

# LIBRARY

Fund 255 – MPL Fund

Culture & Recreation

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## CURRENT & UPCOMING CHALLENGES

- 1. Library Funding Has Not Kept Pace with Service Demands**
  - Demand for library materials is growing, along with visits, as is the range of services we provide to meet the changing needs of our community.
  - Mead's municipal budget hasn't kept pace with demand and has been reduced by one third since 1996 when adjusted for inflation.
  - This council has taken the first step in reversing this trend recently by investing in the library, but there's more to be done.



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### **2. Facility Funding**

- The library building is nearly 50 years old and its maintenance costs are mounting, yet there's no consensus on who should make these investments.
- Continued changes in city leadership combined with vague state statutes regarding library funding have created more questions than answers.
- Members of the Common Council and Library board have voiced an interest in crafting a Memorandum of Understanding to clear up this annual funding debate.





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### 3. Social Services

- We welcome and serve everyone, including the growing number of community members we encounter who are experiencing homelessness, mental illness and addiction.
- With adequate staffing and resources we can meet this need without asking more of the police or compromising the level of traditional library services provided to the community as a whole.
- Without additional resources, we're facing staff burnout and safety concerns for staff and the public



## LIBRARY LIST OF KNOWN INCREASES

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	NET INCREASE	JUSTIFICATION
548002	Materials – All Categories	\$380,200	\$410,200	\$30,000	Increase cost of books, DVD, magazines, etc.
531100	Contracted Services	\$123,600	\$128,600	\$5,000	Monarch Library System annual service charge
531110	Financial Services Fees	\$6,300	\$6,825	\$525	Increase of annual audit fees with Baker Tilly
540100	Office Supplies	\$10,500	\$13,700	\$3,200	Increases on card stock, cash register paper rolls, CD disk-cleaning solution, etc.
540222	Janitorial Supplies	\$8,500	\$10,200	\$1,700	Increase in supplier costs and facility traffic
537100	Vehicle & Parking Expenses	\$17,500	\$19,440	\$1,940	Parking stall rental increase for 54 staff
555100	Utilities	\$128,667	\$135,167	\$6,500	5% increase per budget instructions
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$48,865</b>	

## **LIBRARY ADDITIONAL REQUESTS**

The Mead Public Library has four additional requests to be added to their 2024 annual budget listed in order of priority by the department.

1. Addition of two part-time Security Monitors to address safety issues, primarily on evenings and weekends. Also, a slight wage increase for the Security Specialist for new supervision duties.

**Total: \$47,197 Ongoing**

2. Addition of one full-time Librarian to address staffing shortages in the Teen Center which provides latchkey kids with a safe, structured environment after school.

**Total: \$89,561 Ongoing**



## **LIBRARY ADDITIONAL REQUESTS (CONT.)**

3. Additional funds are requested primarily for expansion of the library's e-book and audio collections. Additional purchases would include children's all-in-one print-audio (called VOX) books, expansion of museum passes, STEM kits and other Experience Collection items. This request is for

**Total: \$70,000 Ongoing**



