

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Education and Early Development  
Alaska Library and Museums  
Budget Request Unit

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### BRU Mission

To provide access to information and to preserve the history of the state.

### BRU Services Provided

#### Library

- **HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS:** Reference and research services are provided by Historical Collections. It collects, organizes and preserves Alaskan materials including private papers and materials important to the state's history.
- **INFORMATION SERVICES:** This section concentrates on access to up-to-date information for state agencies and the legislature by providing periodicals, reports, state and federal documents and other materials in a variety of formats.
- **STATE DOCUMENTS DEPOSITORY:** The program attempts to collect all materials published or printed by state agencies.
- **LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT:** Coordination of library services are offered to 90 public libraries and 400 public schools, as well as to academic and special libraries. Staff provide assistance and information on the Public Library Assistance Grant program, interlibrary cooperation grants, federal programs, interlibrary loan, and continuing education statewide.
- **TALKING BOOKS CENTER:** This library has 1,000 registered patrons and serves approximately 850 visually or physically impaired Alaskans each month.
- **SLED:** Provides managed Internet access to libraries, schools and the public in approximately 40 communities with no other internet access. Sled also provides an evaluated; up-to date comprehensive web site of Alaskan resources.
- **ARCHIVES:** This section identifies, preserves and makes available state and territorial government records of permanent value.
- **RECORDS MANAGEMENT:** The records management program concentrates on the systematic creation, organization, maintenance and disposition of records. This section assists state agencies in files management, records retention scheduling and disposition.
- **CENTRAL MICROFILM SERVICES:** This section provides microfilm services for agencies throughout State Government.

#### Museums

The BRU manages the operation of two facilities, the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

- **COLLECTIONS:** The Museums' collections are one important and visible means of preserving Alaska's history. Their acquisition, documentation, preservation, and security are fundamental to securing Alaska's history and culture for future Alaskans.
- **EDUCATION:** Educational programs are developed by the Museums to encourage and guide increased interaction between local museums and schools.

- MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT: The direct support of other Alaskan museums is accomplished through the provision of:

1. professional consulting services in artifact preservation, conservation, collection management, educational programming, exhibit design and museum management;
2. direct financial support through a competitive Grant-in-Aid program; and
3. a museum services program that provides resource material
4. referral services directly to all museums.

## **BRU Goals and Strategies**

### Library

Provide library and information services to all state agencies and the legislature through operation of the State Library.

Provide library and information services to those citizens who are blind or physically handicapped.

Provide library and information services to those citizens who live in areas of the state without a public library through books by mail.

Collect, organize, and preserve the written and photographic history of the state.

Collect, organize and make state documents accessible to citizens statewide.

Coordinate and support library services statewide for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Provide online access to legislative and state information to citizens statewide through SLED.

### Archives

Provide access to current records and acquire, protect and make accessible state records of permanent value.

Provide assistance to state agencies in managing information in a cost effective and efficient manner through the assistance of records managers, archivists and microfilm/microfiche services.

### Museum

Collect and preserve the history of the state and to make it accessible to Alaskans statewide.

Provide consultation and conservation expertise and assistance to museums statewide.

## **Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

### Library

Key issues for the library are related to technology. The library attempts to serve all state agency personnel. Staff is working to find the right mix of products and services for remote users and to adapt our services to deliver them to the employee desktop. As staff must stay up-to-date with the technology, finding time for continual training is an issue. As the State Library is mandated to collect all state documents, staff is working on a plan to collect, catalog and preserve the increasing amount of information that is published electronically.

### Archives

A key issue concerns the proliferation of electronic records. The archives is concerned with issues relating to the informational content of electronic records. While information technology officials focus on technology and architecture of the state's computer systems, the archives is focusing on access and the preservation requirements associated with electronic records keeping systems and procedures. The archives is building a basic electronic records component to respond to requests from state officials seeking assistance for solutions to the legal and administrative requirements associated with current electronic records systems. This is placing additional stress on an already depleted staff.

#### Museum

Protection of the collection through the completion of the upgrade to the museum facility in Juneau and the need for additional space for the collection is a key issue for the museum. Since 1967 when the Juneau facility was opened, the collection has grown from 5,600 to 23,000 objects. Land adjacent to the current facility is available and there is an urgent need to secure this land.

### **Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000**

#### Library

The State Library assumed responsibility for working with every school district and with public libraries on the Universal Service Fund and E-Rate issue. As a result in the first year of the program, Alaska's schools and libraries benefited from \$13 million dollars in telecommunications subsidies. It is important to understand that schools are not receiving dollars, but reduced costs for access to long distance, Internet access and internal wiring. Alaska continues to rank number one in the amount of money received per student. In the second year, Alaska received about \$12.5 in subsidies. Staff is continuing to provide training and assistance to schools, libraries and Alaskan vendors participating in this complex program.

The State Library, working with volunteers from libraries across the State, mounted online access to full-text periodicals. Alaska is the first State to make this information available not just to users in a library but to anyone with Internet access from home, work, school or library. The database, first funded by the legislature in FY99, contains full-text access to more than 4,000 periodicals and nearly 100 newspapers. The goal of the project is to meet the basic information needs of Alaskans and of K-20 students. Use of the database has been heavy, with more than a million searches conducted and approximately 725,000 full-text articles retrieved in FY2000.

The library answered more than 15,000 reference and research questions for state agencies, the legislature, libraries statewide, and Alaskans from across the State.

#### Archives

The State Archives, working with the State Library and the State Museums has, through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, mounted a curriculum based web site on the Gold Rush. The intent of the grant is to offer a curriculum-based on the Gold Rush, along with original source material, available to middle and high school students throughout Alaska.

#### Museums

The State Museum has successfully competed for a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). These grants are extremely competitive and it is considered an honor within the national museum community to receive the grant. The funds received in FY2000 and FY2001 will help the museum to extend outreach and statewide services by refurbishing existing learning kits and developing new ones.

Both Museums enjoyed increased visitation and managed to successfully compete within the vigorously competitive market for tourist dollars. From FY92 to FY2000 museum receipts have increased by 103%. In addition, the two museums attracted more than 5,620 hours of volunteer service in FY2000.

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BRU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b>												
None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Library Operations	3,727.3	565.5	55.9	4,348.7	3,843.9	675.5	158.3	4,677.7	3,932.1	675.5	158.3	4,765.9
Archives	547.9	28.5	63.9	640.3	554.5	40.0	109.4	703.9	561.4	40.0	134.2	735.6
Museum Operations	1,322.4	12.8	2.0	1,337.2	1,355.2	60.0	35.3	1,450.5	1,363.1	60.0	22.6	1,445.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,597.6</b>	<b>606.8</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>6,326.2</b>	<b>5,753.6</b>	<b>775.5</b>	<b>303.0</b>	<b>6,832.1</b>	<b>5,856.6</b>	<b>775.5</b>	<b>315.1</b>	<b>6,947.2</b>

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### Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

The library is proposing an increase of one non-permanent position for a two year period in order to ready public libraries statewide for grants of hardware, software and technical training in FY2003 from the Gates Foundation.

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### Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component

#### From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	5,753.6	775.5	303.0	6,832.1
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Library Operations	-10.5	0.0	0.0	-10.5
-Archives	6.9	0.0	-13.8	-6.9
-Museum Operations	7.9	0.0	-12.7	-4.8
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Library Operations	98.7	0.0	0.0	98.7
-Archives	0.0	0.0	38.6	38.6
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>5,856.6</b>	<b>775.5</b>	<b>315.1</b>	<b>6,947.2</b>