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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES**  
**NH STATE LIBRARY**

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February 26, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
 and the Honorable Council  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), State Library to budget and expend prior year carry forward funds in the amount of \$168,224, for the purpose as authorized in RSA 201-A:10 to purchase books or other supplies or facilities for the state library, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% Other Funds (Library Donations).

Funds are to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

03-035-035-350010-22650000, Donations - Gifts

<b>Class-Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY24 Adjusted Authorized</b>	<b>Requested Change</b>	<b>Revised FY24 Adjusted Authorized</b>
003-402770-20	Revolving Fund	\$0	\$168,224	\$168,224
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$168,224</b>	<b>\$168,224</b>
020-500200	Current Expenses	\$0	\$7,224	\$7,224
030-500301	Equipment	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
057-500534	Books Periodicals Subscriptions	\$0	\$121,000	\$121,000
103-502507	Contracts for Ops Services	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$168,224</b>	<b>\$168,224</b>

**EXPLANATION**

DNCR is requesting \$168,224 in prior year carry forward fund revenue from the State Library Donations account to be appropriated for FY 2024. The monies are from outside individuals/organizations in support of collections, facilities, supplies, and programs that support the needs of NH library personnel and the NH state library staff. For example, the NH Summer Learning Grants Program is dedicated to supporting programming needs for New Hampshire public libraries during the summer reading months when school is not in session in order to prevent a decline in literacy levels for K-12 students. This funding, from

outside non-profit agency grants, is for New Hampshire public libraries who apply for this money using specified criteria and are awarded funds based on the merit of their application, as reviewed by State Library staff.

**The following appropriation authorities are being requested for Fiscal Year 2024:**

**Class 020 – Current Expenses:** For supplies, etc. related to the preservation of NHSL collections and housing/maintenance of Talking Book collections

**Class 030 – Equipment - New/Replacement:** For replacement of equipment used by public while on site at NHSL or Talking Books. Includes scanning, printing, and public access computers/laptops.

**Class 057 – Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions:** for purchase of replacement or new materials for the NHSL and Talking Books collections.

**Class 103 – Contracts for Ops Services:** Outside non-federal grants obtained by NHSL library development staff to implement programming for NH public libraries. An example is the annual Summer Learning Grants, which facilitates the ability of small libraries throughout the state to provide summer reading program performers for their community.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Sarah L Stewart, Commissioner