



# Chairman Kevin Yoder

*Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch  
House Committee on Appropriations*

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## **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FY 2018 BUDGET REQUEST**

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Opening Statement As Prepared

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I would like to welcome the new Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, congratulations on your appointment. Also, Robert Newlen, the Deputy Librarian for Institutional Advancement and Bud Barton, the Chief Information Officer.

The Library is requesting \$493.2 million dollars, an increase of \$36.2 million above fiscal year 2017. In fiscal year 2017 we started positioning the Library so that it can make critical improvements to its Information Technology (IT) systems with funding for the outstanding Government Accountability Office IT recommendations and the relocation of the Library's Primary Computing Facility (PCF). The Library's current PCF built in the 1970's, can no longer provide a sufficient level of data center reliability and resiliency. We continue to make this a priority in fiscal year 2018.

The Copyright Office request is \$72 million, an increase of \$3 million above fiscal year 2017. This Subcommittee still feels strongly that modernization of the Copyright Office is a very important initiative and as long as it falls under our jurisdiction we will continue to focus on the future of the Copyright Office within the Library of Congress and support what is needed to ensure they are able to meet the demands of the digital age.

The Congressional Research Service request is \$119.5 million, an increase of \$11.5 million over fiscal year 2017. Thank you for providing Congress with in-depth research concerning a wide spectrum of diverse issues.

Lastly, the Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped request is \$52.9 million, an increase of \$2.7 million over fiscal year 2017.

Dr. Hayden, please summarize your statement, your written testimony will be made part of the record as well as the statements of the Acting Register of Copyrights and the Director of Congressional Research Service.