



# Chairman Tom Graves

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*Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch  
House Committee on Appropriations*

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FY2017 BUDGET REQUEST  
MARCH 2, 2016  
OPENING STATEMENT AS NEEDED**

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I would like to welcome the Acting Librarian of Congress David Mao and the Library's Chief of Staff Robert Newlen.

We will start with this panel concerning the Library's FY2017 budget request then we will have a second panel to discuss bringing the Copyright Office into the digital age.

I am pleased to see the Library is positioning itself for the future through critical improvements to its Information Technology. Additionally the Library continues to make available its collections in digital as well as physical form all while transitioning to new leadership.

The Library is requesting \$667 million an increase of \$73.5 million or 12.24% above FY 2016's appropriation.

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