

Budget Impact Survey, October 2017

Please indicate here all those reductions in library service your library has experienced so far in the current 2017-2018 fiscal year.		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Reduced hours	13	12.9%
Reduced programming	15	14.8%
Fewer new physical library materials	40	39.6%
Cutbacks in digital resources (databases, e-books, etc.)	22	21.8%
Library staff reductions or freezing of positions	33	32.7%
Other (please specify)**	36	35.6%
No reductions	17	16.8%
101 Libraries responded		

Is your municipality withholding library funds or have they delayed determining a library appropriation for this fiscal year?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	28	27.7%
No	64	63.4%
Don't know	5	5%
Not Applicable	4	4%
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**“Other” responses to the question “Please indicate here (with check mark) all those reductions in library service your library has experienced so far in the current 2017-2018 fiscal year.”

- A \$25,000 reduction in our Library Materials budget which includes physical and digital resources
- All lines listed above have been held flat for the past two fiscal years
- City-wide hiring freeze since the Spring; cut to part time budget
- Consolidation of locations
- conversations about greatly reducing open hours
- Four-week lag time for sending out books via Deliver-IT; Municipality required justification for purchasing new materials in October
- Freeze on all discretionary spending
- Freeze on larger expenditures. ie: furnishings

- Freeze on purchasing ANY supplies, freeze in staff training budget, freeze on ANY purchases unless contractually obligated, materials being purchased by request only and paid for out of Donations and Fundraising
- froze staff pay increases
- in addition to the hiring freeze, there is a spending freeze and a capital expenditure freeze. This means that we cannot buy replacement computers when they fail and cannot hire replacement staff. We are currently critically understaffed and almost had to close last week for not enough staff available to keep the building open because we had some people out sick. Each month, we are 90 - 100 hours short on covering circulation functions and have to pull librarians off of programs to cover the circ desk in order to stay open. However, usage has remained steady and even increased. So, we are servicing more patrons with fewer people and stretching our staff to the absolute limit.
- Less discretionary purchases (furniture, technology, professional development, etc.)
- NA- will not be considered until November I have been told
- No budget approved yet by town so keeping to last year's budget
- no change to date
- no material purchases or other discretionary items now, but had to submit a 3%, 6% and 10% cut plan including significant reduces hours and staff
- none
- None as of yet, but anticipating cuts coming. We have held off on starting Hoopla.
- None yet!
- Not yet, but we *will* reduce hours if no state budget by Nov or Dec
- Nothing yet, but town is considering reduction of library hours by half (40 hours to 20 per week) if state budget is not passed "soon"
- our budget was decided by town meeting in May - no reductions have taken place at this time
- postponing planned technology upgrades
- Reduced C-Car delivery has impacted us greatly
- Reduced outreach
- Spending freeze on all but "basic operating expenditures"
- Spending freeze on all but library materials.
- spending freeze on operating and capital budget items other than those already under contract
- Technically, the Clerk headcount loss was in the 2nd half of 2016/17
- The municipal funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was flat-funded from the previous fiscal year; however, vendor prices still increased with inflation.
- The only reductions have been resources previously provided by the State Library
- Though ILL Deliveries have been stabilized it is still at a reduced level to what our patrons need - we are still not doing full pull lists to avoid backlogs
- We have been asked to look at our budget and see where we can save money however we have not been told we have to reduce anything at this time
- We haven't heard officially yet, but are anticipating a potential reduction in our physical materials budget.
- We've been under a townwide budget freeze since July 1. I'm using donations account funds for materials purchases, but that's less than half of our budgeted materials budget and I use it for other things as well.

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