

Ohio Law Library Funding Changes

	ORC § 3375.48	ORC § 3375.49	ORC § 3375.54	ORC § 3375.55	ORC § 503.06
Until 9/29/05	<p>Board of Trustees of County Law Library (BOT) appoints a law librarian and no more than 2 additional persons to act as assistant librarians.</p> <p>Judges of court of common pleas fixes the salary for the law librarians</p>	<p>The County Commissioners (CC) shall provide space in the county courthouse, utilities for that space, and shelving</p>	<p>Money paid to the BOT under ORC §§ 3375.50-3375.53 shall be expended in support and operation of the LL and in the purchase, lease or rental of books, materials, equipment to provide legal information or to facilitate legal research.</p>	<p>Judges of the county court shall have the free use of LL.</p>	<p>Task Force on Law Library Associations (TF) shall be established with the following 13 members: Speaker/Minority Leader of House, President/Minority Leader of Senate, 3 members of Ohio Judicial Conference, 3 members of the County Commissioners Association, and 3 members of the Ohio State Bar Association.</p> <p>TF shall gather information on current state of LL, make recommendations on structure funding and administrations of LL, make recommendations on how to ensure LL remain open and available to public, submit final report by 10/31/06.</p>
Since 9/29/05	<p>BOT appoints a law librarian as well as any additional persons to act as assistant librarians.</p> <p>BOT shall fix the salary and be responsible for paying the compensation of those person as explained in ORC § 3375.49</p>	<p>Beginning in 2007 the CC and the BOT shall be responsible for paying the compensations of the law library and up to 2 assistant librarians as follows: 2007 CC 80% / BOT 20%; 2008 CC 60% / BOT 40%; 2009 CC 40% / BOT 60%; 2010 CC 20% / BOT 80%.</p> <p>Beginning in 2011 and continuing thereafter BOT will pay 100% of compensation.</p> <p>Beginning in 2008 the CC and the BOT shall be responsible for the costs of space and utilities as follows: 2008 CC 80% / BOT 20%; 2009 CC 60% / BOT 40%; 2010 CC 40% / BOT 60%; 2011 CC 20% / BOT 80%.</p>	<p>Money paid to the BOT under ORC §§ 3375.50-3375.53 shall be expended for all uses listed above as well as furniture, fixtures, and compensation of librarians.</p>	<p>Officers of the township and municipal corporations within a county shall have the same free use of the LL as the judges and county officers.</p>	<p>All above provisions remain the same; however the TF has until 10/31/06 to now submit their final report.</p>

		Beginning in 2012 and continuing there after BOT will be responsible for 100% of space and utilities			
Proposed Changes for 2008	<p>County Law Library Boards (CLLB) will replace current BOT with members being appointed by Common Pleas judges, Municipal Court judges, CC (2 appointments), and the County Prosecutor.</p> <p>CLLB shall establish rules for operation providing access to attorneys and the general public.</p> <p>CLLB shall establish the salary for law librarians.</p> <p>CC shall pay the compensation for one librarian. Other librarians will be the responsibility of the CLLB.</p>	CC shall continue to provide a physical facility for LL.	<p>Current funding streams will continue to be designated for the provision of legal research materials, however all income will be sent directly to the County Treasurer and placed in a rotary fund. LL will have to request funds appropriations.</p> <p>LL will no longer be required to refund 90% of any unused funds at the end of the calendar year.</p>	<p>MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES</p> <p>A Consortium of Law Libraries will be created and each LL will be required to join and pay 2% of the previous year's revenue.</p> <p>There shall be an adequate phase-in period for the establishment of the CLLB and the Consortium.</p> <p>As of January 1, 2008, BOT shall transfer to the new CLLB (via the county established rotary fund) all retained funds and assets.</p>	