

Oklahoma Department of Libraries



Presentation to
Oklahoma State Senate
**Education Appropriations
Subcommittee**

As the official state library of Oklahoma,
the **Oklahoma Department of Libraries**
serves the **information and records**
management needs of state government,
assists with **public library development**,
coordinates **statewide library and**
information technology projects,
and serves the **general public**
through our **specialized collections**.

History and Overview of ODL

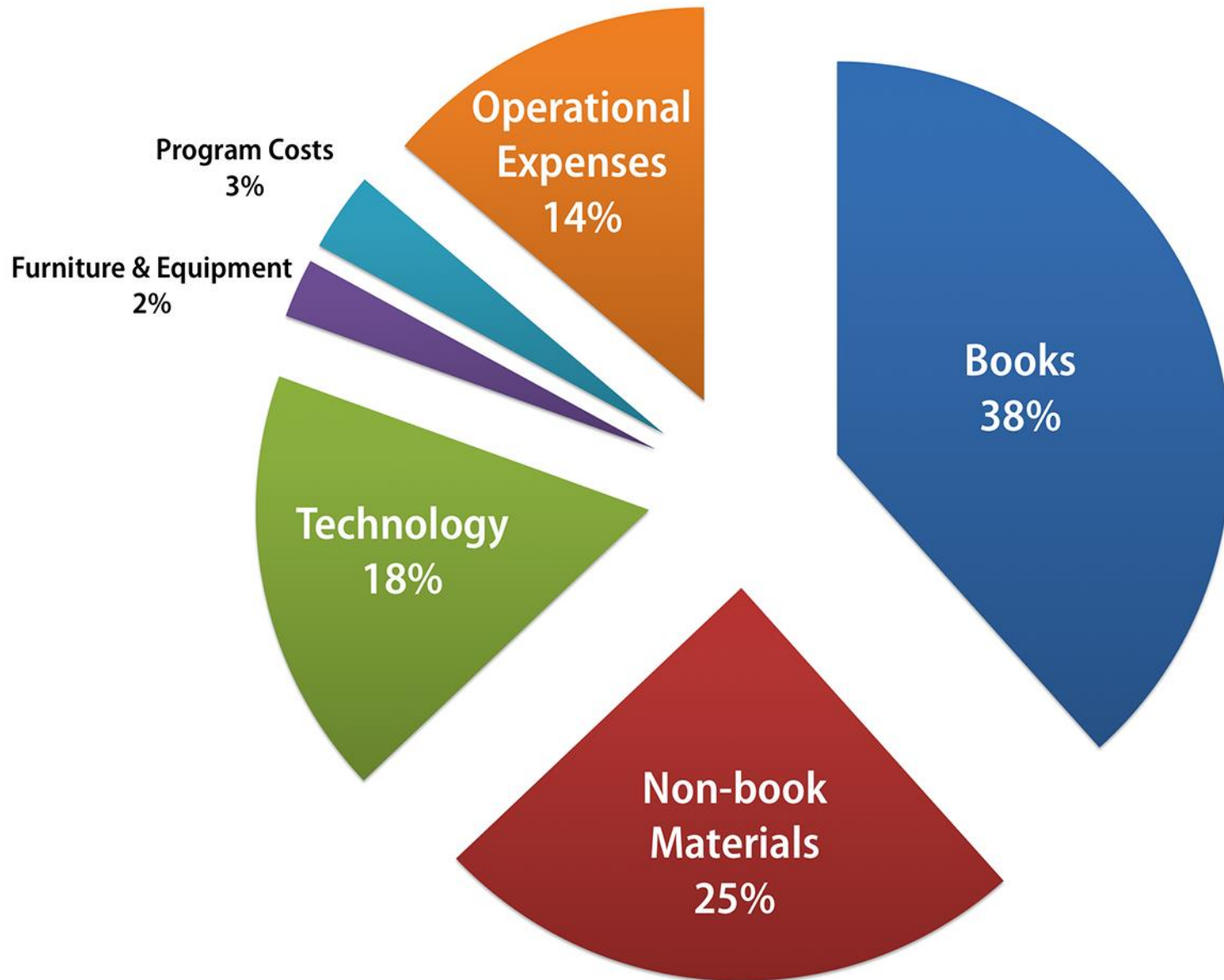
- Established as the Territorial Library in 1893 to serve the Territory's legislature and courts
- Independent agency with **seven board members** appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate
- Divisions include: **Archives and Records, Information Services and Interlibrary Loan, Library Development, and Government Information**
- Part of the **Secretary of State's cabinet**
- Operates with **state funds, federal grants, and fee income**

Priority One

\$100,000 increase in State Aid to Public Libraries

- Oklahoma's State Aid Program provides an **incentive for public libraries to provide and maintain quality services** to their communities.
- State Aid provides **people in every county access** to one or more public libraries **to check out materials, use electronic resources, and participate in programs.**
- State Aid is flexible so that **individual libraries can use the funds where they will best improve services, resources, and programs.**

2017 State Aid Expenditures

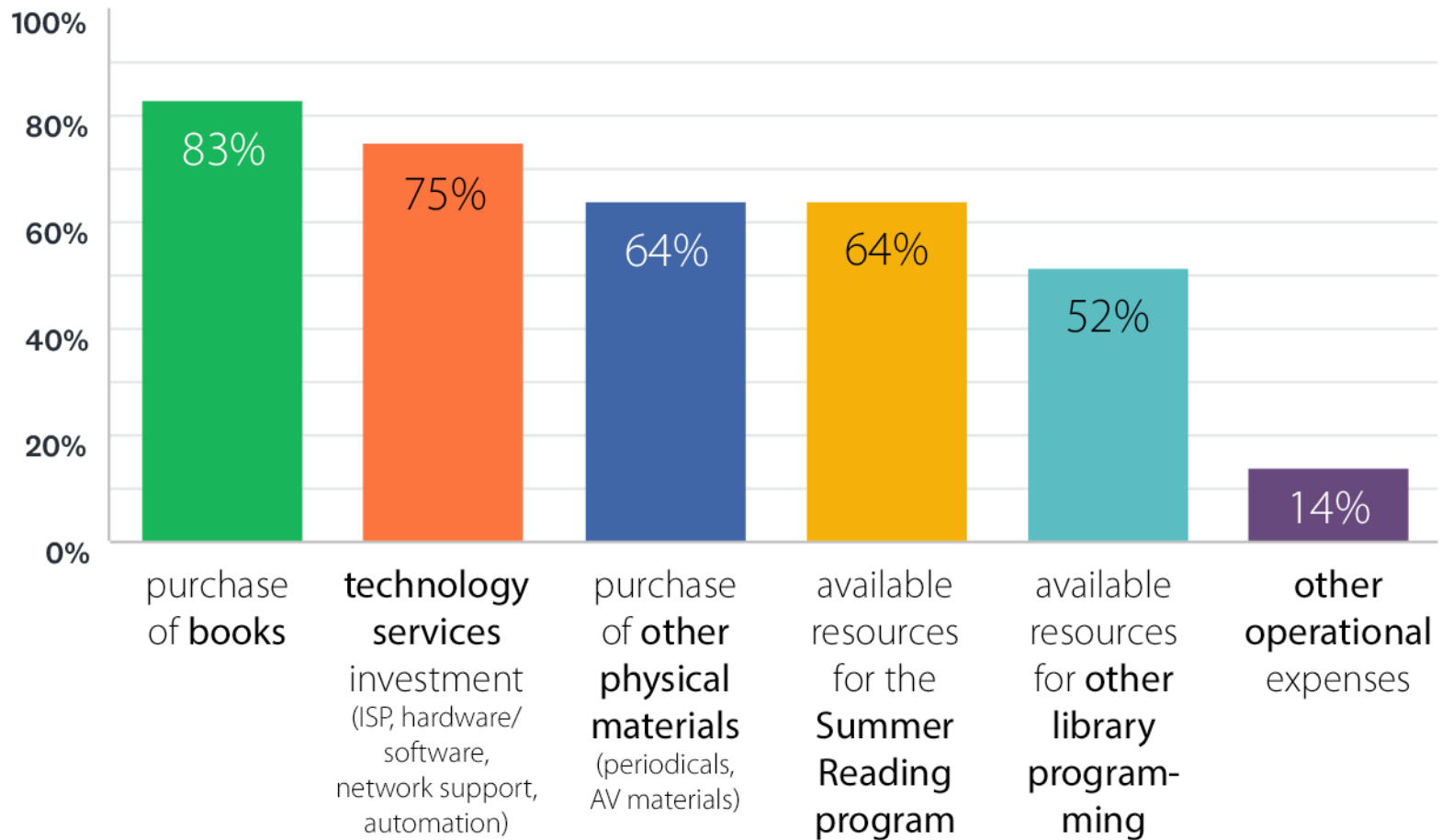


SFY 2018 **State Aid** is almost **\$1 million less** than in **SFY 2010**

Based on a January 2018 survey,
**Oklahoma public libraries told ODL how
decreases in State Aid have impacted
their services and how they would use any
increased State Aid dollars.**

Survey: Impact of State Aid Cuts?

Cuts to State Aid negatively impacted ...

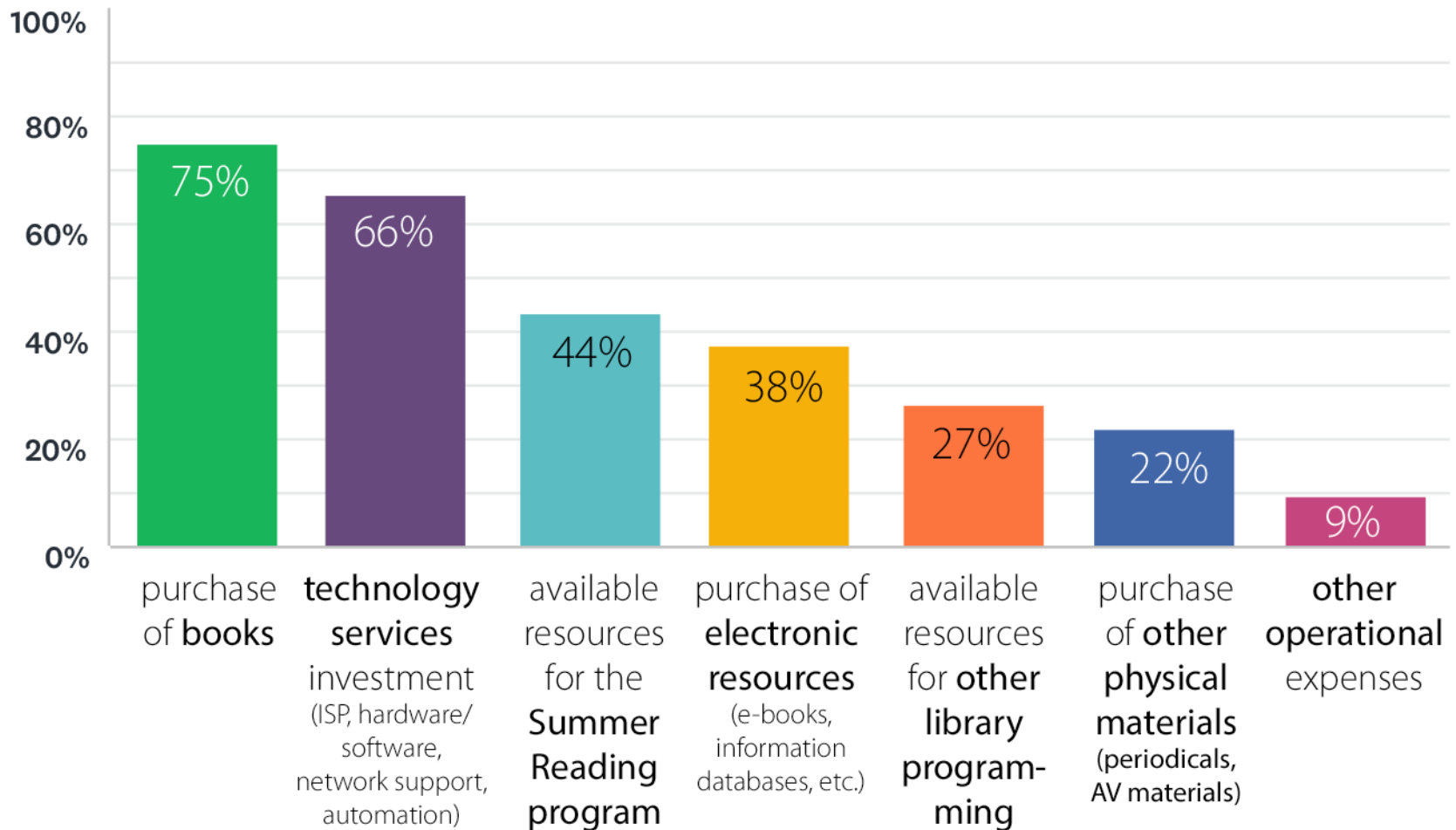


“Everything in our library is impacted by State Aid” either by **allowing us to purchase items directly** with State Aid funds, or by **using local funding** that has been **freed up** (thanks to State Aid) **for other uses.**

Feedback from a **library serving a population of fewer than 2,000 Oklahomans**

Survey: Impact of State Aid Cuts?

Any new State Aid would be invested in ...



Priority Two

\$ 25,000 Increase in State Literacy Grants

State Literacy Grants **enhance services to Oklahoma's adult learners.**

These grants provide **educational materials to learners, tutors, and trainers**; help local literacy councils **hire ESL, ABE, and GED instructors**; **fund outreach** to potential students; and **support other operational expenses.**

Local Literacy Programs say the **Decrease in Literacy Grants** has **Negatively Impacted ...**

- availability of **tutoring and training materials**
- **number of class hours** for ESL, ABE, and GED programs
- **ability to pay instructors** for these programs
- **staffing** levels
- purchase of **literacy software programs**
- confidence in **beginning new programs**

**State dollars count toward
the maintenance of effort
(MOE) required to secure
critical federal library dollars
for Oklahomans.**



INSTITUTE *of*
Museum and **Library**
SERVICES

Federal Dollars Provide

- Access to **millions of full-text articles**, plus **homework help**, for all types of libraries and for all ages

🌸 In FY2017 there were *more than 146 million* information searches 🌸

- **Summer Reading programs** for *more than 99,000* children and teens

- **Information technology training** and **continuing education** for public library staff

🌸 *577 library staff* benefited from Public Librarian Certification Classes 🌸

- **Health Literacy Grants** that have so far **helped 41 communities** with classes and resources **to promote healthy lifestyles.**

**Because of the reduction
of State Dollars** for Public
Library and Literacy
Programs, ODL is **projecting**
the **loss of almost \$90,000**
in Federal Funds for FY 2018

Request for New Funding for SFY19

- **\$100,000** for **State Aid Grants** to public libraries
- **\$25,000** for **State Literacy Grants** to literacy programs