



State of the State Library 2024

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LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA



- FY 24-25 BUDGET
- UPDATES: STATE LIBRARY & LOCAL LIBRARIES
- LEGISLATIVE SESSION
- ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STATE LIBRARY BUDGET

- **STATE FUNDING**
\$4,972,828
- **INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS**
\$821,463
- **SELF-GENERATED**
\$90,000
- **FEDERAL FUNDS**
\$3,500,000
- **TOTAL BUDGET**
\$9,384,264

FY 24-25 BENEFITS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES



NEW HIRE

- Giovanni Tairov, Deputy State Librarian

47 OF 48 POSITIONS FILLED

DATABASES

COMING SOON

- Redesigned State Library and Louisiana Book Festival websites

AROUND THE STATE

A SNAPSHOT

- NOPL-DCFS partnership
- Rapides Parish King Branch portrait gallery to honor African-Americans of Central Louisiana who have made key achievements in industry, government and culture
- Audubon Regional new Clinton location
- Franklin Parish Library telehealth booth
- West Baton Rouge Brusly branch
- Ascension Parish high school diploma program
- Shreve Memorial Library **centennial celebration**
- And much, much more ...

2024 REGULAR SESSION



- **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

HB 168: Qualifications for certified librarians

HB 414: Obscenity laws and public libraries

HB 545: Materials in public school libraries

HB 640: Members of library boards of control

- **LEGISLATIVE DAY**

April 9, State Capitol

LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BOOK



- **March 18**
Third annual Women's History Month program. "Kate Chopin's Secret Life and Public Notoriety" presented virtually by Emily Toth
- **April 11**
15th annual National Poetry Month program. Noon, State Library Seminar Center

LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BOOK

Aug. 24

National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, visits the Louisiana Center for the Book's table at the 2023 National Book Festival

LOUISIANA BOOK FESTIVAL



- 20th festival
- Saturday, Nov. 2
- 200 authors (Rick Bragg)
- Library Row
- 25th Louisiana Writer Award (announced in April)
- 2024 artwork by N.O. artist Kelly Mueller (clues to LWA recipient)

TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY



**Talking Books &
Braille Library**

STATE LIBRARY
of LOUISIANA

- 5,657 patrons from 0-101
- 164,034 audiobooks and players distributed last year
- 19 children in Crib to Crayons
- 80% of patrons switched to Duplication on Demand
- Positive feedback (“I love having all these books on one cartridge.”)

TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY



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COMING SOON FROM NLS

- My Talking Books streaming service
- DA2 digital audio players

TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY



NLS VISIT

NLS officials visited on Feb. 21 and met with TBBL staff, presenting them with plaques and pins to recognize their dedication. Staffers also learned about new technology and services that they'll soon be able to offer patrons.



LOUISIANA COLLECTION

- 2,202 reference transactions this fiscal year
- 1,647 photos added to LDL
- 1,545 vertical files added
- 7,409 photographs processed

Oil Wells
c. 1920s
Louisiana Department of Conservation
Homer Field
Blossom sand well flowing 30,000 barrels a day
State Library of Louisiana



Louisiana Collection



Neville Brothers
1981
Album cover
Sydney Byrd
Left to right: Charles, Art, Cyril, Aaron
Ibby Trust Fund



LOUISIANA COLLECTION



Also processing donations of

- Files, maps, other ephemera from LSU researchers
- Oral histories
- Baton Rouge philanthropic papers from the 1840s

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT



- **New Staff**

- Emily Davison, admin coordinator
- Kayla Elam, student worker

- **Site visits are back**

- **LD staff available for Staff Day presentations**

- **Concluded Summer Reading Trainings**

- **In-Service trainings for schools**

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

State prisons

- Visited all eight state prisons
- LD/Institutions and DOC set annual schedule for visits
- Training provided by LD/Institutions, Access Services, TBBL

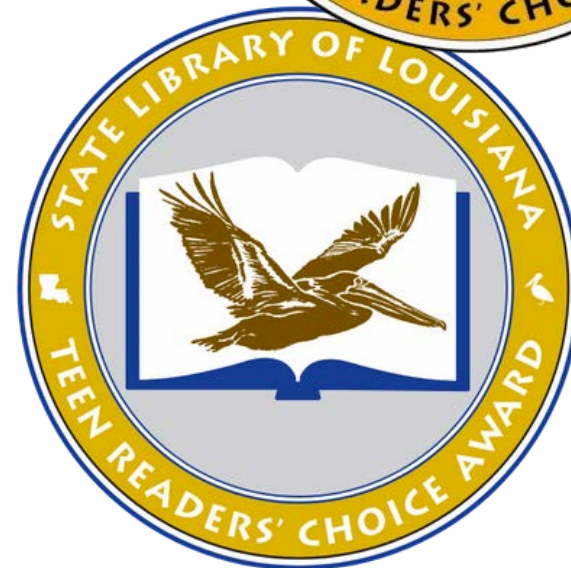
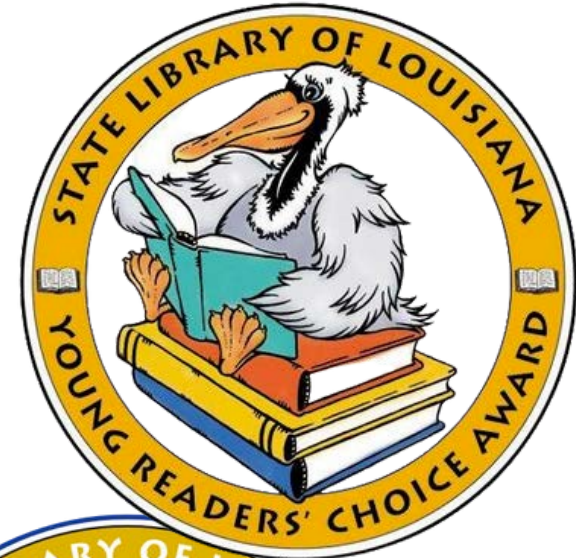
Juvenile Justice

- LD creating relationship with OJJ
- Christmas book drive; 45-plus boxes donated for distribution to facilities

Nearly 7,700 library service transactions for institutions in 2023 provided by LD, Access Services, Reference, TBBL, and Louisiana Section

LOUISIANA READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

- 24th year for La. Readers' Choice Awards program
- Added K-2 category
- Votes are now being cast
- May 1 deadline



ACCESS SERVICES

REFERENCE

Interlibrary Loan

- Average monthly ILL transactions: 5,825
- Total number of ILL transactions: 69,897
- Shontate Jackson, promoted to ILL manager

Reference

- Addyson Smith, new reference librarian

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Services

- Site visits started again
- Remote assistance and technical support for public libraries

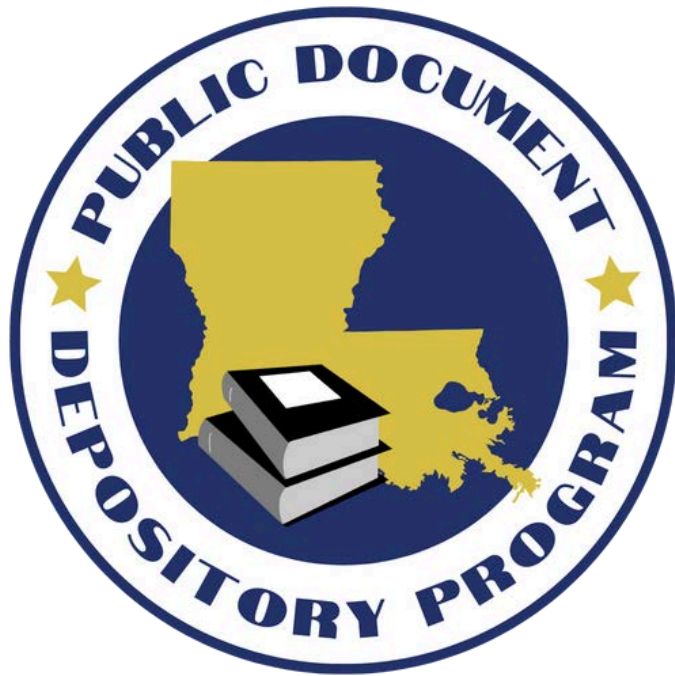
Tech Fest

- Wednesday, May 22, State Library
- Seminars on cyber-security issues facing libraries
- \$45 per person
- Registration open now

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- New library specialist for cataloging division
- Technical Services Coordinator and Louisiana Cataloger taught LSSC Cataloging and Classification course for sixth year
- Created 5,695 new item records
- Withdrew 74,103 items
- Performed catalog maintenance on 4,840 records
- Checked in 2,502 serials
- Uploaded 1,913 items to digital archive

RECORDER OF DOCUMENTS



- Received 6,070 tangible items
- Shipped 4,874 items
- Received 5,113 digital documents
- Made 13 depository library site visits and seven agency site visits

RECORDER OF DOCUMENTS



In November, the Recorder of Documents Office celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Louisiana Public Document Depository Program

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

**What more
can we do for
you?**

**What can we
do better?**

**What should
we stop
doing?**

**Grade our
services,
response times**

**Share your
vision with us!**



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