklin
- Grant
- Jefferson Davis
- Rapides
- Vernon
- Winn



# Cameron Parish Library

- Damage to all buildings
- Many staff lost homes
- May not be able to open until January 2021



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# State Library During the Storm

- Stayed in contact with all libraries
- Provided grant information
- Kept up with closures
  - Hurricane notes added to map
  - Emergency Status Blog



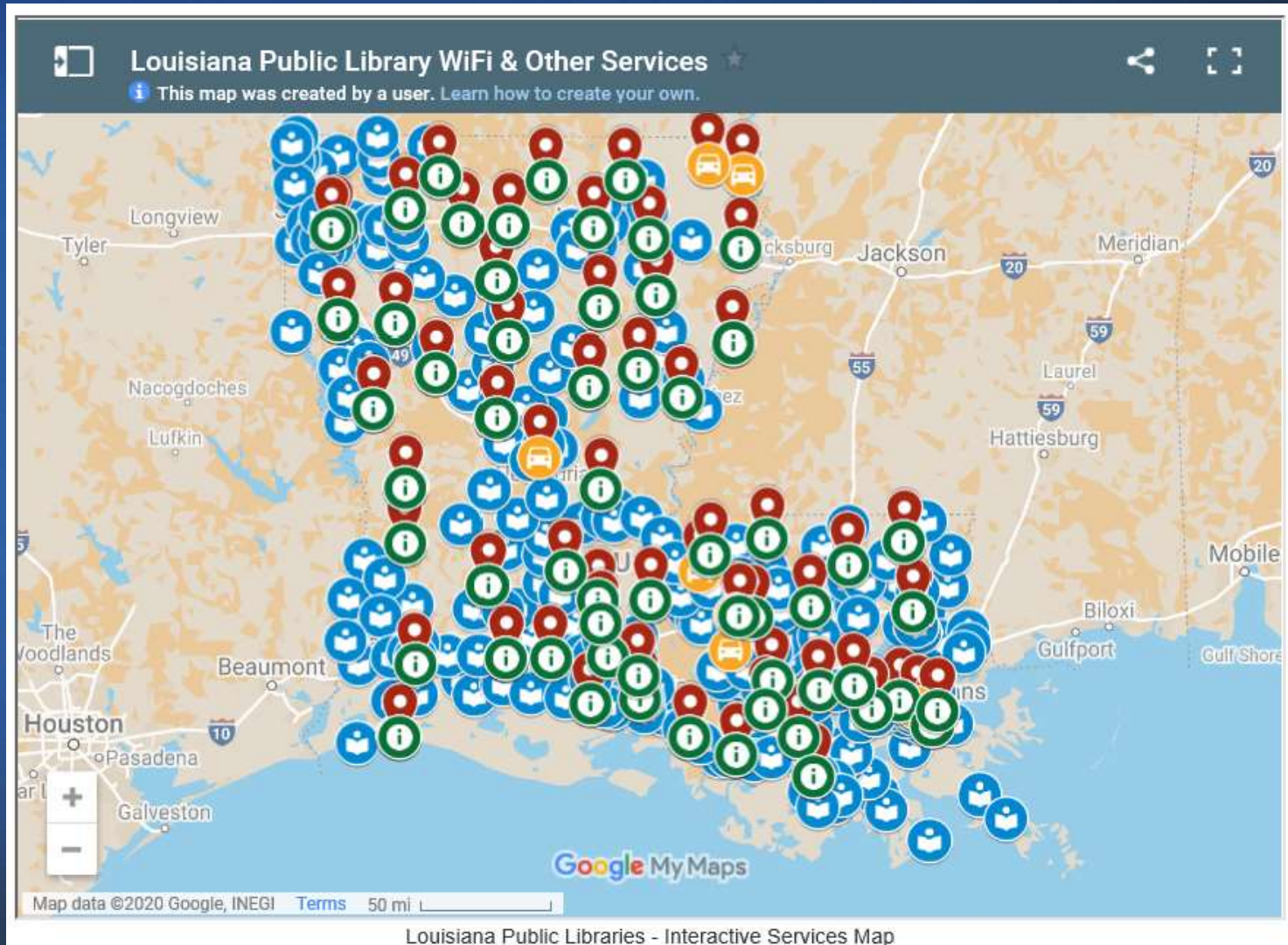
# State Library Services

- The State Library reopened the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the public on June 5 offering reference, circulation, & public computer use.
- Our schedule remains the same: Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm.
- “Call Ahead/Pickup” service added.
- Telephone/email assistance
- Talking Books assistance, readers’ advisory services, and materials to TBBL patrons
- Electronic resources, such as EBSCO, HomeworkLouisiana, etc. available 24/7
- Wi-fi available outside of the building 24/7.





# Louisiana Public Library Services



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# Louisiana Public Library Emergency Status Blog

- Closures
- Curbside or Call Ahead/Pickup Services
- WiFi



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# Weekly Virtual Meetings

- Directors and Administrators
- Adult Services
- Children and Teen Services





# IMLS CARES Act Funds 2020

- The State Library was allocated \$420,058 out of the \$30 million given out through the IMLS Grants to States Program.
- It was evenly distributed by parish to the 340 public libraries in LA to be used
  - To expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services.
  - To address digital inclusion and related technical support.



# IMLS CARES Act Funds 2020

- WiFi hotspots, laptops, and Ipads for circulation
- Digital collection increases (e-books, audios, etc.)
- New public computers and large screen monitors for special populations
- Equipment to produce online educational programs
- Large screens/monitors to do outdoor showings of educational programs and for outreach



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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THE LEGENDARY  
**LOUISIANA  
BOOK  
FESTIVAL**

SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 31,  
2020**

Artwork by Rob Guillory. Colors by Taylor Wells



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# OTHER CENTER FOR THE BOOK PROGRAMMING

Black History Month

National Poetry Month



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# TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY

Digital books circulation is now at 100%.

BARD accounts for 25% of circulation.

Apps for Android and iOS devices.

BARD Express for Windows.



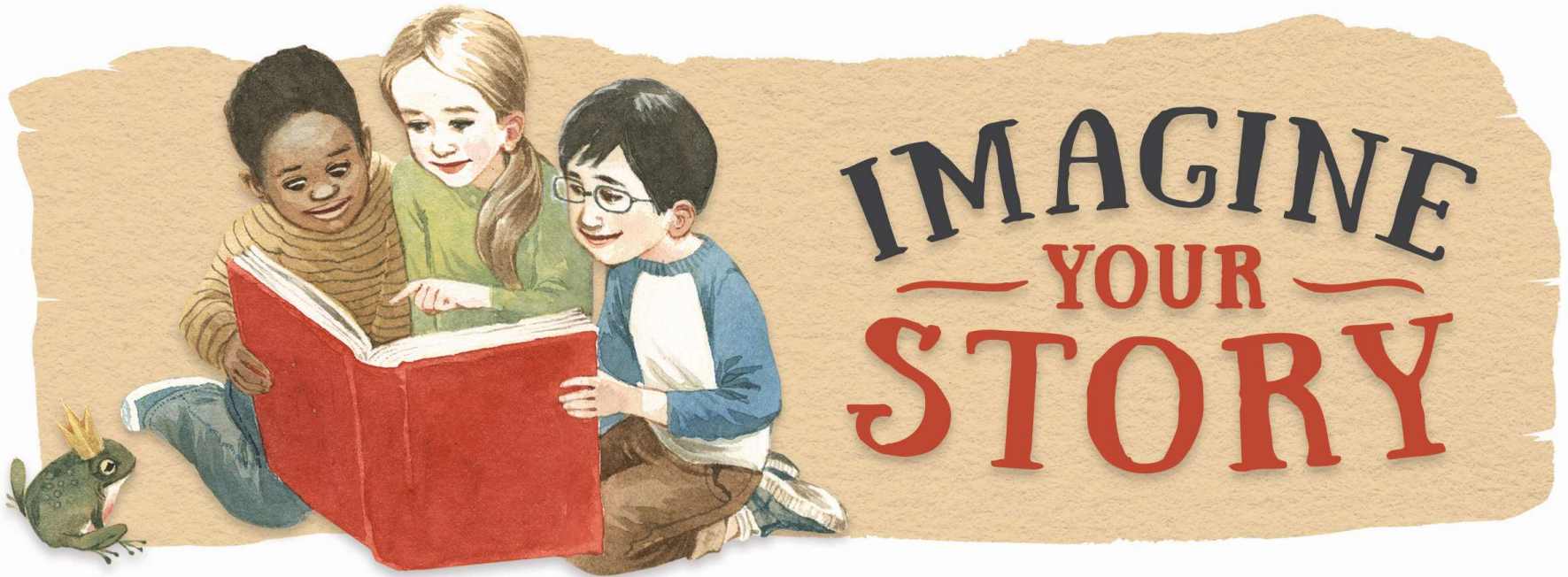
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# OTHER ITEMS

- State Library CE workshops and attendance
  - Fall Administrative Conference – 11/6/2020
- CE Webinars will resume in August.



# Collaborative Summer Library Program 2020



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# LOUISIANA READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2019-2020

22,269 students voted in  
for their favorite book.

This year's participants  
read over 68,353  
books.



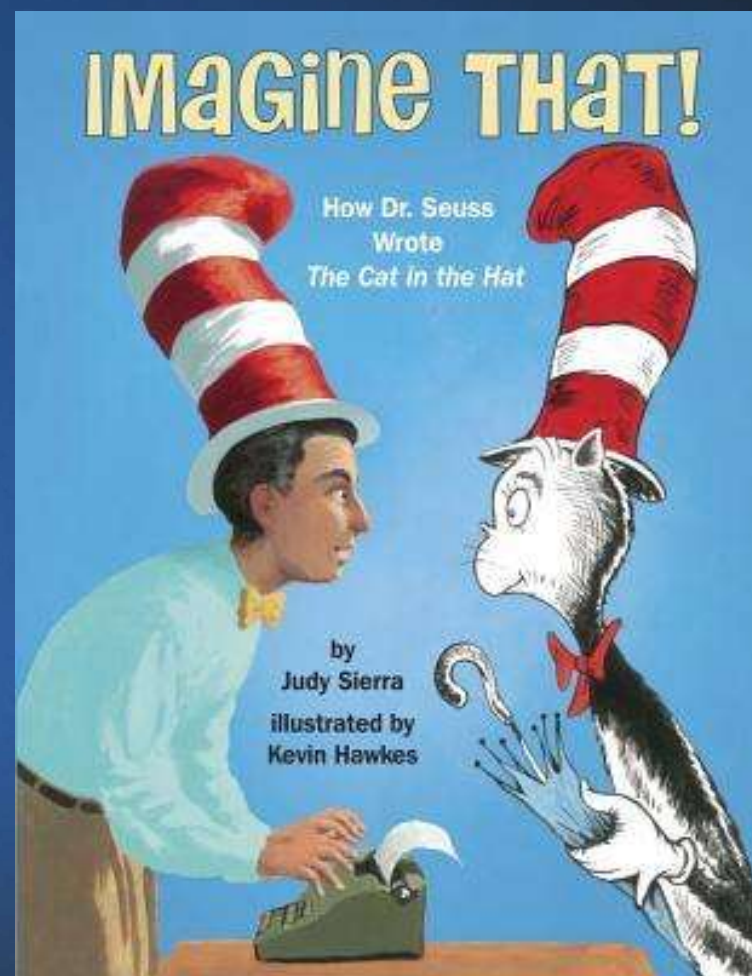
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# Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 2019-2020

3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winner

*Imagine That!: How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat*

by Judy Sierra  
ill. by Kevin Hawkes



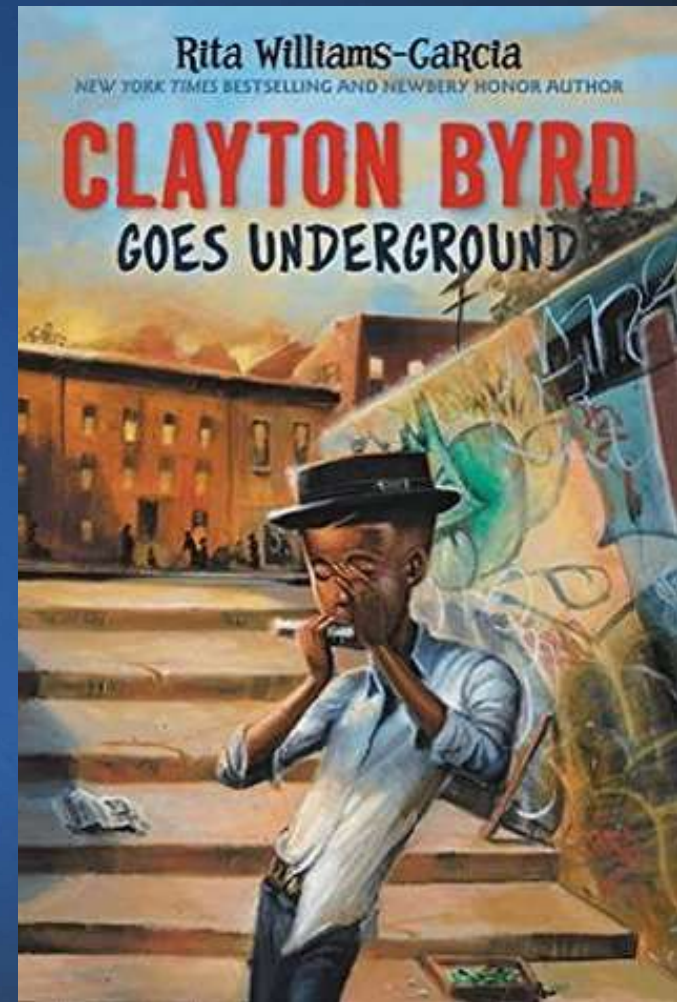
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# Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 2019-2020

6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winner

*Clayton Byrd Goes Underground*  
by Rita Williams-Garcia



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# Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award 2019-2020

9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Winner

*The Hate U Give*  
by Angie Thomas



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# WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

## Our Questions:

What more can we do for you?

What can we do better?

What should we stop doing?

Grade our services, response time and professionalism.

Share your vision with us.

Give us feedback on our common goals.



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