



On behalf of all the children and adults who use our public, school, academic, special, and other libraries in the state, we thank you for your support. This support has allowed libraries to purchase more materials, extend hours, and keep the lights on so that we can provide great services to our communities.

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE GOALS 2009



- **INCREASE GRANTS-IN-AID BY \$1,000,000** to bring the total to \$9,348,884. This would move libraries from \$4.62 to \$5.16 per capita; our goal is \$6.50 per capita.
- **INCREASE DIGITAL RESOURCES BY \$280,008.** This would bring the line item to \$500,000. This request benefits all libraries—academic, school and public—by providing electronic information resources.
- **IMPLEMENT A CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE LINE ITEM OF \$1,500,000 IN THE WV LIBRARY COMMISSION'S BUDGET.** There has not been a line item for construction for many years and buildings built in the 1970's and 80's are in need of repair and renovation to bring them up to ADA standards.
- **INCREASE WVLC'S GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET BY \$100,000.** This would be used to help with staff, utilities, and travel expenses for training and development.
- **REQUIRE SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS IN EVERY SCHOOL.** Schools should be required to have a certified librarian with the ratio of student to librarians being 250 to 1. School libraries have been proven to improve student learning and achievement and West Virginia should support having a school librarian in every school without being assigned other teaching responsibilities.