

Library 2015- 2016 Budget Requests

● Library Software – SIRSI, Amigos, ILL	52,850.00
● Electronic Resources	194,187.50
● Periodicals/Newspapers/Microform	130,900.00
● Standing Orders and New Book Purchases	50,000.00
● Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses	14,647.50
● Travel	8,000.00
TOTAL	450,585.00

Rationale

The library is vital for student success.

There is a strong relationship between student retention and library expenditures, *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 33.5 (Sept. 2007): 561-66.

Freshman students who use libraries in their first semester have higher grade point averages and retention, *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*, April 2013.

For every dollar spent on library resources, the institution receives approximately \$4-6 in benefits to students, especially student access to a wide variety of quality scholastic resources, *Library Leadership and Management*, 25.1 (2011): 1-14.

Prudent and efficient management has kept library costs in line while vastly expanding student access to resources via electronic databases.

Electronic resource acquisitions over the last several years such as the Ebscohost Discovery System and JSTOR archives have made far more scholarly resources available to students than ever before. While electronic resource pricing increases annually from 5–15%, the proposed budget represents only a 6% increase.

Libraries should receive a minimum of 5-6% of the E&G budget, according to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Policy and Procedure Manual (Chapter 3.1 Academic Affairs), and the Southeastern Library averages only slightly more than 3%.

State budget cuts threaten electronic database availability.

Matching funds from the state are required to obtain federal subsidies for statewide database licenses, according to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The state legislature is already delinquent in providing this money, and further budget cuts may imperil the ability of the Southeastern Library to maintain student access to these resources. The library currently receives about \$67,000 in support from this source.

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