

State of the STATE LIBRARY

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AGENDA

- FY 2022-23 Budget
- LSTA Five-Year Plan FY2023-27
- ARPA Reports
- Trends: the Good, the Bad & the Ugly
- Accomplishments



State Library Budget FY22-23

State Funding	\$4,878,356
Transfer from Tourism	\$821,436
Self-generated	\$90,000
Federal Funding	\$2,689,040
Total Budget	\$8,478,832



FY 22-23 Benefits to Public Libraries

● Electronic Resources	\$1,459,241
● ILL (LS + OCLC)	\$186,618
● Statewide Delivery Service	\$245,000
● Bibliostat	\$6,050
● CE & Children	\$115,000
● Total	\$2,011,909



LSTA Five-Year Plan



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Needs Assessment

- Access to Information
- Programs for Targeted Audiences
- Training and Professional Development
- Technology Support
- Communications/Promotion/Marketing
- Literacy and Digital Literacy
- Facility Maintenance and Staffing



Goal 1 – Enhance Access to Information

- Institutional Library Services
- Louisiana Collection
- Louisiana Public Document Depository Program
- Resource Sharing
- Statewide Electronic Resources
- Talking Books and Braille Library (TBBL)



Goal 2 – Improve Library Services

- Continuing Education and Consulting
- Broadband and Technology Support
- Literacy



Goal 3 – Community Engagement

- Communications
- Louisiana Book Festival
- Strategic Partnerships



ARPA Reports



IMLS ARPA Funds 2021

- State Library was allocated \$3,012,150.00 from the \$200 million that IMLS received for State Library Agencies as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.
- 100% of these funds were evenly distributed to all of the parishes and given directly to Louisiana's public libraries.
- The funds were used in expanding digital network access, purchasing internet accessible devices, and addressing digital inclusion by providing technical support services to citizens, particularly in support of education, health, and workforce development needs.
- Public libraries focused on four program focus areas – Technology, Collection and Materials, Programs and Outreach and COVID-19 response.



IMLS ARPA IT Purchases

Hardware

Computers/Laptops/Chromebooks

Tablets

Hotspots

Networking Equipment

Charging Stations

Solar Charging Benches with Wifi

AWE Learning Stations – English and Spanish

Smart Tables

Smart Boards

3-D Printers

Poster Printers

Oculus VR Headsets

Printer/Scanner/Fax

Digitization Equipment

Network and Cyber Security

DVD/Blueray Players

People Counters

Tablet Stations

Barcode Scanners

Raspberry Pi

Software

New Websites

Video Editing

Software

Beanstack

Envisionware

READsquared

Databases

Hoopla

Ancestry

Flipster

Kanopy

Overdrive

Novelist

Scholastic Go

Newsbank



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IMLS ARPA Purchases

Print/AV Materials

Programs and Outreach

Performers
Microphones/Speakers
Service to record virtual programs
Vehicles for Community Engagement
Equipment and shelving for outreach vehicles
Canopies, chairs, tables

Other Items

Inflatable Outdoor Movie
Screen/Projectors
Digital Projectors
Digital Signage/Marquee
Digital Cameras

Instant Cameras
Photo Backdrop
Drones
Game Systems
Interactive Game Tables

E-Materials

Health and Safety/PPE

Barrier Shields for desks and between
public computers
Sanitization products
Air Purifiers
Masks
Security Cameras

Microscopes
Stop Motion Animation Kits
Roku Devices
Laminator
Seating/desk



IMLS ARPA Outcomes

“The new laptops allowed us to teach using up to date technology. However, anecdotally the majority of participants are over the age of 60 years. Many participants do not have a computer at home. They come to the class to learn how to do very basic operations on a computer. The training gives them more confidence when using one of the public access computers in our library.”

“The library seems to have been rediscovered by adding additional resources and upgrades for public use to those that never knew the library existed.”

“Families now have a place to sit and enjoy the library together.”

“We set up a hotspot at one of the communities that does not have a branch...we have a partnership with the drug store. The customers are also able to download our e-books with this hotspot.”

“Since the implementation of these various security software applications, other possible threats to our data base have been stopped. This kind of security is of great benefit to our library service in this parish.”



IMLS ARPA Key Lessons

“Gauge your patrons. If you ask them their wants, they will tell you. This is how we knew there was a need for the projects we took on. QR code surveys are a great tool to make sure you are fulfilling patron needs.”

“We have also learned that we cannot have enough e-book titles available! There continues to be a demand. The ARPA grant allowed us to fill quite a few requests that would not have been filled otherwise. Looking forward to 2023 we will likely devote more funds to purchase e-materials.”

“The public library is essential during a time of disaster. It becomes the community hub. If public libraries hear what the community needs and learns to adapt to those needs, public libraries will stay relevant.”

“Developing a community room helps bring your communities together. It shifts the thought process from ‘a warehouse of books’ to ‘a fun place to meet new people and pick up a new hobby.’ Developing an area that can be classified for multipurpose use is ideal and it broadens the scope of patrons that take advantage of library service.”



TRENDS:
THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY



- Increased Library Usage Statewide
- Increased Capacity w/ARPA & CARES Funds
- Renewed Focus on Importance of Libraries
- First Amendment Audits
- Book Display Challenges
- Challenged Books
- Re-direction of Public Library Funds
- Politicized Library Boards
- Board Interference



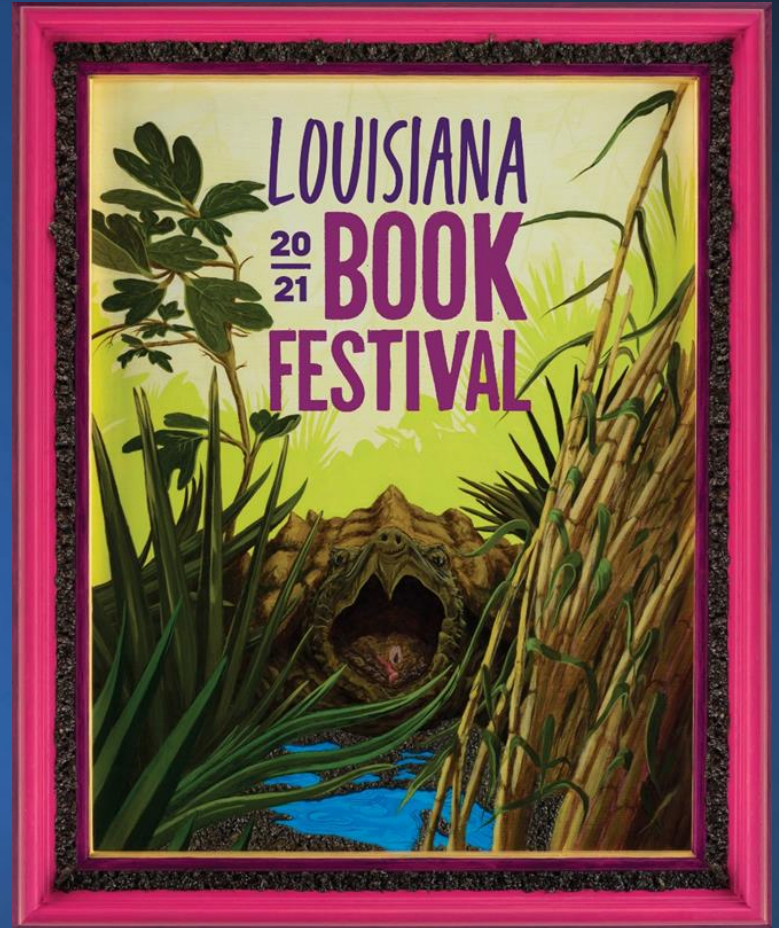
ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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Louisiana Book Festival 2021

- Virtual Festival
 - Produced 41 programs
 - Featured 81 different authors and presenters
 - Viewed by 8,849 people



[YouTube.com/LouisianaBookFestival](https://www.youtube.com/LouisianaBookFestival)



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Louisiana Book Festival

- Saturday, October 29, 2022
- 9 am to 4 pm
- Free Admission!
- Live and In-Person

Featuring:

- A National Book Award Winner
- Four Pulitzer Prize Winners
- WordShops on Friday, Oct 28
- National Student Poets

LouisianaBookFestival.org



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Louisiana Book Festival (cont.)

- Tenth anniversary of Narrative 4
- Louisiana-New Brunswick, Canada, cultural initiative author exchange with Frye Festival
- Descendants of the Plessy vs. Ferguson decision
- One Book One Festival
- Poet Laureate Panels
- Louisiana Writer Award Ceremony
- Children's Crafts, Teen Headquarters, Cooking Demonstrations, and Exhibitors
- Cavalier House Books our official bookseller



2022 CENTER FOR THE BOOK PROGRAMMING

Black History Month

Women's History Month – NEW!

National Poetry Month



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TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY

BARD accounts for 43% of circulation.

Crib to Crayons

Pilot E-Reader Program for Braille subscribers

Duplication on Demand – coming this Fall

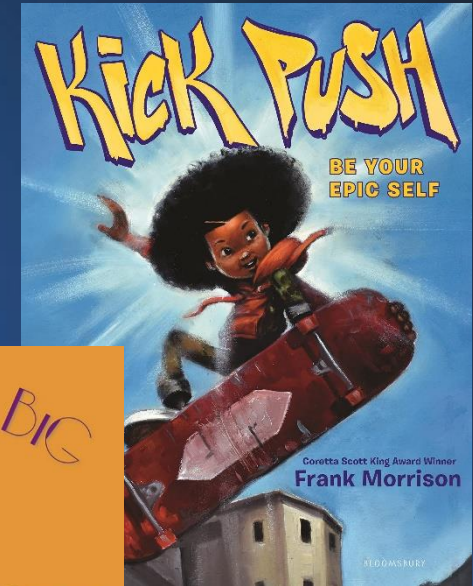
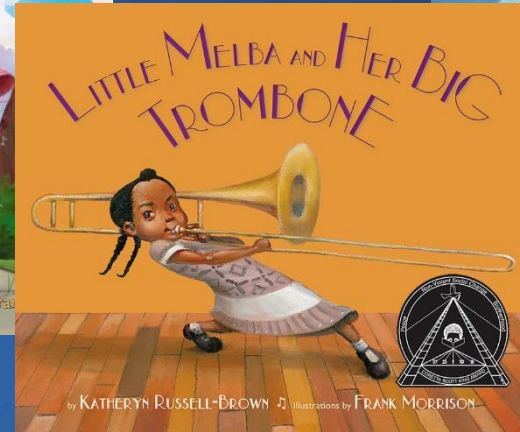


CE Updates

- FY21-22:
 - 131 Workshops/Webinars
 - 2367 Attendees
- Upcoming:
 - New Director Boot Camp – August 11-12, 2022 – State Library
 - Fall Administrative Conference – November 4, 2022 – EBR Main



CSLP 2023- All Together Now- *Kindness/Friendship/Unity*



Illustrator Frank Morrison, *I Got Rhythm* (2014), *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* (2014), and *Kick Push* (2022)



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LOUISIANA READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2021-2022

Louisiana's young people have read more than 1.5 million books and cast over 440,000 votes in the twenty-three years since the program began



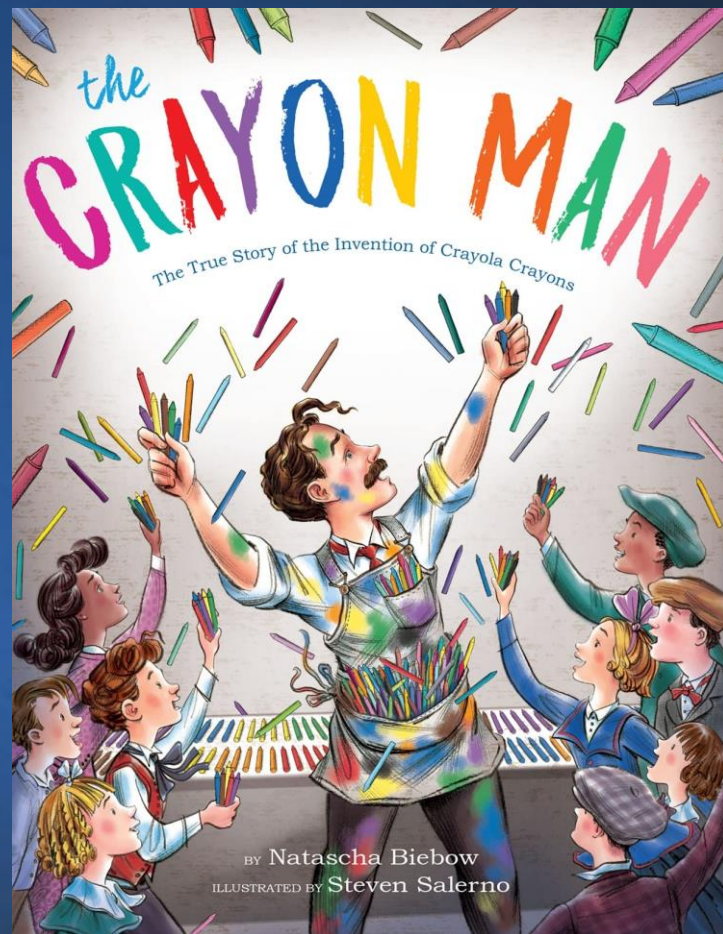
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Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 2021-2022

3-5th Grade Winner

*The Crayon Man: The
True Story of the
Invention of Crayola
Crayons*

By Natascha Biebow

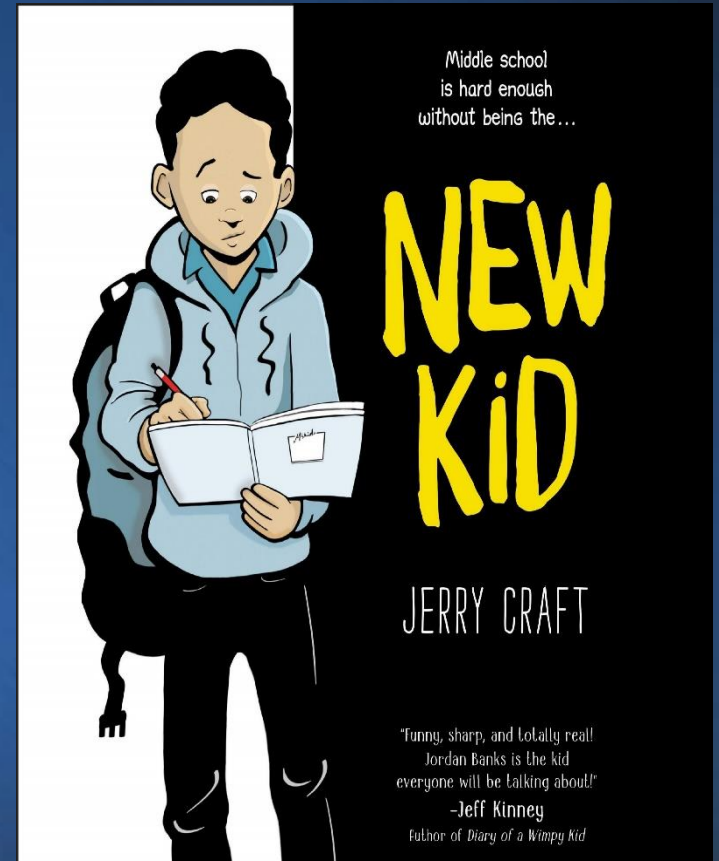


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6-8th Grade Winner

New Kid
by Jerry Craft

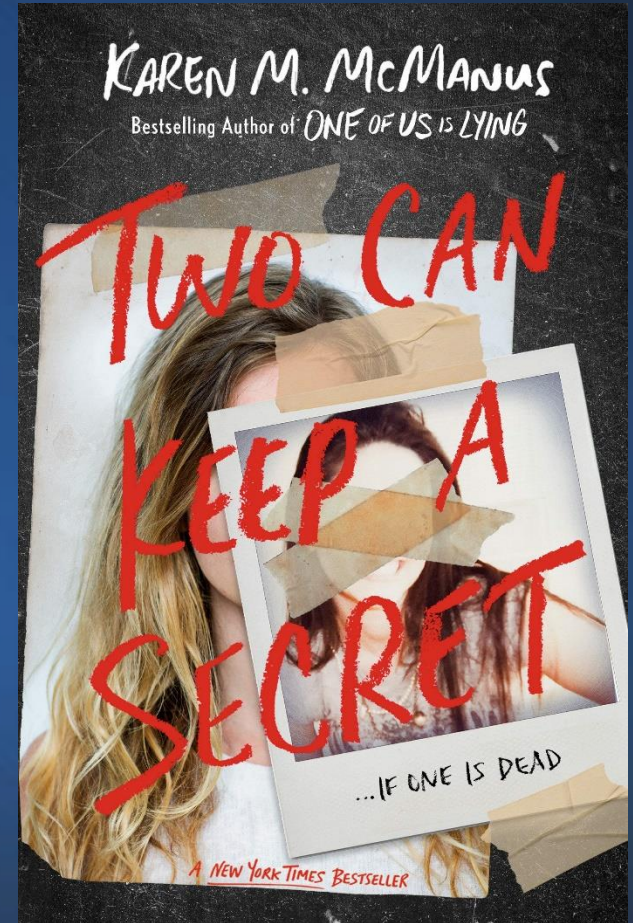


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Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award 2021-2022

9-12th Grade Winner

Two Can Keep A Secret
by Karen M. McManus



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WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Our Questions:

What more can we do for you?

What can we do better?

What should we stop doing?

Grade our services, response time and professionalism.

Share your vision with us.

Give us feedback on our common goals.



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