

Mead 2024 Budget Requests: Supplies & Collections

Supplies & Collections - \$70,000

- \$25,000 for processing of library materials. We are currently pulling processing money out of our book collections budget and could return that money to our selectors so they could better meet the needs of our patrons.
- \$30,000 for the expansion of our digital collection. This would be used to reduce turn-aways for our current Hoopla collection (\$20,000) and allow us to offer new add-on resources such as Craftsy and LawDepot to Overdrive(\$10,000).
- \$2,000 for the expansion of our new Read-Along collection. Our new Read-Along collection contains VOX books that promote literacy in children. They are like the old book +cassette read-along books that we had when we were kids, but now they have been updated to include rechargeable audio inside the book itself.
- \$7,000 for expansion of the Experience Collection (aka Library of Things); circulating tech, equipment, etc.
- \$6,000 for the expansion of our Experience Pass collection. We would like to add additional copies of some of our most popular passes (Milwaukee Zoo, SHB YMCA, Farm Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Parks, etc., and we would like to put some funds towards the addition of new destinations (Ex: Trout Museum of Art, Barlow Planetarium, National Railroad Museum)