

State of the STATE LIBRARY

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2021 Louisiana Library Association Conference



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AGENDA

- Budget
 - Overview of FY 2021-22 Budget
- COVID-19
- CARES Act Funds
- Weather Events
- ARPA Funds
- Accomplishments



State Library: Proposed Budget FY 21-22

State Funding	\$3,934,537
Transfer from Tourism	\$821,436
Self-generated	\$390,000
Federal Funding	\$2,689,040
Total Budget	\$7,835,013

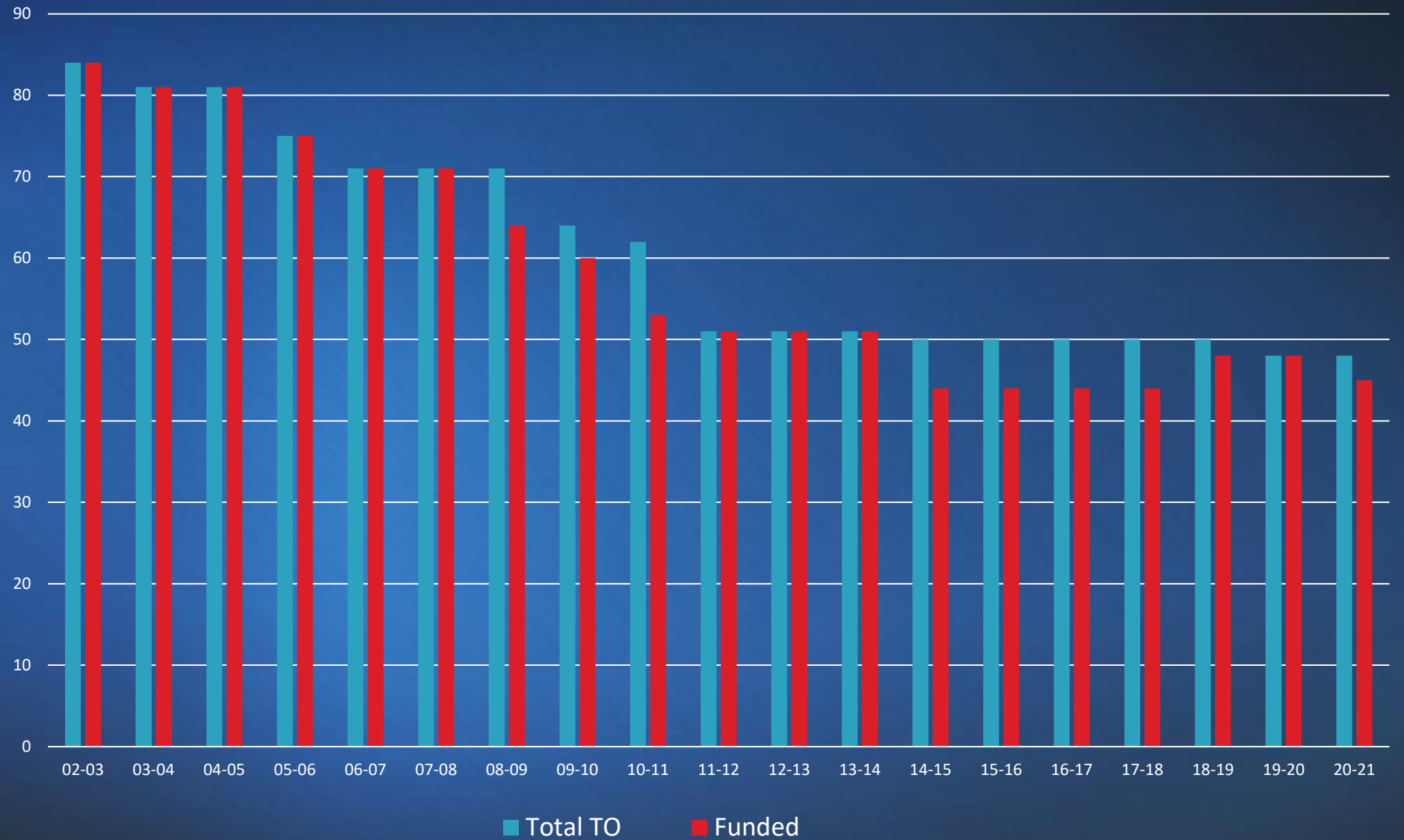


FY 21-22 Budget

- Personnel Funding
- State Aid
- MOE
- Databases

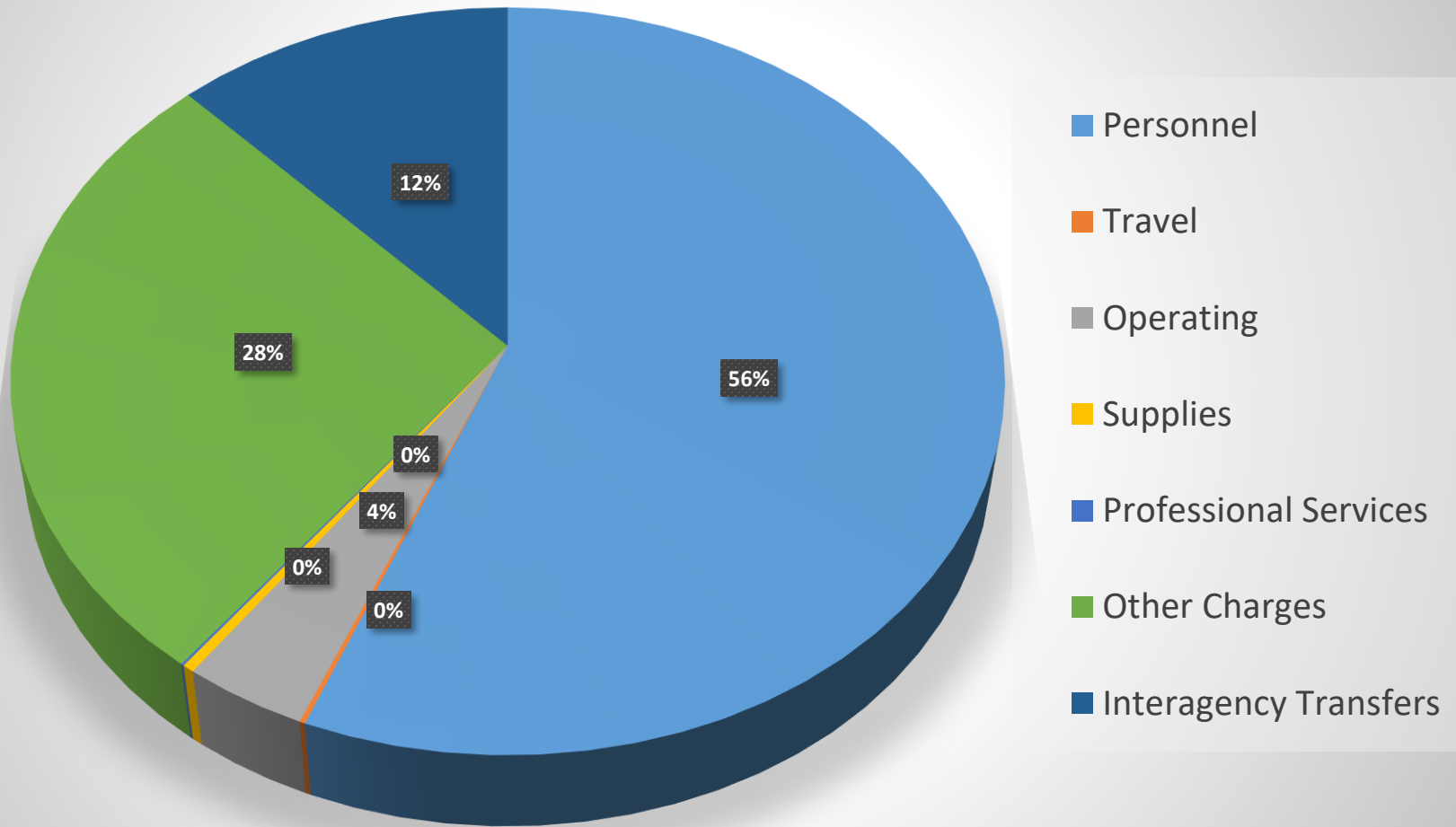


State Library Staffing History



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FY 21-22 Total Budget

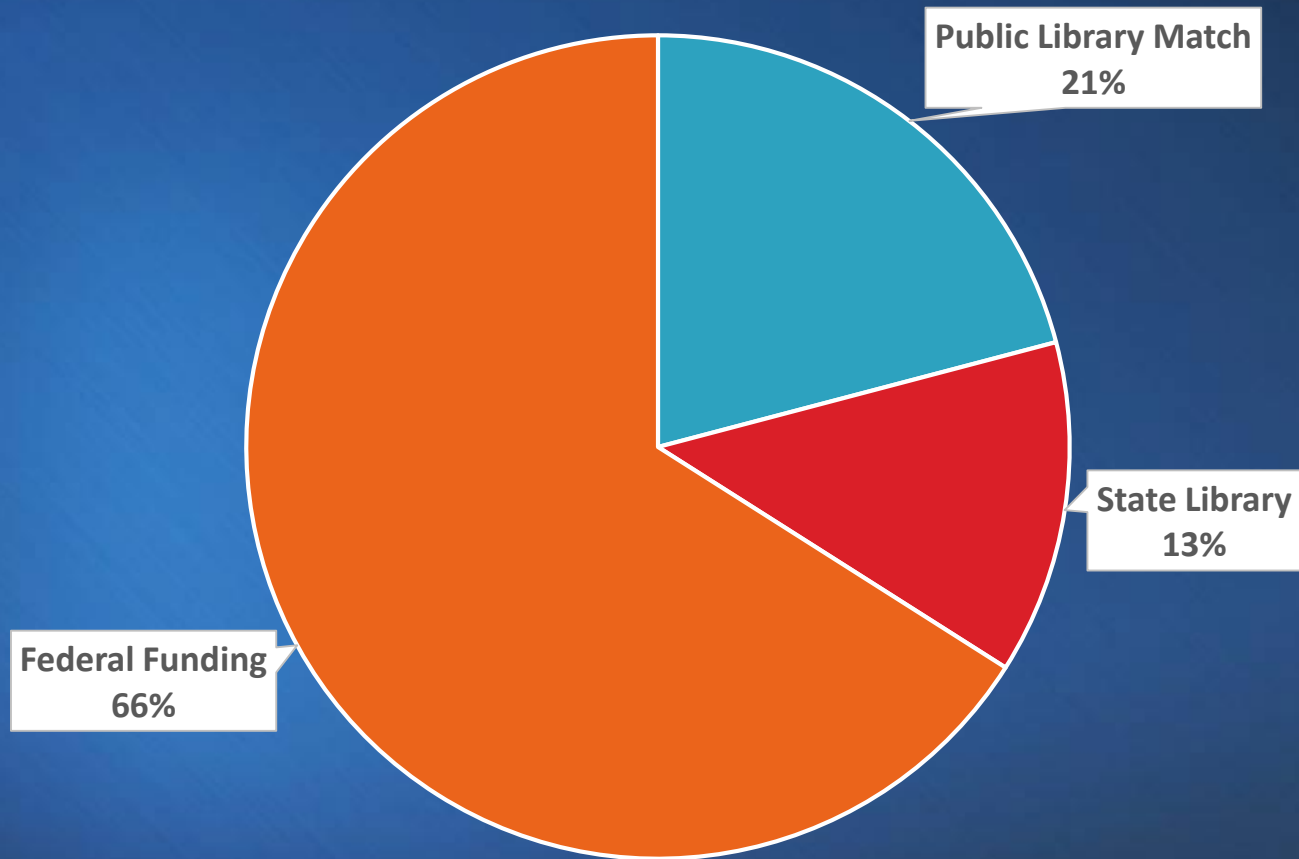


FY 21-22 Benefits to Public Libraries

● Electronic Resources	\$1,447,226
● ILL (LS + OCLC)	\$186,671
● LetterRide Delivery	\$245,000
● State Aid	\$0
● Bibliostat	\$6,050
● <u>CE & Children</u>	<u>\$115,000</u>
● Total	\$1,999,947



Electronic Resources Funding



COVID-19



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State Library during COVID-19

- Meg worked w/ department heads to create work-plans for all staff to work remotely
- IT staff ordered/set up additional laptops for staff & provided constant IT support and troubleshooting for virtual meetings
- TBBL staff never stopped coming into the library during closure & shipped out 1,000 items a day to 6,000 blind & physically handicapped patrons
- Reference staff provided assistance and support across all OSL departments

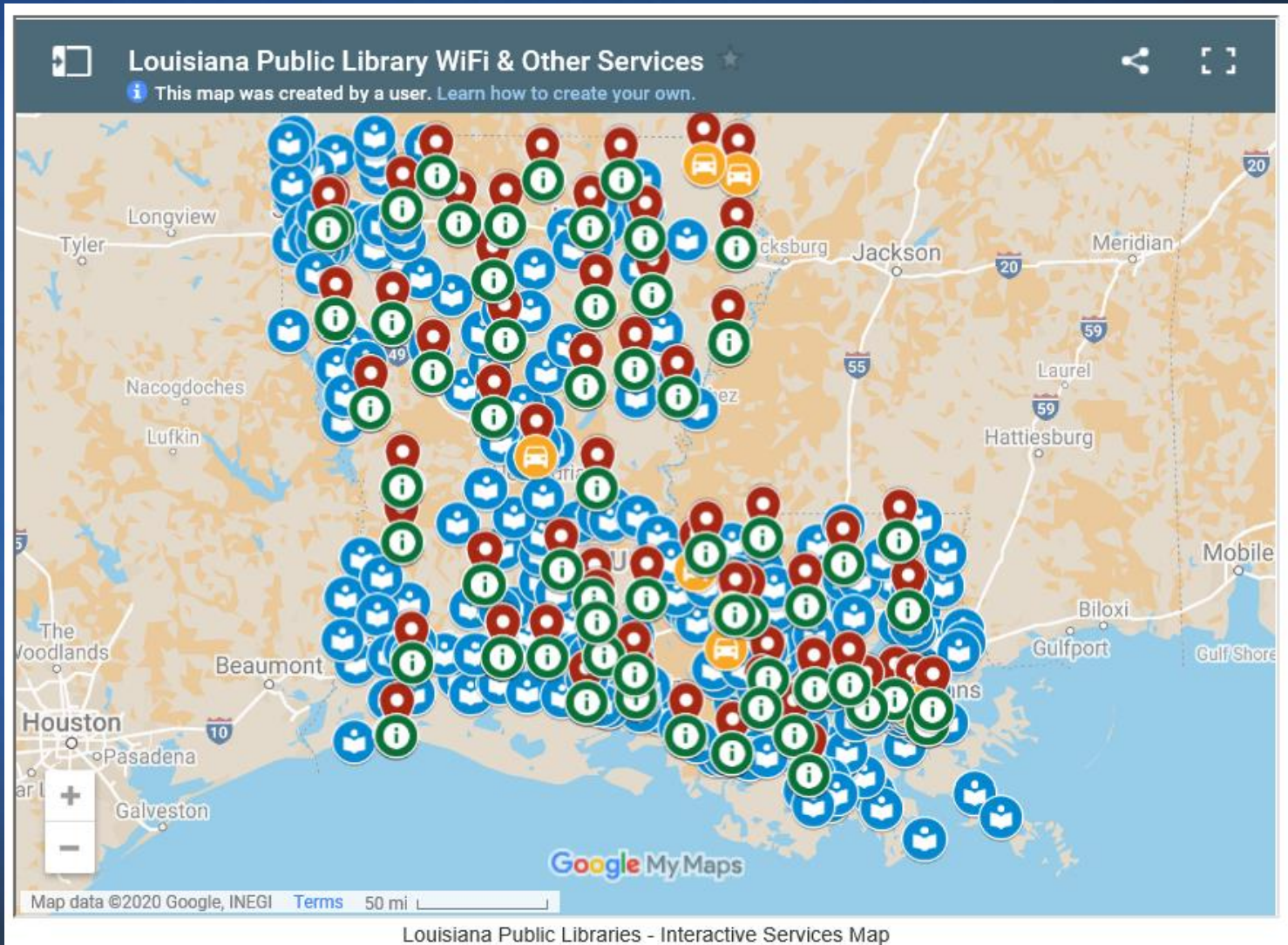


State Library during COVID-19

- Access Services implemented quarantine procedures; managed incoming/outgoing mail & took the lead on curbside service
- Tech Services & La. Dept. staff worked on backlogs in addition to increased workload and providing support across all areas of service
- LD staff maintained the Emergency Status Blog & Public Library Wifi availability map and held virtual meetings for adult/children's programmers and Library directors with participation from all OSL department heads



Louisiana Public Library Services



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Weekly Virtual Meetings

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



State Library during COVID-19

- CFTB staff worked with 100's of authors & vendors regarding LBF & created 5 original virtual programs
- All staff compiled/shared data & new information with their public library counterparts
- Admin staff made sure all of us had the supplies & tools that we needed to be safe & manage our new work environment
- All staff constantly surveyed public library needs



Public Libraries during COVID-19

- Everything that we did at the State Library and more...
- Stocked up on PPE and other supplies
- Implemented quarantine procedures
- Shared information on resources for supplies and equipment needed quickly
- Implemented Curbside Services
- Created virtual Programs
- Immediately expanded all online offerings



Public Libraries during COVID-19

- Boosted Wifi as much as possible
- Held Zoom staff meetings & meetings with other parish libraries
- Partnered with each other to share resources
- Moved board meetings to virtual
- Wrote and re-wrote reopening plans
- Applied for newly available grants
- Reopened, closed & reopened
- Set up computer use by appointment



Public Libraries during COVID-19

- Created new service models for 24/7 service
- Reported your needs to the State Library and applied for CARES Act funding
- Used CARES Act funding to immediately expand everything that you were already doing
- Shifted gears to deal with numerous storms and their aftermath



State Library Services Now

- The State Library is 100% open
- Few staff still telecommuting
- Our schedule remains the same: Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm
- All services across all service areas are experiencing usage at an all time high
- Providing in-person & virtual trainings
- Planning to have the Louisiana Book Festival in person



CARES Act Funds



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IMLS CARES Act Funds 2020

- The State Library was allocated \$420,058 from the \$30 million that IMLS received for the Grants to States Program as part of the CARES Act
- 100% of these funds were evenly distributed to all of the parishes and given directly to Louisiana's public libraries.
- The funds were used (1) to expand digital network access, purchase Internet accessible devices and provide technical support services and (2) 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



Weather Events



Emergencies (Hurricanes/Winter Weather)

- Hurricane Marco- August 24, 2020
- Hurricane Laura- August 27, 2020
- Hurricane Sally- September 16, 2020 (Missed Louisiana)
- Hurricane Delta- October 9, 2020
- Winter Weather – February 11, 2021



Hurricane Laura

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



Hurricane Laura: Parishes affected

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



Hurricane Delta

- Impacted already hard hit areas of Lake Charles causing additional damage and flooding
- Additionally impacted Jefferson Davis, Iberia, and St. Martin Parishes
- Power outages in surrounding parishes



Hurricane Zeta: Parishes Affected

- Jefferson
- Jefferson Davis
- New Orleans Public
- St. Bernard
- St. Charles



Public Libraries During the Storms

- Stayed open as long as they could
- Provided online and remote services
- Helped each other across parish lines
- Kept the State Library informed & up to date regarding status
- Reopened as quickly as they could even under less than ideal circumstances
- Provided incredible inspiration to us at the State Library as they ever moved forward



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



UPDATES & ARPA Funds



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IMLS ARPA Funds 2021

- The State Library has been allocated \$3,012,150 out of the \$178 million given to the IMLS Grants to States Program as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Funds will be evenly distributed to each parish just as the CARES funds were distributed
- Exact time frame for disbursement is unknown
- IMLS is once again stressing that the funds are to go out quickly and have a direct community impact



IMLS ARPA Funds 2021

- Priorities include:
 - Enabling libraries to reach residents with internet hotspots, accessible Wi-Fi, and other digital inclusion efforts, particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development needs.
 - Providing rapid emergency relief to libraries across the country, allowing them to safely respond to the pandemic and implement public health protocols



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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LOUISIANA
20
21 BOOK
FESTIVAL



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OTHER CENTER FOR THE BOOK PROGRAMMING

Black History Month

National Poetry Month



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.



Continuing Education Training

- State Library CE workshops and attendance
 - Fall Administrative Conference – November 6, 2020 71 attendees
 - Staff Day Conference- February 9, 11, 2021 100 attendees
 - Weekly Virtual Directors Meetings-nearly 1,000 attendees total



Collaborative Summer Library Program 2021



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LOUISIANA READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2020-2021

Louisiana's young people have read more than 1.3 million books and cast over 411,000 votes in the twenty-two years since the program began

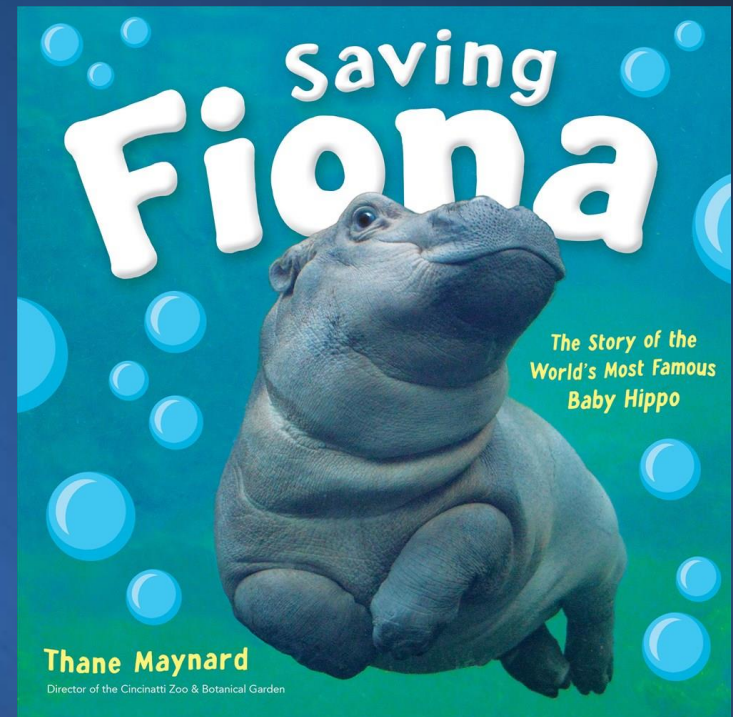


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Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 2020-2021

3-5th Grade Winner

*Saving Fiona: The Story
of the World's Most
Famous Baby Hippo*
By Thane Maynard



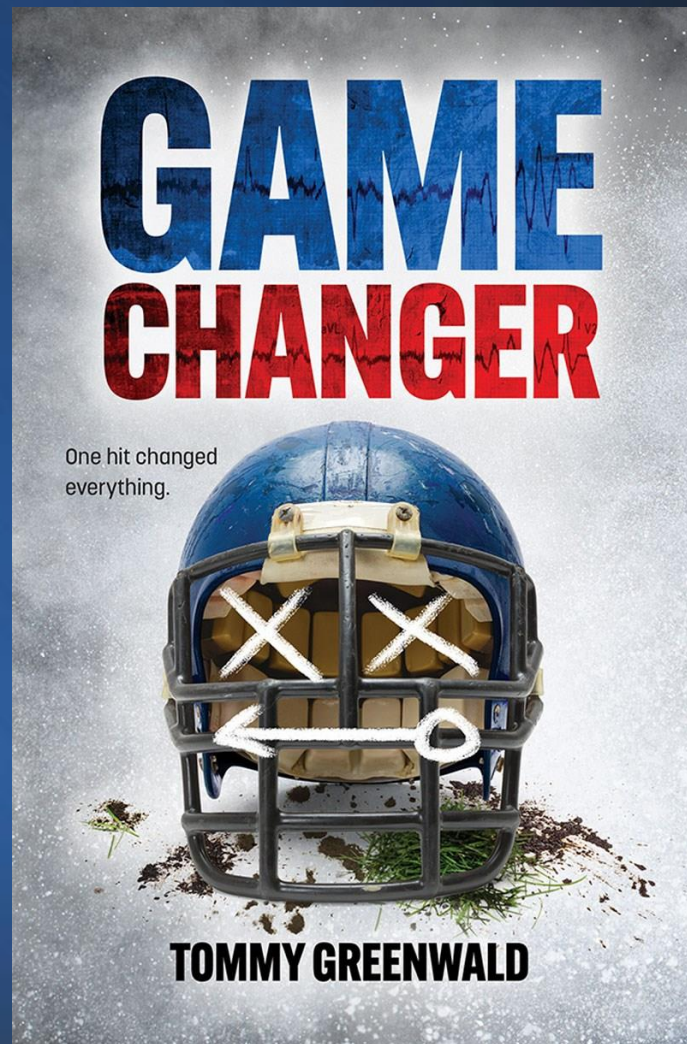
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Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 2020-2021

6-8th Grade Winner

Game Changer

by Tommy Greenwald

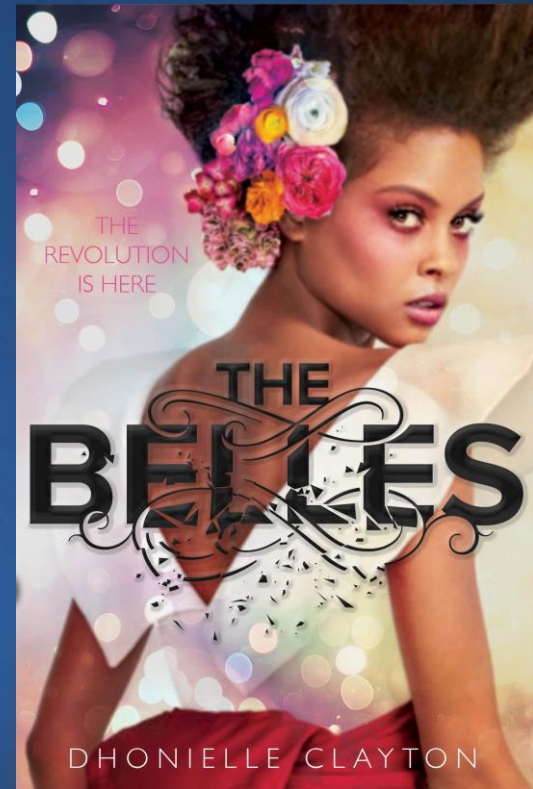


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Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award 2020-2021

9-12th Grade Winner

The Belles
by Dhonielle Clayton



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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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