



How Our Funding Works

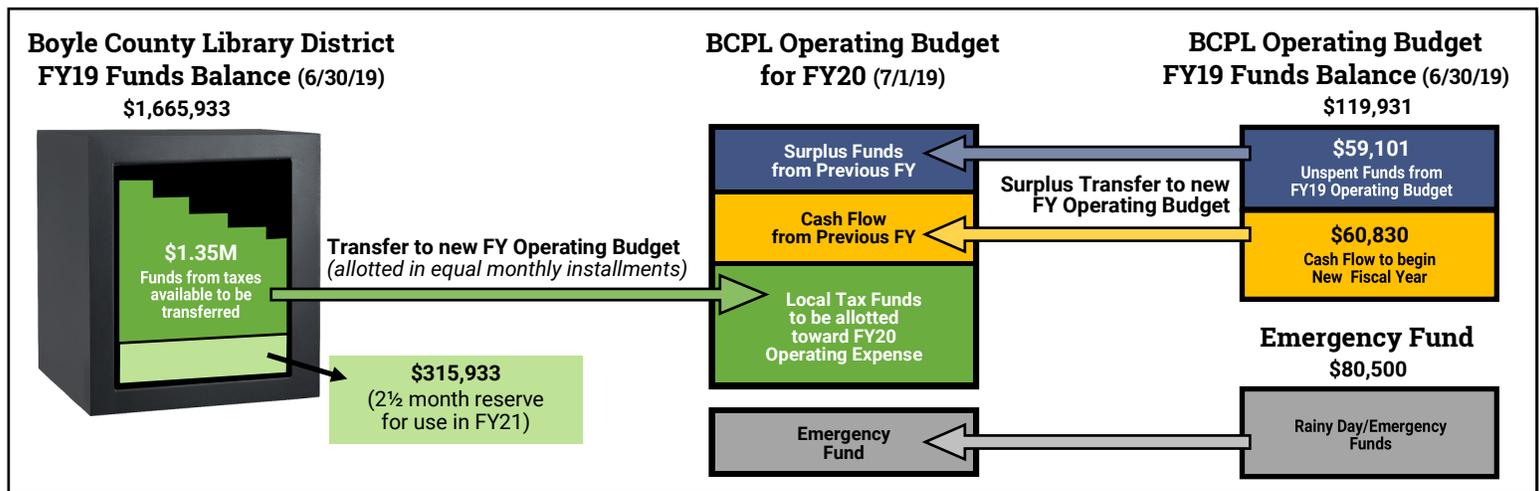
The Boyle County Public Library is operated through a joint venture between the Danville Library, Inc., and the Boyle County Library District. This contractual partnership is unique in Kentucky. It combines the strengths of two organizations to provide a level of public library service that neither organization could easily achieve on its own.

About the Danville Library Inc.: Library service in Danville began in 1893 with a small subscription library of just 300 books. In 1920, in order to purchase property at the corner of 3rd Street and Broadway, the Danville Library Board of Trustees was formed. Today, the current 12-member Board oversees the day-to-day operations of the Library.

About the Boyle County Library District: Under the authority granted by state government in KRS 173, the citizens of Boyle County undertook a petition drive in 1971 to establish a library district with local taxing authority as a means of expanding library services for all Boyle Countians. A 5-member Board of Trustees oversees the taxing authority of the Library District and approves the transfer of appropriations for Library operations.

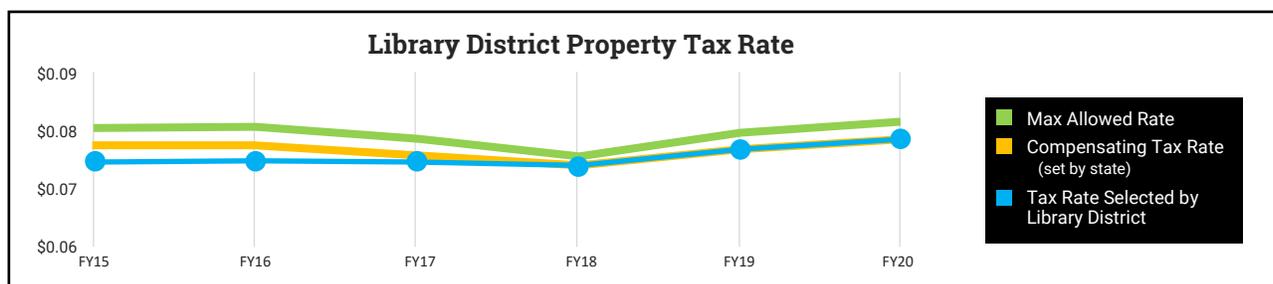
1. Nearly all of the tax funds collected each year for the library flow to library programs, services, staffing, and equipment. The library district holds a portion of tax funds in reserve each year as a starting point for the next year's revenue.

- ◆ Surplus revenue from a year's budget is carried forward into the following year's budget. With frugal management, these surpluses help avoid the need for increasing taxes.
- ◆ As of July 2019, the Boyle County Library District account held enough to fund FY20 operations plus an amount equal to 2.5 months of operational reserves. There is minimum revenue until tax collections occur at the end of the calendar year.



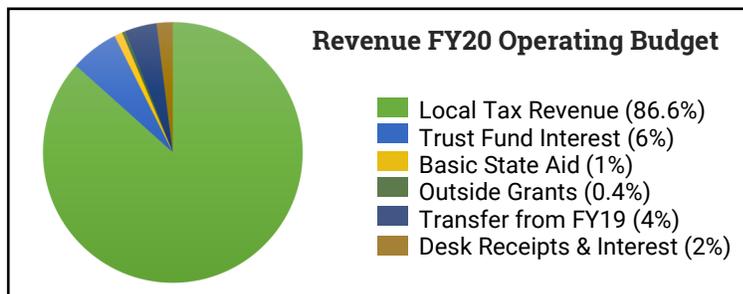
2. The Boyle County Library District board has consistently set tax rates at or below the level the state calculated to maintain the previous year's local revenue.

- ◆ The board has the choice to raise taxes to generate an extra 4% to account for inflation and cost-of-living increases but has chosen not to ask for increases beyond what the state recommends to maintain existing funding.
- ◆ The library portion of the county property tax rate is equal to \$79 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value. Five years ago that amount was \$75 per \$100,000.

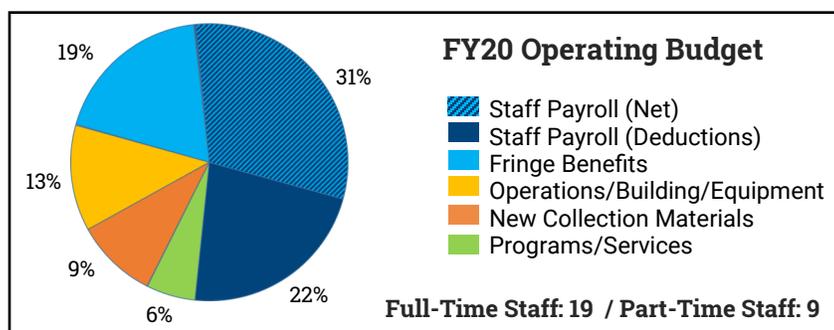


3. Local tax revenue is by far the largest source of operating revenue for the library (86.6%). Basic state aid is minimal (1%) and has declined in recent years.

- ◆ The library aggressively seeks outside funding like grants to support programs and services; our library's emphasis on private community contributions and support is an important source of funding for programs and services, regularly providing over 5% of operating revenue.
- ◆ Local tax revenue comes from real property taxes (86.5%) plus personal property tax (10%) plus vehicle tax (3.5%).



4. Library expenses for materials, programs, services, and salaries are kept at modest levels while addressing public needs and providing quality facilities and offerings that add to the life of the community.



Total Library Collection (FY19)	129,622 Books in Collection
New materials added monthly	210,219 Movies, music, magazines, & e-materials

Programs/Services/Usage (FY19)	
151,343	People visited BCPL
426	Average number of daily visits
23,033	People attended BCPL programs
1,300	BCPL-sponsored programs
457	Meeting Room usage by outside organizations (3,993 people)
89,375	Public computer & wireless login sessions (43 public computers)
20,409	Number of registered users at the end of FY19

5. The library supports popular programs that impact the lives of Boyle County residents in many ways. We are always seeking ways to meet local needs and provide quality programs for the community we serve.

- ◆ Summer Reading & Outreach Program
- ◆ One-on-One Computer Assistance
- ◆ Books for Family Court
- ◆ "The Big Read: Poe" Project (Partnered with 35 organizations for 47 events reaching 2,700 people)
- ◆ Advocate Messenger Digital Archives
- ◆ *Science in Play 2 Go* exhibit (10K visitors & state recognition)
- ◆ Memory Lab Digital Archives Project
- ◆ STACK Initiative (with local schools)
- ◆ Services to Homebound, Senior Facilities, and Early-Childhood programs)
- ◆ *Thinking Money for Kids* exhibit



The Boyle County Public Library strives to be an exemplary steward of public resources, sensitive to the needs of taxpayers. The Library is dedicated to full transparency in answering financial questions and operating decisions. Full minutes of board meetings are available at any time and board meetings are open to the public. The Library completes an annual financial audit which is also available at any time on our website, www.BoylePubLib.org.