



FY2010
Department of Education
General Fund Request

Online Periodicals for Schools UDLib/SEARCH

The UDLib/SEARCH program provides online periodicals and encyclopedias to *all* of Delaware's public k-12 schools. The program also provides training for all teachers and school staff on-site, in their schools. This successful partnership between the University of Delaware Library and the Delaware Department of Education provides essentially resources to Delaware's schoolchildren and their teachers in a cost effective manner. The UDLib/SEARCH budget was reduced 8% in FY2009 and databases were canceled. The cancelled services are missed and further cuts would further deplete this valuable resource.

FY2009 Funding: \$717,600

FY2010 Request: \$780,000

School Library Books and Resources

The library collections in most of Delaware's school libraries are small, tattered, and out of date. Building budgets are pinched and athlete gear often wins out over these valuable education resources. School libraries need help to provide the books to lure children to read and to provide accurate information for their school assignments.

FY2010 Request: \$1 million

Librarian/Archivist Scholarship Program

The Delaware Librarian also supports with enthusiasm and gratitude the state's support for the education of new librarians. Delaware's libraries, both public and school libraries, are coping with the current shortage of librarians. This scholarship/loan program has increased the number of qualified librarians with a Masters Degree in Library Science significantly. Several are now serving in leadership positions in Delaware library systems.

FY2010 Request: \$275,000