

Minnesota’s public libraries are generally operated by cities or counties and are primarily funded through local property taxes. The 12 regional public library systems are joint powers agreements among cities and counties that cooperate to provide shared and reciprocal library services broadening access to public library services and resources within each region and statewide.

The seven multicounty, multitype library systems expand library services by facilitating cooperation among academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries/media centers, and special libraries.

The K12 Education Finance budget provides state aid for the regional public library systems, regional libraries telecommunications aid, multicounty multitype library systems, and for certain online library databases. Libraries may also receive money from Arts and Cultural Heritage grants which are provided through the Legacy budget.

Regional Library Appropriations by Program by Year

Fiscal Year	Regional Library Basic Support Grants	MultiCounty MultiType Library Grants	Electronic Library for Minnesota	Regional Library Telecommunications
2023	\$13,570,000	\$1,300,000	\$900,000	\$2,300,000
2022	13,570,000	1,300,000	900,000	2,300,000
2021	13,570,000	1,300,000	900,000	2,300,000
2020	13,570,000	1,300,000	900,000	2,300,000
2019	13,570,000	1,300,000	900,000	2,300,000
2018	13,570,000	1,300,000	900,000	2,300,000