

Library Advocacy During Budget Season – Resource Handout 10/2020

National Situation 2020

Congressional Budget Office projections re: federal deficit due to COVID:

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/todays-older-workers-may-see-the-first-cuts-to-social-security-benefits-2020-09-03>

National Conference of State Legislatures Revised State Revenue Projections (9/10/20):

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/fiscal-policy/coronavirus-covid-19-state-budget-updates-and-revenue-projections637208306.aspx>

Vermont State Library web page: Consideration and Guidance for Responding to Budget Cuts

<https://libraries.vermont.gov/covid19/respondingtobudgetcuts>

Wire article 10/1/2020, Publishers Worry as Ebooks Fly off Libraries' Virtual Shelves:

<https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2020/10/publishers-worry-as-ebooks-fly-off-libraries-virtual-shelves/>

Library Journal article 9/24/2020, Budgeting for the New Normal – Libraries Respond to COVID-19 Funding Constraints:

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=budgeting-for-the-new-normal-libraries-respond-to-covid-19-funding-constraints>

Bloomberg CityLab article 6/24/2020, Coronavirus Tests the Limits of America's Public Libraries:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-06-24/how-coronavirus-is-changing-public-libraries>

School Library Journal article 5/18/2020, Purchasing in Public Libraries Shifts to Digital:

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=purchasing-in-public-libraries-shifts-to-digital-budgets-concerns-impact-ordering-decisions-youth-services-COVID-19-response-survey-coronavirus>

New Hampshire Situation 2020

NH Municipal Association article by Phil Sletten, How We Fund Public Services in NH:

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/town-city-article/how-we-fund-public-services-new-hampshire>

The Basic Law of Budgeting by NHMA (2020) – electronic download or print

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/store>

NH Administrative Services issues state revenues update 10/7/2020:

<https://patch.com/new-hampshire/concord-nh/new-hampshire-revenues-rebound-despite-pandemic>

NHMA COVID-19 Follow-up Financial Impact Survey Results (August 2020):

<https://nhma.sharefile.com/share/view/s47b0f0d48a84197b>

American Library Association Resources

ALA website – Navigating a Challenging Budget Year:

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/navigating-challenging-budget-year-budget-crosshairs>

ALA website – Making a Budget Presentation:
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/making-a-budget-presentation>

New Hampshire Library Laws

NH Statutes pertaining to Public Libraries: https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/services/librarians/library_laws.html

Advocacy & Library Stories

Library Journal article, *Stats + Story*, March 2020:
<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=Stats-Story-How-to-Articulate-Your-Librarys-Impact-and-Get-What-You-Need>

American Library Association video, “How to Tell a Library Story”:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iy0-1qjtDJY>

For % Materials vs. % Overall Budget comparison

NH Public Library Data Statistics: https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/lds/public_library_stats.html

Library Journal 2019 article – More Service than Circ (budget & funding survey, 3/14/2019):
<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=More-Service-Than-Circ>

Library Journal annual article about materials budgets and circulation (2/2020 issue):
<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=Materially-Different-A-New-Kind-of-Materials-Survey>

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