

Approved: January 28, 1999
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Lana Oleen at 11:10 a.m. on January 25, 1999 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Bleeker, excused
Senator Jones, excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisors of Statutes
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Duane Johnson, State Librarian

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairman Oleen recognized Duane Johnson, State Librarian, who presented a briefing on the State Library and the library services provided. (Attachment #1) The library is located on the third floor of the capitol and employs 27 persons. Seven of these are employed at the Emporia location for the Kansas Talking Book Service; this service is offered for people who are blind or disabled under contract with the Library of Congress. There are six subregional libraries for the Kansas Talking Book Service located in Great Bend, Hutchinson, Manhattan, Norton, Topeka and Wichita. One employee works out of Kingman, Kansas, as the statewide literacy coordinator. The remaining employees are at the Topeka facility. The Statewide Summer Reading Program and a variety of other children services are shared on a statewide basis. The state library maintains extensive library statistics for the U. S. Department of Education and is a state data center for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The Capitol Building library is a public library serving anyone who goes there or communicates to the library for information. Much of the staff's time is given to research activity responding to requests from legislators, legislative staff, individuals from most of the state's agencies and from people in other state governments.

Approximately 50% of the budget is directed to library services in Topeka. The other half of the monies are directed to the Talking Book Service and the consulting activities and other work that is done with specialized programs to support the operations of local libraries. These statewide services include the Kansas Library Catalog which is an inventory of the book holdings in all libraries in the state that have been compiled over the 25 years. The budget authorization in FY 1999 is approximately \$6,600,000 of which \$1,400,000 is money received through the federal Library Services and Technology Act. Out of the State General Fund money received, \$3 million is distributed as grants to local libraries.

The state librarian is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. There is an advisory library commission appointed by the Governor to advise the Governor and the state librarian on issues in the operation of the Capitol Building library and its statewide services.

In response to a question from Senator Oleen, Mr. Johnson stated that he was appointed to the position of state librarian in 1982 and the number of authorized positions for the agency has remained stable.

Senator Vidricksen inquired about Mr. Johnson's feeling about relocating the state library to another location outside the Capitol. Mr. Johnson stated that the current space for the state library has come to be less of a problem with the use of microforms for storing information.

Senator Becker inquired about the total number of individual libraries located in Kansas. Mr. Johnson stated that there are 319 public libraries, 20 satellite branches, 500 secondary school libraries and 60 academic libraries for a total of approximately of 890.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS, Room 254-E
Statehouse, at 11:10 a.m. January 25, 1999

In response to a question from Senator Harrington about local fund raising efforts, Mr. Johnson stated that local libraries receive 95% of their funds from local tax levies. Most local libraries are very aggressive in using local donations and private fund raising efforts for funding sources. The state contribution for this important local library service which is a strong support to education in the state the state contribution is 5% or less.

Vice-Chair Senator Harrington asked for committee action on approval of Committee minutes for January 19, 1999. Senator Vidricksen moved that the minutes be approved. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 1999.

SENATE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Dorittegn Helsen &	DOB
Michael Byington	Envision
Joseph Dales	Library Board - Independence
Kelly Kuitala	City of Overland Park
Michelle Peterson	Peterson Public Affairs Group

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

Senator Lana Oleen, Chair

January 25, 1999

Senator Oleen and members of the committee:

I am Duane Johnson, State Librarian. Thank you for the opportunity to provide information about the State Library.

Statutory authorization:

The state library is authorized at K.S.A. 75-2534. A copy of this statute is attached here.

Location:

The library and offices are located in the Capitol Building, third floor, on the north side of the rotunda, between the House and Senate, room 343-N.

Staff and collections:

The library employs 27 persons for the library operations and statewide services.

For subjects in the broad areas of

public affairs, public administration, government organization and operation, commerce, social services, government statistics, the laws of all 50 states, the history of Kansas government, and current Kansas government,

the Capitol Building library organizes and preserves collections totaling more than 250,000 items in print, microforms, and recordings.

The Kansas Talking Book Service for people who are blind or disabled circulates a collection of 68,380 volumes from the central library in Emporia, and an additional approximate 180,000 volumes, and 9,882 units of play back equipment from the six subregional libraries for this service located in Great Bend, Hutchinson, Manhattan, Norton, Topeka, and Wichita.

Library services:

Within the broad subject areas of the library's government-oriented collections the Capitol Building library is a public library serving anyone who comes here or communicates to us for information. People browse the stacks and we lend materials and respond to information requests in the ways expected of any public library.

Because this also is a research library, responding to requests from legislators, legislative staff, individuals from most of the state's agencies, and from people in other state governments, much of the staff's time is given to research activity.

The use of computers and telecommunications for research in specialized databases located outside of this library is an important part of the research process.

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Attachment: # 1-1

Library services, continued:

The Legislative Reference Department and the collections relating to historic and current Kansas government is intensively used by legislators, government employees, and by people throughout the state. In addition to researchers from state government, frequently research is being conducted there by authors, university students, and high school students.

The Legislative Hot Line for response to public requests for information about current events in the Legislature is operated from this department.

Statewide services:

Statewide services include the Kansas Library Catalog and the automated interlibrary loan network which together support education and research in schools and universities, as well as in libraries. Library consulting staff provide coordination and instruction in information technology to insure effective use of computer equipment and compatibility in and among the computer equipment used in libraries through the state.

The consultant staff assist librarian training and continuing education. They work with local library staff and library boards in planning and improvement of services and in the resolution of issues related to the library and government, the library and new law, and the library and new policy for public service.

The Kansas Talking Book Service is operated for people who are blind or disabled under a contract with the Library of Congress, National Library for the Blind.

The state library provides the management of the federal Library Services and Technology Act grant programs and state assistance to local libraries through the Grants-in-aid to local libraries and the Interlibrary Loan Development Program.

The state library maintains extensive library statistics for the U.S. Department of Education and is a state data center for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Budget authorizations:

The budget authorization of the state library in FY 1999 is approximately \$6,600,000, of which \$1,400,000 is money received through the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

Of the approximate \$5,200,000 of State General Fund used, \$3,044,500 is distributed as grants to local libraries, and the amount of \$372,000 is paid from the State General Fund to the six regional centers that assist in the operation of the Kansas Talking Book Service.

Administration:

The state librarian is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Statute directs the state librarian and state library to work for all branches of government (K.S.A. 46-1212 and 75-2534).

Administration, continued:

A library commission (K.S.A. 75-2546) is appointed by the Governor to advise the Governor and the state librarian on issues in the operation of the Capitol Building library and statewide services. The library commission is directed by statute to oversee the seven regional systems of cooperating libraries.

The Kansas Library Network Board (K.S.A 75-2575 et seq.) operates as a division of the state library and is directed by statute to guide interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing. In the statute, the state library is directed to support the network board.

75-2534. Kansas state library in Topeka; composition; services; chief officer. There shall be a state library which shall be designated as the Kansas state library which shall be located in Topeka. The state library shall consist of books, pamphlets, papers, pictures, maps, charts and documents of every description now belonging thereto, together with such others as may be acquired by gift, purchase, exchange or otherwise. The state library shall provide library and informational services to the judicial, legislative and executive branches of the state government and said library shall also provide extension services to all of the residents of the state. For the benefit of blind readers of Kansas, the state library may make available books and other reading matter in Braille, talking books or any other medium of reading used by the blind. To this end, the state library is authorized to provide library services for the blind and other handicapped persons through contract, agreement or otherwise with the library of congress or any regional library thereof. The chief officer of the state library shall be the state librarian.

KANSAS STATE LIBRARY, MISSION STATEMENT

With the authorizations of K. S. A. 75-2534 et seq., it is the mission of the State Library to help our state become an information leader, where all Kansans enjoy excellent library service by,

- » providing information and research services to state government;
- » providing government-related information services to Kansas librarians and to the people of Kansas;
- » providing accessible information services to people who are blind or physically disabled;
- » improving the reading skills of adults through library literacy programs;
- » providing leadership in the development of interlibrary and interagency collaboration, new information technology, and information access to serve the people of Kansas;
- » providing and coordinating consultant services and continuing education for librarians and other library employees;
- » administering state, federal, and grant-funded programs for libraries.

OPERATING VALUES OF THE STATE LIBRARY:

The staff of the state library are dedicated to the highest standards of ethics and public service. We strive for the maximum of effectiveness and economy in library operations. We provide nonpartisan and confidential information services. We strive for equity and fairness in serving constituencies throughout the state. We are dedicated to the development of full and equal access to information for all people. We are guided by the principles of Kansas Quality Management.