

LIBRARY NAME	COMMENTS ON IMPACT OF STATE AID DURING FY2020
ADA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Continued support of public libraries impacts everyone in the community. This last year we were able to host the Water/Ways exhibit from the Smithsonian and implement a number of new program. Now, we are working with schools to make age appropriate materials available to youth in our community without additional cost to schools.
ALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	The books/materials purchased with State Funding is vital to promote literacy at the Allen Library. The children served are able to advance their reading skills to master courses in school, other children and adults enjoy them for pleasure reading.
ALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is a vital part of us being able to provide needed services in our rural area. It is very important is supplying Internet hardware and software to our area residents. The funding is also used to provide programs for the area youth that do not have the opportunity to travel to more urban areas to have these type of experiences.
ANADARKO COMMUNITY LIBRARY	State Aid is a very valuable resource that allows us to offer books and programs in rural areas that we would otherwise be unable to provide!
ANTLERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Our city monies keeps the doors open and covers most of the staff. State Aid supplies everything else. Without it we would have no new books, very few programs, worn out librarians, no ink or library supplies. State Aid provides the things needed to keep our library active and providing excellent service to the community.
APACHE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without state aid we wouldn't be about to stay opened. The grant helps us keep updated books in stock for our patrons and to offer e-books to the community.
ARDMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY	The library State Aid grants continue invaluable support to public libraries in Oklahoma. Our Library is no exception. This year we purchased new chairs for the public and staff, materials for library programs, database subscriptions, processing supplies, and paid for wireless access points for our mobile lab. I can't overestimate how important this support is to libraries. Thank you!
BARNSDALL - ETHEL BRIGGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	<p>Most people think of books when they think of a public library. While this is certainly true of our small, rural library, we also provide access to computers, internet, and databases that our patrons do not have at their homes. We offer not only print books but also the option of eBooks, audio books, magazines, and newspapers from the virtual library. The library gives them the ability to not only read the latest best seller but to also find information about available jobs, health concerns, or to fill out applications or documents for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>Our library serves a population that is largely at or below the poverty level. These are good people who are doing the best they can to provide for themselves and their families. The library strives to be the community hub where they can find help with their various needs. We provide a safe place where children know they can come to do homework after school or attend a program that we offer. Because we are in a rural area and not all students can come to the library we also started an outreach program to provide library books for classroom use at the local elementary school and gave each student the opportunity to gain access to our virtual library. Adults in our community find it hard to attend computer programs so we provide one on one help with their computer skills which enables them to stay current in this digital world.</p> <p>The library's budget comes from local tax dollars and through state funding. Our small city was struggling before the pandemic because our tax base was dwindling. Now with people staying home and ordering online every city department will probably see a decrease in revenue. As we navigate through the uncharted path of dealing with a pandemic and serving our community, the continued support of state funding will allow us not to be burdened with the hard decisions of which program or service we need to cut.</p>
BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is needed and appreciated by all Oklahoma libraries.
BEAVER COUNTY PIONEER LIBRARY	State Aid is vital to our library. It is one thing that keeps the library going. With the decreases in sales tax and the poor economy rural towns are suffering greatly. State aid helps keeps our door open as well as meets the need of our patrons with library services. State Aid is essential for us and we appreciate it very much.

BLACKWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is so important to our library. The money allow the library to reach more customers, especially children, because we always use a portion of the money to fund our summer reading program. Without the state aid funding, it would be very difficult to provide the same quality of programming to our community.
BOISE CITY - SOUTAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid Funds are extremely important to Soutar Memorial Library. We are a small community in the tip of the Oklahoma Panhandle. There is little to do here outside of school activities. In addition to the regular offerings of a Library, it is one of the main social interactive places in the area. Without the funds the Library would not be able to fund many programs. We count on our state funds to purchase the bulk of any materials, databases and any new equipment or computers. Without that state funds our library would not be able to remain open for long.
BRISTOW - MONTFORT & ALLIE JONES MEM LIBRARY	State Aid has allowed our library to purchase books for children, teens, and adults that reflect current reading trends and interests. It has allowed us to provide our patrons with access to the Oklahoma Virtual Library and helped us maintain our library when our other revenue streams fell short. State Aid is invaluable to the running of our small local and well-loved library.
BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY	We would not be able to provide resources for our community without State Aid. Being a rural community, revenue, especially this year has been extremely low. We need these funds to serve our community the best way possible.
CARMEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	State is very important to Carmen. We are a very small town and we love our library. We only have limited funds to keep it running. State aid help us to buy books, have programs, and keep our technology up to date. We are so thankful for state aid.
CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	We are a extremely poor farming community. To say we have limited funding is an understatement. State aid monies provide items that our community desperately needs. We could not provide the opportunities we do without state aid. Thank you for every dollar you send our way.
CATOOSA PUBLIC LIBRARY	The funds provided by the State of Oklahoma allowed us to purchase books, DVDS, and a laptop. The new laptop has helped us social distance, while still checking out materials and assisting patrons with other queries. The books and DVDs provide information and entertainment to an area where internet access is not easily available to all.
CHANDLER PUBLIC LIBRARY	The State Aid helps our library purchase equipment,supplies and books need to operate the library efficiently.
CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without State Aid funds our Library would not be able to afford the Automation System and to provide E-books and other materials supplied by overdrive.
CHEROKEE CITY- COUNTY LIBRARY	Even though we don't spread our state aid around to a lot of different things we focus on a few things we need the most. Always Juvenile books and our ebook subscription are some of our most expensive purchases for the year. We are able to get some of the nicest Library Binding educational books for our children's section with the gift of state aid. Easy reads ranging in the \$20 area are a luxury and are some of the most used books in this Library.
CHICKASHA PUBLIC LIBRARY	This year we used State Aid to purchase a new format of children's audio books called Wonderbooks. This allowed us to have a good base to begin offering this to our patrons. They loved these, the Wonderbooks were very popular. We always use State Aid to purchase e-books from Overdrive. The extremely high circulation of e-books and e-audiobooks shows how much this community uses them. We use State Aid to provide live performers for the summer reading program thus adding variety and culture that would otherwise probably not be provided due to the cost.

	<p>State Aid is a very important part of the budget for this library in providing for our patrons.</p> <p>The databases provided by the State provide needed high quality electronic research ability.</p> <p>Thank you legislators for providing this funding. For our patrons sake please continue.</p> <p>Lillie Huckaby</p>
CLAREMORE - WILL ROGERS LIBRARY	<p>State Aid was especially valuable this year in helping us to re-open safely in the pandemic! State Aid allowed us to purchase software to be able to move our Summer Reading Program online, build safety plexiglass barriers to protect staff at our Circulation desk when we re-opened, and purchase PPE for patrons and staff, none of which was foreseen in our initial budget. State Aid is always needed to expand library services in normal times; This year, without State Aid we would have had a dramatic interruption in all library services for our community; with State Aid we were able to provide as much service as was safely possible for patrons and staff.</p>
CLEVELAND - JAY C BYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	<p>State aid enriches our community! It allows our library to provide excellent service to our customers via our automation system, as well as quality books for adults and children. We are also able to add to our DVD collection each year with State Aid.</p> <p>This year, we used some of our State Aid for summer reading. Even with the Covid-19 situation, we wanted to provide some normalcy for our community (although with some restrictions) and let our customers know that we are still here for them. Thank you for State Aid!</p>
COWETA PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>State Aid is not only greatly appreciated, but it also allows us to purchase large print books, audio books, children's books, and to provide a Summer Reading Program. We had wanted to have a better Summer Reading Program this summer along with activities leading up to it, but COVID 19 prevented our plans.</p>
CRESCENT COMMUNITY LIBRARY	<p>State Aid funds are critical to our small town community library. Without the funding, we would not be able to keep our materials and services up to date for our citizens.</p>
CUSHING PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>We greatly appreciate receiving State Aid. Without State Aid our Summer Reading Program would not be possible.</p>
DEWEY - TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	<p>without state aid we would not be able to afford are special projects. The children of this community usually don't get larger prizes for their effects in reading.</p>
DRUMRIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY	<p>All Libraries struggle in normal times but given a devastating blow like this year has been the state aid has been a must to supply to our patrons their needs. Patron come to the library to get information, solve problems, access essential online websites , make copies, send faxes, check out books, access e-books and many many other reasons. the library is their go to place for many needs, with the help of state aid libraries are able to provide to the patrons who would other wise would fall through the cracks of this fast paced world we now live in. Thank you for continuing to supporting our</p> <p>"free university"</p> <p>"Libraries are a pillar of any society. I believe our lack of attention to funding and caring for them properly in the United States has a direct bearing on problems of literacy, productivity, and our inability to compete in today's world. Libraries are everyman's free university." —John Jakes</p>

DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid provides us with a part-time person that we otherwise would not be able to have. The position allows us to have more desk service, outreach to older people in the community, and the ability to participate in the free meals for low-income children programs.
DURANT-DONALD REYNOLDS COMMUNITY CT & LIBRARY	Given the rising cost of everyday living and what is expected of libraries in 2020, our state aid funding needs to be increasing instead of decreasing. We offer so much more for our community than just books and movies. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown just how important libraries are in their communities. People had to scramble to find other places for all the services their libraries provided while librarians held their communities together via the internet, curbside, drive thru windows, and over the phone. Please increase state aid for libraries to help us continue to provide for our community, especially when other agencies cut programming and funding.
EASTERN OKLAHOMA LIBRARY SYSTEM	State Aid is used to provide delivery service to all branches and to pay for cataloging expenses for the System's collection.
EL RENO CARNEGIE LIBRARY	With State Aid we've been able to begin a major refresh of our collection, much of which had been old, outdated, and in poor condition. We were able to replace those items with new titles to meet current interests in a variety of subjects. Much of our focus this year was on purchasing nonfiction titles to ensure our patrons have accurate information and a balanced collection that meets their needs. We also began replacing our very worn and sometimes 50-years-old children's collection with fun new materials for today's readers.
ELGIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY	While this year has looked a little different than usual, state aid is a godsend to our library. It enables us to have a part time staff member, plus purchase additional items not allowed for in a very tight city budget.
ELK CITY CARNEGIE LIBRARY	State Aid is essential to the running of our Library, the funds you provide enable us to serve the public. Libraries are a service organization but also the cultural center of a community. The public library is the adhesive that holds a community together. Thank you for the financial support you provide.
ENID-PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ENID AND GARFIELD CO	State Aid vastly benefits all who patron our library. These funds provide the means to fill holes in our typical yearly budget constraints, and offer a solution to fulfill our need for funding special projects. Special projects could include furniture and technology, or other items as a need arises. State Aid is vital to keeping our space current and relevant to all of our library patrons.
FAIRFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thank you! We could not make it without the generous State Aid money! Our Library would not be modern, relevant, inviting, and fun without the help you provide.
FAIRVIEW CITY LIBRARY	State Aid is invaluable to libraries across Oklahoma. It provides a way for libraries, particularly rural libraries, to acquire items and expand services when those items or services are beyond their budget. State Aid has enabled us to expand the number of digital devices we offer to our low income patrons and junior patrons from low income families. Often, our library is the only opportunity many low income families have to access digital devices and utilize online resources. Digital awareness and the ability to use online resources has increasingly become more of a necessity than a luxury.
FREDERICK PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thank you ! State aid helps libraries provide valuable services to communities across the state.
GEARY PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid allows us the financial space to hold enrichment activities for the Summer Reading Program.
GRANDFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	With sincere gratitude-our library couldn't operate without State Aid.
GUTHRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thank you for your continued support during this time of public health uncertainty. The Guthrie Public Library staff are truly grateful for the opportunity to continue to engage, educate, inform and support Logan County residents as they navigate their day-to-day tasks with a COVID-19 backdrop.

GUYMON PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid was immensely helpful this year as the library closed its doors and rushed to find ways to still get materials such as magazines, books, audiobooks, and newspapers into the hands of our patrons. It was also extremely necessary as we prepared to reopen with fewer computer stations available in our usual computer area as we used the purchased laptops to spread patrons out through the library in an attempt to observe social distancing procedures. Without State Aid this year, we would have had a difficult time serving our patrons as well as we have, and I foresee that State Aid will also be necessary next year as we continue to adapt to serving our patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic.
HENNESSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid allows us to expand our collection and invest in special projects. FY2020 gave us the opportunity to expand our Audio-Visual collection to include titles from the National Film Registry, as well as the American Film Institutes top 100 films. State Aid funds also helped procure children and adult materials to thematically support our mythological summer reading program.
HENRYETTA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is a valuable asset to all Libraries especially rural areas. We so appreciate the aid in making it possible to serve our smaller communities and surrounding communities that come in to us for books and other assistance Libraries can give to them. State aid is a very essential tool to help us be all we can be and do all we can do for lots of people that we could not serve as well otherwise. We are so thankful for all the assistance you give us.
HINTON - NORMAN SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Thank you for supporting libraries. Rural libraries such as Hinton need this money to continue to serve and better our communities.
HOBART PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to our library. It makes it possible for us to purchase the necessary items that we need that our budget cannot meet.
HOLDENVILLE - GRACE PICKENS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Libraries continue to face cuts and severe local government budget pressures, leading to closures, reduced hours, and staff reductions. State funding helps public libraries meet needs, provide enhanced services through technology and reach underserved populations.
HOMINY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without State Aid, our Library would not be able provide quality services from the latest best sellers, to equipment that allows our patrons to keep up with ever changing technology.
HOOKER - OLIVE WARNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	Our library has a very small budget. It is also vital to our community. We need state aid to buy books, have programs, and serve the community with access to information and technology.
HYDRO PUBLIC LIBRARY	In our library in Hydro, Oklahoma, we depend on the State Aid funds we receive to purchase books and supplies and equipment to keep our library working for our people. We utilize these funds to the best of our abilities. We depend of these funds to be able to do activities for our children each month. I want the library to be a place for all to come in and be welcome. We have patrons that need us here to use the computers. Others enjoy reading the books that we are able to purchase in the new releases. We greatly appreciate your help.
INOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Words cannot express how important State Aid is for our small rural Library. It allows us the ability to purchase more books, support programs and pull off a successful Summer Reading Program each year. We certainly could not provide our community with the Library they have grown to love and support with out. Thank you!
KAW CITY - J.A. WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid is most critical to small libraries like the JA Walker Memorial Library in assisting with purchasing materials and equipment that normally would not be available from regular funding to the library.
KELLYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	As a small library we count on the state aid to get materials that are not covered in our budget.
KINGFISHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid provides tremendous help in keeping our Library viable and current.
KONAWA - KENNEDY LIBRARY OF KONAWA	the state aid makes it possible for us to have our summer reading program for our kids. We buy books for the adults and couldn't without this help.
LANGLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	With all the budget cuts this year because of less sales tax due to the pandemic we are very thankful to our legislators for their continued support of libraries through State Aid! With the State Aid we received we were able to renew our license to purchase Ebooks. Thank You!
LAVERNE DELPHIAN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	We are a small library and depend on State Aid to purchase books, programs materials, equipment tjat our budget cannot provide for us. Thank you for your support and help that State Aid provides. Without it we would not be able to stay open. Thanks again!!!!

LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is vital to our community! We purchase books and databases for our community!
LINDSAY COMMUNITY LIBRARY	We are a small rural Library and State Aid helps us greatly.
LOCUST GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Receiving State Aid has benefited our library by allowing us to purchase technology, books and STEM resources that aren't covered in our annual budget from the town. We appreciate it very much. Thank you.
MADILL CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY	The Madill City County Library is located in rural Oklahoma and it serves the whole county with a population of over 16, 000, plus weekends/summer people that spend the time at the lake. With the Covid-19 putting everyone on lock down and children unable to go back to school the library had a very important role to play. We provided computers for the children to use for virtual schooling, a place for patrons to look for jobs and to file for unemployment. We use state aid to help off set the cost of paper & toner they would use for this important time in their life. We also pay for books and other supplies to help out the community. Without State aid we would not be able to provided all this free of charge to them. Please continue to support libraries statewide with the state and federal funding provided by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Thank you for your support of libraries and ODL. It will help out all the out of and displaced workers and children as we all navigate this pandemic time we live in.
MANGUM- MARGARET CARDER LIBRARY	Thank you for the state provided. It have really helped us provide additional materials and services to our communities under privileged families. I hope that we can maintain or even grow the state aid allotment in the years to come.
MANNFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	Normally, our Summer Reading Program is almost completely supported by State Aid. This year, being a different kind of year, our city manager suspended any spending from our budget except for State Aid. State Aid saved our bacon, allowing us to continue to buy books, office supplies, cleaning supplies, road signs, etc. We are truly fortunate that State Aid is available to libraries; many of us would not have survived, this year especially, without it.
MARLOW - GARLAND SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid allows the library to employ a part time children's librarian who does weekly story time and summer reading at the library and out reach to the community on a monthly basis.
MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid is so very important to my library. Without it, I wouldn't be able to afford new children's books, or Overdrive membership fees.
MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	The Library greatly appreciates getting State Aid, it helps with the summer programs, books and improvements to the Library.
MEEKER PUBLIC LIBRARY	We would not be able to operate without State Aid.
METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM	State aid allows the Metropolitan Library System to purchase digital resources and children's materials essential to our operation in the provision of library and information services to the community. State provided databases provide access to job seekers, students, and our customers more broadly as a primary source of critical and timely information that improves the quality of their lives.
MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid funds have been invaluable to our library over the years, and especially during this time. Due to COVID19, we have needed more ways to provide materials and services to our patrons that don't require them to come in the building to access. We used funds to greatly increase the number of online magazines, to add a streaming service that offers eBooks, downloadable audio, music and movies, and a new service that allows patrons to track summer reading online. Of course, we also look toward the day when we will start encouraging parents to bring in children to hang-out at the library and one of the things State Aid allowed us to purchase was a children's computer that is complete with educational games of all kinds and in all subject areas. We are a municipal library and the City budget is reduced at this time. We are so thankful to still be able to offer patrons new and exciting ways to use the library, even in times of financial stress.
MOORELAND - BEYOND THE PAGES	Mooreland is a very small town and state aid helps us tremendously. Without state-aid we would not be able to purchase new books, or have programs for kids and teens. Our services are vital to the community and often this is the only place residents have access to the internet. Thank you.

MOUNDS PUBLIC LIBRARY	As a new librarian, starting last October, I see the absolute importance of State Aid for our library to exist. This community NEEDS this library. Most patrons do not have access to internet, and our collection is an amazing resource for our town. So many people that haven't visited before comment on what a great library this is, and out-of-towners are surprised that a town this small has a library this size! The library was closed for 2 months when I was hired and started to work because of the last librarian leaving and my goal was to make it a place people wanted to frequent. I appreciate the support of our state and the hands on care we receive. This library is an integral part of our town and provides programs and resources not found in the two small towns surrounding Mounds. Thank you so much for making this possible. Respectfully, Lucille Abbott, Director.
MT VIEW - ADDIE DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STATE AID IT HELPS OUR LIBRARY PURCHASE MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES AND EVERYDAY RUNNING OF THE LIBRARY.
MUSTANG PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to our Library in meeting community need for access to technology, materials, information, access to educational classes, and professional information services provided by Library staff members.
NEWKIRK PUBLIC LIBRARY	We would not be able to afford the purchasing of the Overdrive data base and update our technology without the assistance of the State Aid support. We depend on these funds.
NOWATA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY	This funding allows us to provide extra services to the citizens of Nowata that would not be possible.
OKEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid is vital to our library. It allows the library to bring in outside programs for our patrons to enrich their lives. It also covers the cost of our ability to have an online presence to aid our patrons in their book selections and aids our students with their reading requirements.
OKEMAH PUBLIC LIBRARY	We are a small rural library in a relatively poor county. The city provides a small budget for books and materials so the state aid is crucial to our ability to continue to provide new books. The state aid is sincerely appreciated each year.
OKMULGEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is very important to the library. Without it we would be unable to purchase materials the library needs and for the Patrons to enjoy. It is very appreciated.
PAULS VALLEY-NORA SPARKS WARREN MEM LIBRARY	This money is vital to our library. Our budget is small and this money helps to fill the gap for just the basic needs.
PAWHUSKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid FY 2020 provided adult and children's books, computer system maintenance, new patron computers, laptops, and software; and training for the library staff. Additionally, State Aid FY 2020 helped provide a desk and file cabinets in the Director's office, which greatly improved work flow.
PAWNEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	STATE AID IS ALWAYS A BRIGHT SPOT THAT ALLOWS SOMETHING ELSE POSITIVE TO HAPPEN.
PERKINS - THOMAS-WILHITE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid is vital to our library services. It provides for expenses not covered in our city budget and it allows us to offer our community access to technology such as WIFI Hotspots and laptops that are helping to bridge the digital divide in rural Oklahoma. We also use State Aid to maintain our membership with the Oklahoma Virtual Library which provides access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks.
PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY	The State Aid is irreplaceable. We use it to plug holes that aren't available via City Funding. We have used it to purchase computers multiple years. This year we purchased mobile shelving that will allow future library staff to reinvent the Children't Department for many years to come. I already know what I would like for next year. It is another project that will be of benefit to the library and staff for years to come.
PIEDMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without state funds we would not have been able to provide mobile hotspots or tablets to checkout to patrons job searching or those in need of internet access during the Covid shutdown of our library. Also, we were able to buy large print books for our senior citizen population, which they greatly appreciated. We thank the ODL staff who have been available during these weird times; they've been tireless. State aid has been a blessing.

PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM	State aid is incredibly important to the libraries and citizens of Oklahoma. It helps provide needed resources and services such as technology, internet access and many programs for children. Pioneer specifically uses this aid for Internet costs to provide connectivity for those who need it most. When State Aid is cut then the impact is felt doubly by libraries since they are then not able to maximize federal dollars in the subsequent years.
PONCA CITY LIBRARY	We appreciate our state aid appropriation and the Legislature's investment in our community.
PRAGUE - HAYNIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Thank you so much for the extra we receive from State Aid. State Aid has made a difference for our small town library. It is hard to find grants these days, and if we find them we don't have the time or personal to follow through with all the conditions that are required.
PRYOR - THOMAS J HARRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Our annual State Aid grant allows our library to purchase much-needed computers and other technology that gives our rural community access to the world through our internet connection. Because of our State Aid grant, community members who do not have internet connectivity at home are able to apply for unemployment benefits, explore and apply for employment opportunities, stay connected to family and friends, and more. This year, State Aid also allowed us to purchase equipment and supplies to protect our staff and community from the spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19.
RINGLING - GLEASON MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State Aid plays a vital part in providing services to our community and library. It allows the library to expand services and provide books and programs that otherwise would not be within our small budget.
RUSH SPRINGS-GLOVER SPENCER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	State aid funding enables our library to continue offering relevant materials to our service area, and to help upgrade technology. We would be severely disadvantaged and unable to fulfill our mission to our rural population without this funding.
SALINA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid paid for all of our new books for adults and children, dvd's and some summer reading program items. We could not have updated our collection without these funds.
SAPULPA - BARTLETT CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	I'm thankful for the state aid as it helps us to be able to purchase or do things that we normally wouldn't be able to afford with the library budget. Workshops are what is very valuable to our library staff as they get to go to workshops and see that latest technology or plans that are being done. Then we can go home and try to implement similar programs or progress and bring them to our library. Thank you for your considerations in State Aid and in knowing that the libraries would miss out on if it wasn't for you.
SAYRE PUBLIC LIBRARY	We appreciate the Oklahoma Legislature very much for their appropriations to the state's libraries. Without these funds we would not have the resources to purchase adult reading materials. Thank you so very very much and our patrons thank you too.
SEMINOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid has always been the cornerstone of our local library, but this year with the devastating drop in oil prices and the virtual shut down of what was left of the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic it has literally been the one steadfast thing we could hang our hopes on while trying to survive.
SHATTUCK PUBLIC LIBRARY	It helped to purchase current books and up to date technology for our library patrons. It also helps us provide other services for our community.
SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM OF OKLA	We could not afford our many great databases without state aid.
SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA LIBRARY SYSTEM	Libraries rely on State Aid to assist with budget needs such as collection development and digital access to the many rural populations in our service area. In these critical and uncertain times, libraries (SOLS) are crucial and trusted public institutions, providing a variety of services to ALL people no matter age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. This financial assistance is significant.
SOUTHERN PRAIRIE LIBRARY SYSTEM	State funds are imperative to the successful operation of the SPLS. With the Constitutional cap on funding, the lack of growth in population, and the marginal increase in valuations, these funds are now used exclusively to supplement the materials budget. State aid funding is vital to the continued operations of the library system in Southwest Oklahoma.

STILLWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid typically allows Stillwater Public Library to advance long term goals that we would never be able to reach if not for these grants. This year, State Aid was the only option for us to be able to pay for and continue providing essential, basic necessities like our ILS and cataloging subscription fees.
STRATFORD - CHANDLER-WATTS LIBRARY	State Aid provided vital funds that assist with essential operations at the library. My library is the hub of our community. Thank you for showing your support for what we do - all of our communities are better for it!
STROUD PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is of vital importance to every public library in Oklahoma. Regardless of size or scope of service from small, rural, stand-alone libraries to multi-county or large metropolitan library systems, it does not matter as all appreciate State Aid funding. Stroud Public Library did not qualify for State Aid in 2019 due to not meeting State Aid Regulations. Which makes receiving 2020 State Aid funding a blessing as evidenced by the purchase of 236 new books and 44 DVDs for the library. All public libraries need the continued support of the Oklahoma legislature. Thank you for remembering Oklahoma's libraries and the many services provided to Oklahoma communities.
TALALA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Talala is a small rural library. State aid is very important to this library as this is an economically depressed area and our library public computers are used for job searches and job applications among other things. We are here to help our community any way we can with whatever their needs are.
TEXHOMA PUBLIC LIBRARY	The budget for Texhoma Public library is very small. We rely heavily on our state aid funds to help provide access to the internet with updated technology, library programs, and new books for our children and adults.
TONKAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We value State Aid, we normally use it to help us fund continuing education classes for our staff.
TRYON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Our State Aid allows us to purchase books and materials, aids in technology needs and programming that otherwise our library would not be able afford. Many of our people do not have technology and/or internet in their homes. We leave our wifi on 24/7 for their use. It reaches out to the parking lot. The Covid 19 had a big impact on our library and people this past year. Thank you for your continue support.
TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	State Aid was used to purchase children's materials and helps us to provide our community with the books families check out and read when participating in the summer reading program. This program supports the library's number one goal of promoting lifelong literacy and learning in all forms. This is important work that contributes to intelligent kids, a stronger community, and library sustainability.
VINITA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Our library continues to meet increasing demand for technology and other resources by our small rural community. We have increased internet bandwidth and continue maintenance of up-to-date technology, which is increasingly important due to the increase of students doing online classes, and adult computer users doing various tasks remotely. This would not be possible without State Aid. Thank you for keeping public libraries in Oklahoma a priority!
WAGONER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	In days world having access seems easy, but for rural areas it is not always the case. Kids in rural towns rely on the library and the librarians to fill in the gap. The state databases offer our youth and our older citizens the ability to level the field and have access to the same information and possibilities those living in metro areas. Your continued support of these databases show that you are invested in the future of our youth and success of the Oklahoma leaders of tomorrow.
WALTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Cotton County is a small rural community that does not receive a high volume of traffic and depends on grants to support every function of the library.
WATONGA PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid funds were especially important to our library this year since we had to make decisions about how to modify service to meet the needs of our customers and keep everyone safe and comfortable at the same time. Some of the modifications involved curb service check out, online registration and reading logs, COVID sheilds for the circulation counter, and the addition of Universal Class to offer additional classes in subjects such as Excel, cooking, crafts, and many others. We appreciate having this additional funding which can be used by each library to enhance and expand the services that we provide to the community.

WAURIKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	As the only full time library in Jefferson Co., the Waurika Public Library depends on State Aid to help set a baseline for maintaining our catalog both with books and the cataloging system to track them.
WAYNOKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Waynoka Public Library would have a very hard time operating on local funds only. The State Aid is a very appreciated help to our community. Thank you!
WESTERN PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM	WPLS continues to use State Aid to supplement its library materials budget, particularly in its three rural counties with lower base ad valorem valuations.
WETUMKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	We could buy an AWE computer for our 6 to 12 year olds. It has education games and things to do, but it doesn't go on the internet. Often our kids are waiting for a turn on the computers. Now we have another AWE computer ready to go for them!
WEWOKA PUBLIC LIBRARY	we have a small budget, state aid helps with things we need
WOODWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is crucial to the needs of the library. With the additional funding, the library was able to purchase and provide services that the library would otherwise go without. Thank you for your continual support.
WYNNEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY	Without this year's State Aid, I'm not sure how we would have been able to meet our financial obligations this year.
YALE PUBLIC LIBRARY	State aid funds are greatly appreciated. While some of the funds are used to purchase books, the majority of the money is used for extras which we would not be able to spend from our operating budget without having to cut back in another area. The umbrella license to legally show movies at the library is just one example. A webcam and microphone were two necessary items we were able to purchase. The library strives to provide the highest quality service and goods to the people we serve. State aid funds help us meet that standard. Thank you!
YUKON - MABEL C. FRY PUBLIC LIBRARY	State Aid is an invaluable contribution to my library funding. As a municipal library, my City budget is mainly dependent on Sales Tax revenue. While on more than one occasion, I have had to cut my City budget in response to revenue shortfalls, my State Aid is dedicated to the library only and allows me to continue to function despite the state of the City budget. This year, in March I was forced to lay off my entire staff due to the City Manager's concern that our sales tax revenue would fall drastically. I was able to "save" one full time staff member because I had State Aid funds available to pay her with. While things are better now and the City is once again funding my staff, having State Aid at my disposal gave me options. Thank you is not nearly enough to say to express my gratitude for this funding.