

**Major Budget Changes From FY2019-2020 YTD FY2019-2020 Appropriations**

Year to date **FY2020-2021**

Conference Update

***State Aid to Libraries***

Increases state aid to libraries by \$1.0 million GF/GP to a total of \$13.1 million.

GF/GP **\$12,067,700**

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Our message over the years has resonated and we are thankful every time you contact your legislators by picking up the phone, writing a note, sharing an email, inviting them to read a story or hold their coffee hours at your library, and/or responding to an MLA call to action. They absolutely know the importance and value of libraries in their communities.

Advocacy happens year-round – now is not the time to let up. The Governor and our legislators will begin to quickly get their priorities in place and another cycle will be underway to develop the FY22 budget – another challenging year due to the coronavirus. It will be even more critical in the next 6 months to keep our legislators informed of what you are doing, how this increase has helped you, and what your library means to your community.

Take time today – **RIGHT THIS MINUTE** to thank your Senator, your House Member, and the Governor. You can find your legislators and send an email using the form embedded below. We've created a quick thank you template if you need it, but feel free to personalize and share your heartfelt appreciation.