

State of the State Library

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Agenda

- FY 2023-2024 BUDGET
- UPDATES: STATE LIBRARY, LOCAL LIBRARIES
- SENATE BILL 7
- ACCOMPLISHMENTS

State Library budget FY 23-24

- State funding \$4,972,828
- Interagency transfers \$821,436
- Self-generated \$90,000
- Federal funds \$2,689,040
- Total budget \$8,573,304





FY 23-24 benefits to public libraries

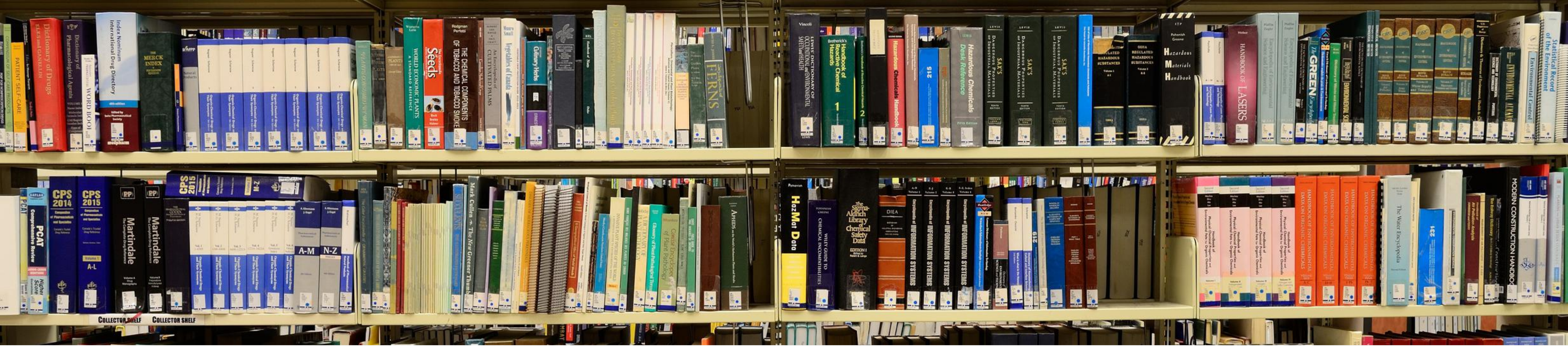
- New hires at State Library: communications director, library consultants
- 45 of 48 positions filled; funding for all
- Database money remains in budget; no payments this year
- Additional funds for I.T. upgrades and statewide delivery



Around the state

A snapshot:

- Caldwell Parish groundbreaking
- Jefferson Parish "Library of Things"
- St. John Parish LaPlace branch reopening
- Eunice Public Library progress
- St. Mary Parish Berwick branch dedication
- Calcasieu Parish Library to host National Ambassador for Young People's Literature *and so much more ...*



Updates

Statewide:

- Continued challenges to books
- Politicization of library boards

At the Capitol:

- House Bill 25 defeated
- Senate Bill 7 passed; governor signed on June 28

Senate Bill 7

SB 7 summary:

- Each library shall adopt a policy to limit access of minors to sexually explicit material
- Policies must be adopted by Jan. 1, 2024; implemented by June 1, 2024



Senate Bill 7

Policy has to include:

- A requirement that a community standard be applied to materials acquired by the library
- A library card system that allows parents to select whether the minor can check out sexually explicit material



Senate Bill 7

Policy has to include:

- A library card system that requires parents to select whether the minor can check out digital content
- A procedure that allows a library patron to request a reconsideration of whether the materials should be included in collection accessible to minors



Senate Bill 7

- This can be an amendment to existing policies
- This won't impose liability on library employees or library boards
- The governing authority may withhold payments if the library fails to adopt the policy; must give 60 days' notice before doing so



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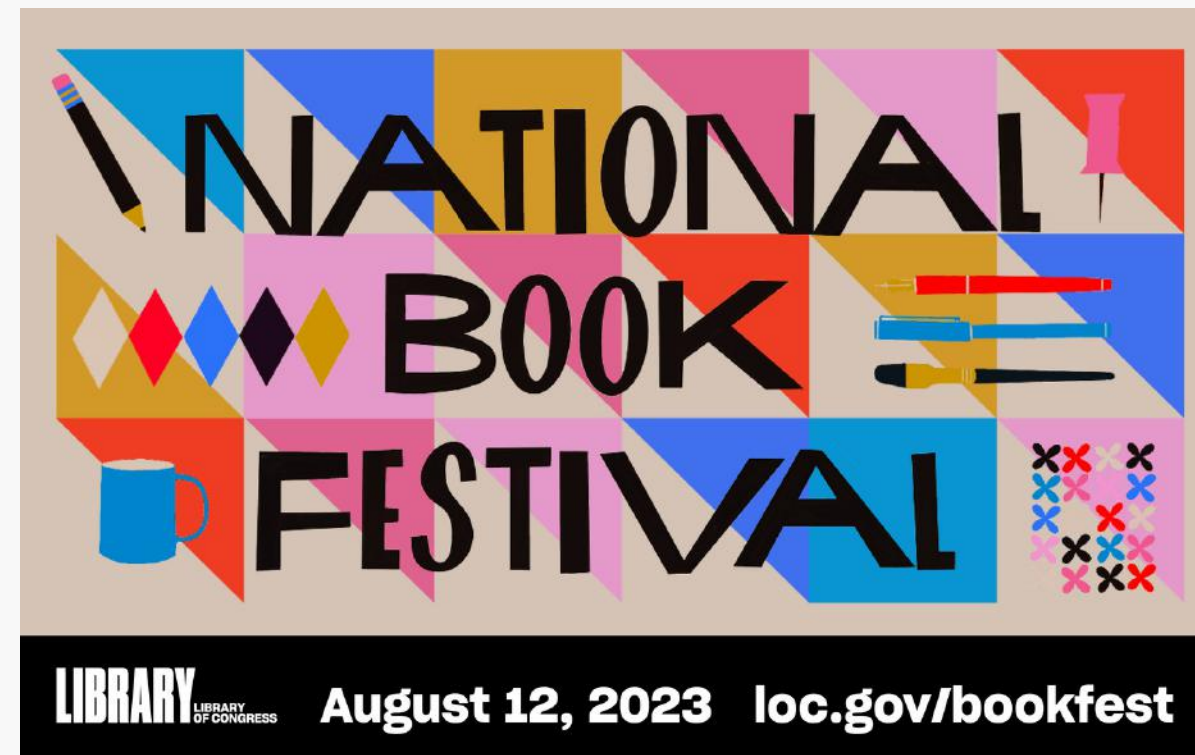
- State Bond Commission cannot approve tax millage or bond propositions for libraries not in compliance
- SLOL will work with libraries on policies and procedures





State Library Board of Commissioners

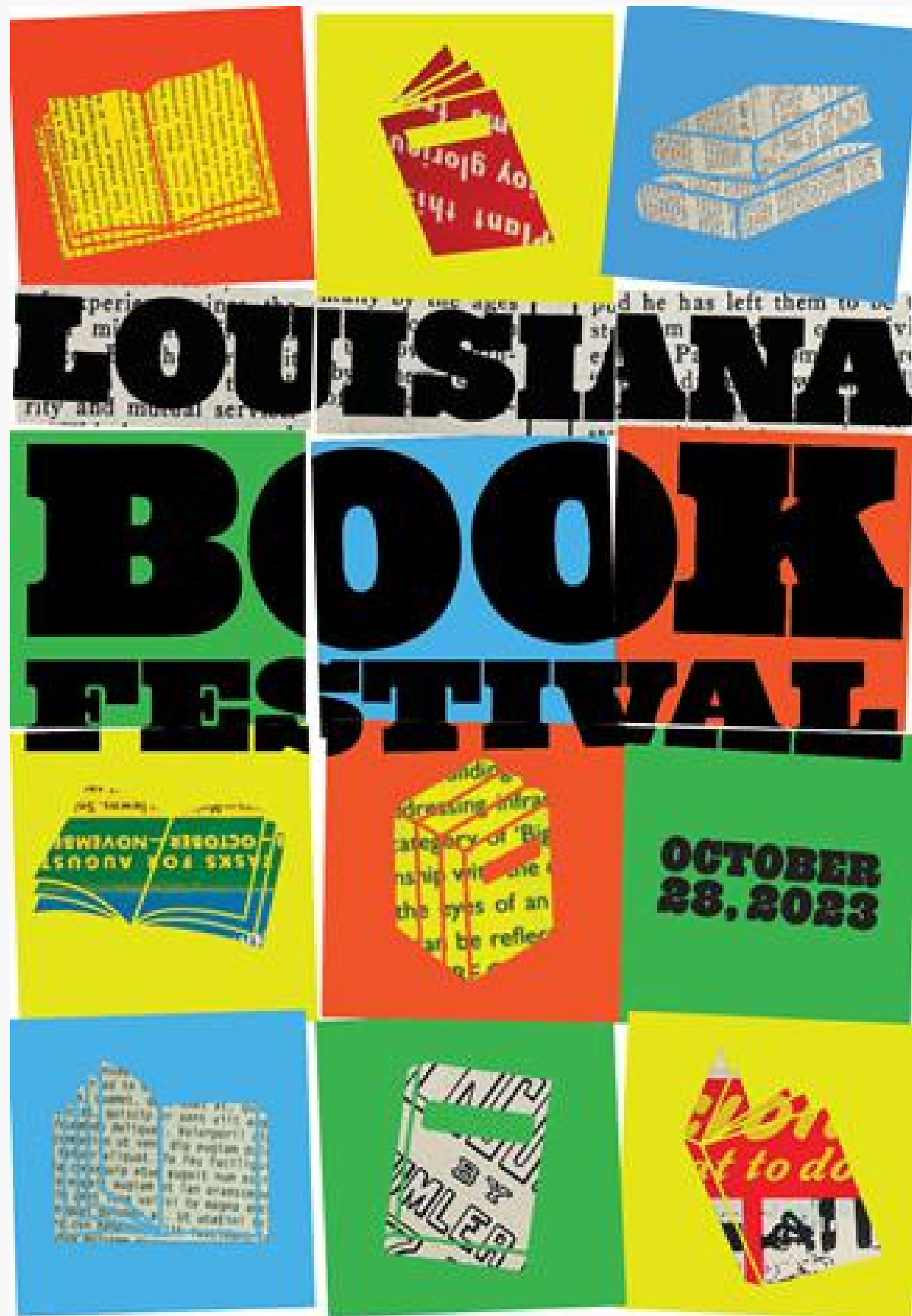
- New members: Nicole Allmon-Learson, Darryl Gissel, Christy Reeves, Dorothy White
- Returning members: Georgia Brown, James Lee, Argiro Morgan



Books chosen to represent Louisiana at the National Book Festival:

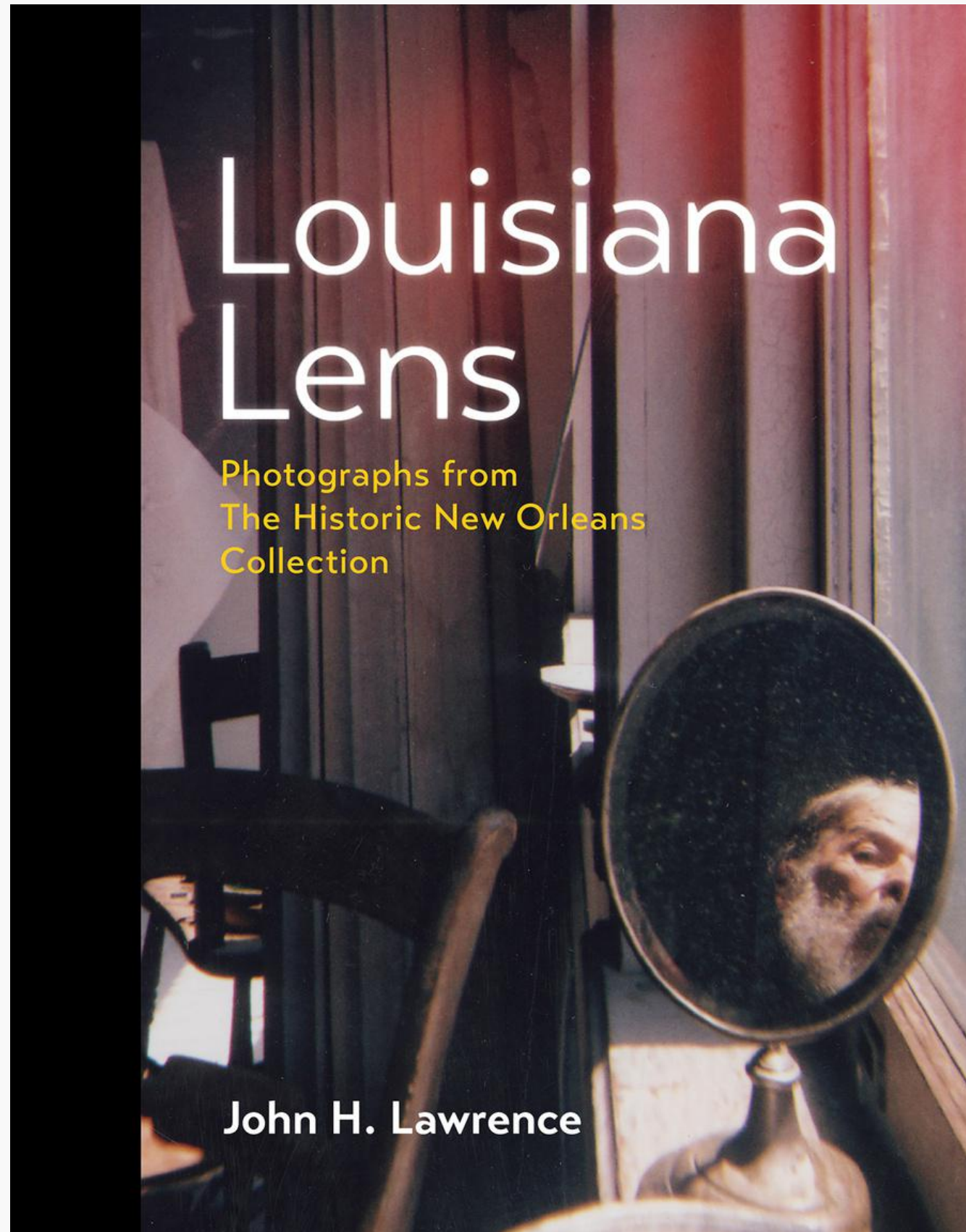
- *The Ones Who Don't Say They Love You*, Maurice Carlos Ruffin
- *Nowhere Better Than Here*, Sarah Guillory

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LOUISIANA AFFILIATE



2023 Louisiana Book Festival

- Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Free admission
- Nearly 200 authors and presenters, including Hayley Arceneaux and Tom Piazza
- 24th Louisiana Writer Award (recipient to be announced soon)



2023 Louisiana Book Festival

- Launch of John Lawrence's *Louisiana Lens: Photographs from The Historic New Orleans Collection*
- 14th One Book One Festival: *Other Voices, Other Rooms* by Truman Capote
- Sponsor of *Literary New Orleans*, upcoming WYES-TV documentary

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- Began the transition to duplication on demand, which allows multiple books per cartridge
- Utah Braille Library now distributing Braille eReader to our registered Braille patrons

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- Summer Reading Program for children, teens, and adults
- NLS field test of the Amazon Alexa smart speaker app
- BARD: 49% of circulation
- Duplication of magazines on cartridges coming in December



THE LOUISIANA COLLECTION

- Hosted Louisiana Digital Library Festival
- Acquired genealogy journals from Secretary of State
- Obtained microfilm for *Morning Advocate*, *State-Times* to replace aging collection



Library Development

- Returning to site visits; goal to visit all by year's end
- New staff: Michele Jones (institutions) and Deidra Douglas (continuing education)



Library Development

- More than 1,900 attendees for 97 workshops in 2023
- More than 4,200 reference requests in 2023



Library Development

- Visited 6 of 8 state prisons in coordination with Access Services
- Training for prison library staff



Telehealth Grants

- \$50,000 in grants from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation
- 11 libraries selected as recipients
- Used for privacy booths, internet connections, software and hardware, and more



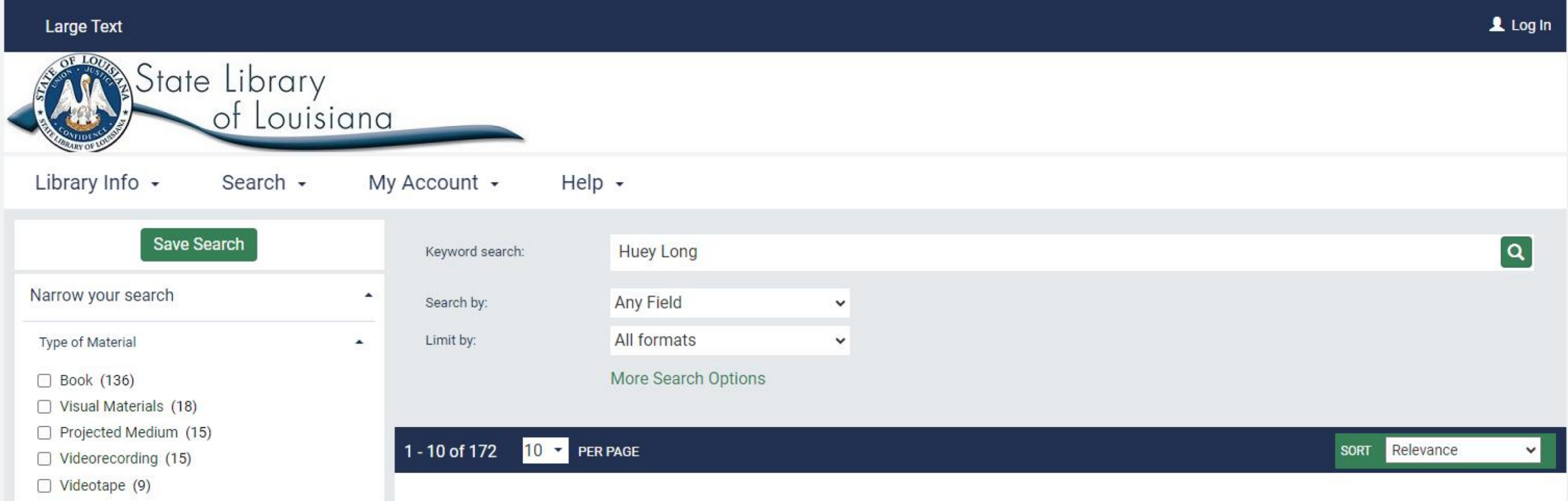
Access Services

- New ILS implemented last Fall
- Hackbarth Delivery begin courier services at the end of January



Access Services

- In-person LoanSHARK training Aug. 21 in DeSoto, Aug. 22 in Calcasieu, and Aug. 23 at the State Library
- Contact Kytara Christophe (kgaudin@slol.lib.la.us) with feedback and concerns



Technical Services

Moved to Polaris ILS on Oct. 13, 2023

Patrons can:

- Navigate catalog on phone, tablet, or computer
- Use Smart Searches, which have spellcheck, automated search suggestions, and option to see related keywords to their search
- Choose to renew material automatically three days before due



Save Search

Narrow your search ▾

Type of Material ▾

- Book (136)
- Visual Materials (18)
- Projected Medium (15)
- Videorecording (15)
- Videotape (9)

Keyword search:

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Search by:

Any Field ▾

Limit by:

All formats ▾

[More Search Options](#)

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Technical Services

- Enable reader history to keep track of what you've checked out
- Create reading lists
- Supports behind-the-scenes library operations such as cataloging, acquisitions, patron records, and more

Technical Services

Acquisitions

- New items for Louisiana Collection: 1,305
- New items for Large Print/TBBL Collection: 428
- New items for General Collection: 45
- New items for LYRC: 52

Cataloging

- New records created: 484
- Items physical processed: 4,180
- Items mended: 506
- New item records added to catalog: 4,229
- Items withdrawn from catalog: 78,104
- Catalog maintenance performed: 6,179
- Serials received/checked in: 2,489
- New items added to Digital Archive: 2,293
- Items deleted from DA: 191



Recorder of Documents

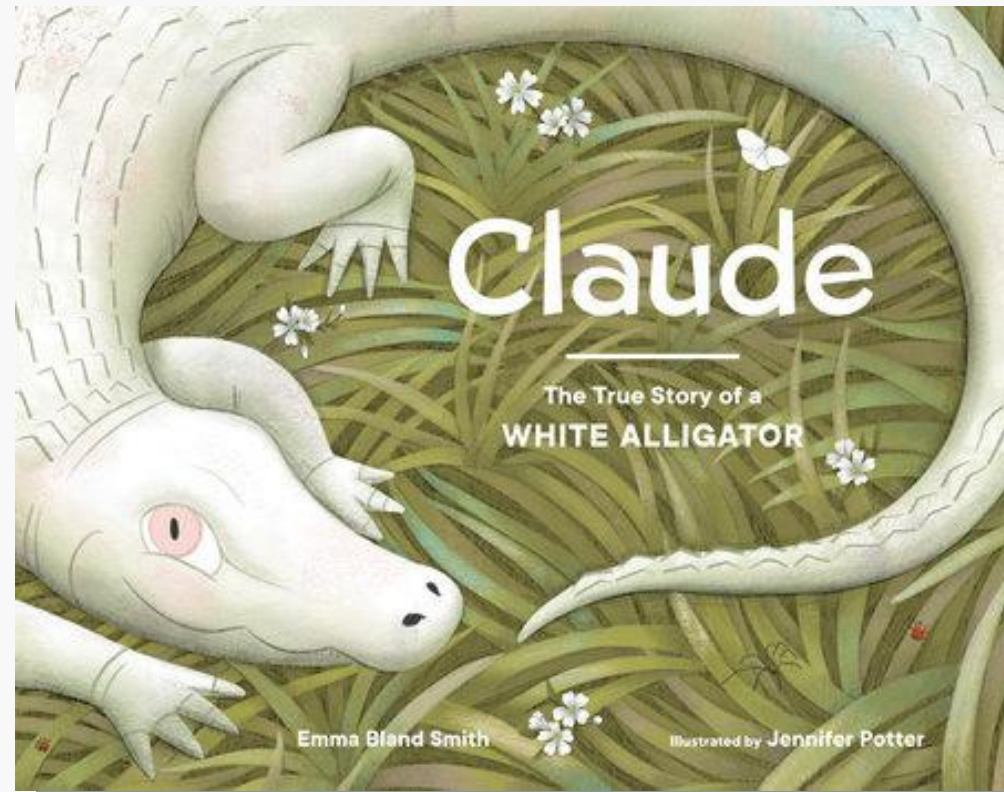
- Tangible documents received: 5,521
- Tangible documents shipped: 2,510
- Digital documents received: 4,585
- Unique phone/email inquiries: 138





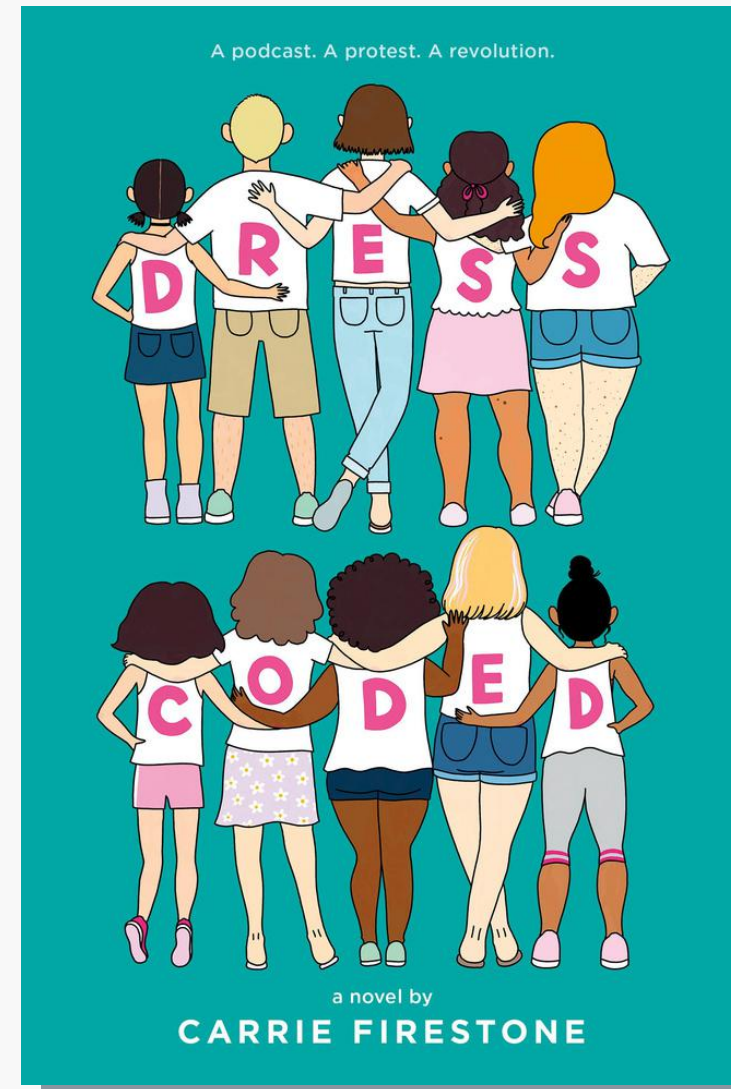
Louisiana Readers' Choice Awards

Louisiana's young people have read nearly 1.4 million books and cast 438,000 votes in the 24 years since the program began.



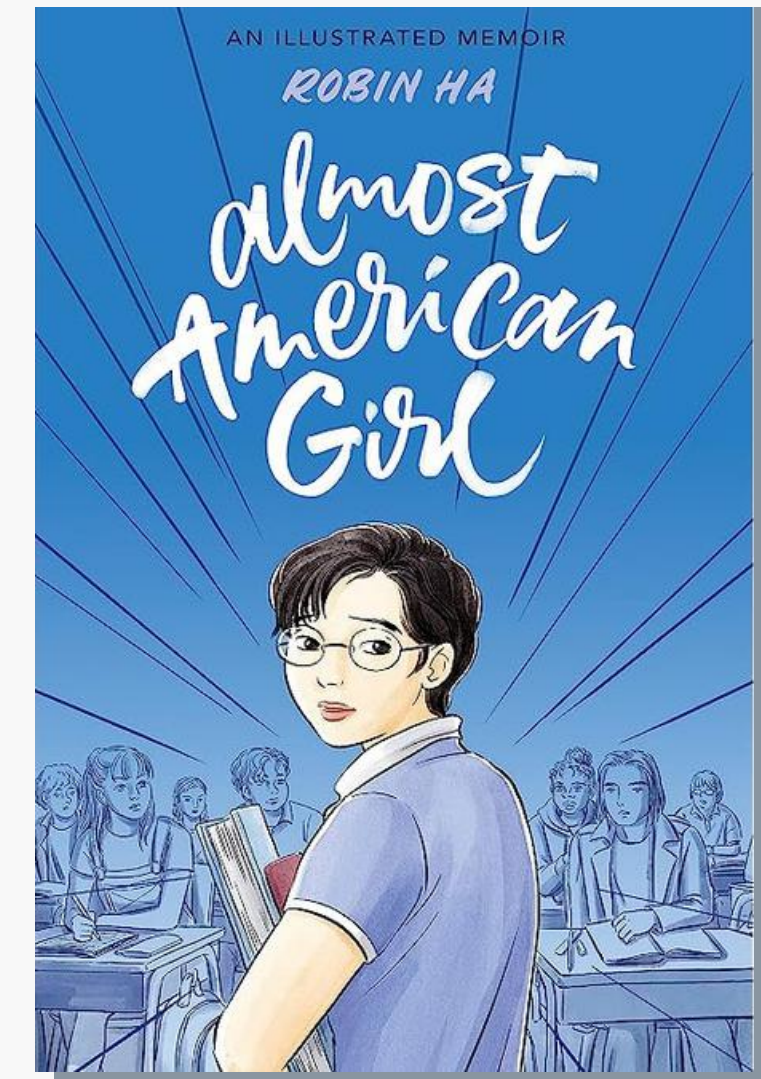
Louisiana Young Readers' Choice, grades 3-5

Winner: *Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator* by Emma Bland Smith



Louisiana Young Readers' Choice, grades 6-8

Winner: *Dress Coded* by Carrie Firestone



Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice, grades 9-12

Winner: *Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir* by Robin Ha

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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