

**State University System  
Florida Center for Library Automation  
2008-09 Budget**

**Note:** On August 27, 2007, the State University System Council of Academic Vice Presidents met, discussed this potential budget issue, and expressed unanimous support for it.

**Total Budget Need: \$5.9M**

**Overview:**

The Center provides technology-based library services for all 11 state universities and Florida's nearly 300,000 enrolled students. A critical service provided by the Center is the licensing and acquisition of refereed scholarly electronic resources (e-books, journals, and periodicals) for use by faculty, researchers, and students. These electronic publications are protected by copyright laws and are not free via the Internet. They must be subscribed to and paid for each academic year. The Center licenses these products on behalf of all 11 institutions each year and is therefore able to achieve an average of over 50% bulk discount because of the combined statewide university FTEs. The Center has received no funding increases for electronic resources since 2000-2001, despite rising enrollments, increasing annual licensing fees, and a growing student demand for resources.

The Center is requesting a FY 2008-2009 budget increase as follows:

**Budget Request and Justification:**

Request	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
Electronic Library Resources	\$2,840,000	\$1,760,000	\$4,600,000
Cost to Continue	\$300,000		\$300,000
Technology Refresh	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Total	\$4,140,000	\$1,760,000	\$5,900,000

FCLA is requesting \$2,840,000 in recurring funding to license an additional 33 new electronic databases/research materials. In addition, the Center is requesting \$1,760,000 in one-time funding to purchase certain e-books and back-files of research journals (electronic resources purchased once and accessible forever).