

**Subject: LIB-Collections**

**FY 2022 Proposed Budget  
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

**4/1/2021**

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. Karantonis at the work session on 3/16/2021, regarding the following question:

Describe how the removal of \$50,000 in one-time funding impacts collections and provide examples of what would be purchased if the funding were to be restored.

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The removal of \$50,000 in one-time funding in FY 2022 will result in a decrease in print magazines and newspapers in the collection. Most lost magazine titles will not be replaced with comparable digital magazine titles.

Options of what could be purchased if the funding were to be restored:

- Expand eBook collection: \$50,000 would allow us to buy approximately 1,000 eBook or eAudiobook titles, which in turn will generate approximately 20,000 check-outs. It would lower wait times two to four weeks for eBooks.
- Expand digital periodical access to replace lost print periodicals: As physical libraries have been closed due to COVID-19, access to print periodicals was unavailable to the community. Libraries expanded the digital magazines in 2020 by investing \$10,000 to purchase access to 12 subscriptions. Additional funding could be spent expanding the digital periodical collection.
- Expand Print: In FY 2020, \$15,000 was spent creating the Grab & Go print collection, with a goal of reducing wait times for popular materials. The Grab & Go collection prominently displays a collection of the most popular books; this collection reduces wait times on those popular books by purchasing more copies of those titles and allow patrons to spend less time searching for a substitute title throughout the library when their first choice is not available. As libraries reopen to browsing, Libraries could expand the print collection in this area, further reducing wait times.