

# Department Mission



**The mission of the Klamath County Law Library is to serve the legal information needs of Klamath County by providing access and use of legal reference materials and reference services to members of the legal community and the general public. The library provides users with legal resources by acquiring, organizing, and maintaining a collection of current and historical law-related materials which support the study and knowledge of law in Klamath County.**

# Mandated Services



- **ORS 9.850** authorizes counties to use law library fees, collected by the court clerk, for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining or operating the law library at the county seat.
- **ORS 21.350** requires that the law library be “available at all reasonable times to the use of litigants, and permitted to be used by all attorneys at law duly admitted to practice in this state, ...”

# Department Overview



- **Single full time staff person maintains 33.5 open hours per week.**
- **Law Library within main Library District building.**
- **Law Library works closely with Advisory Board.**
- **Advisory Board members are Court Administrator, two Attorneys, one Library District Advisor, and one lay person.**



# Successes and Challenges

<b>408</b>	<b>Attorney Research Contact Hours</b>
<b>2301</b>	<b>Public Research Contacts Hours</b>
<b>851</b>	<b>Public Hours</b>

<b>\$89,779</b>	<b>Court Fees Received</b>
<b>\$7,481</b>	<b>Average Per Month</b>

# Budget Overview

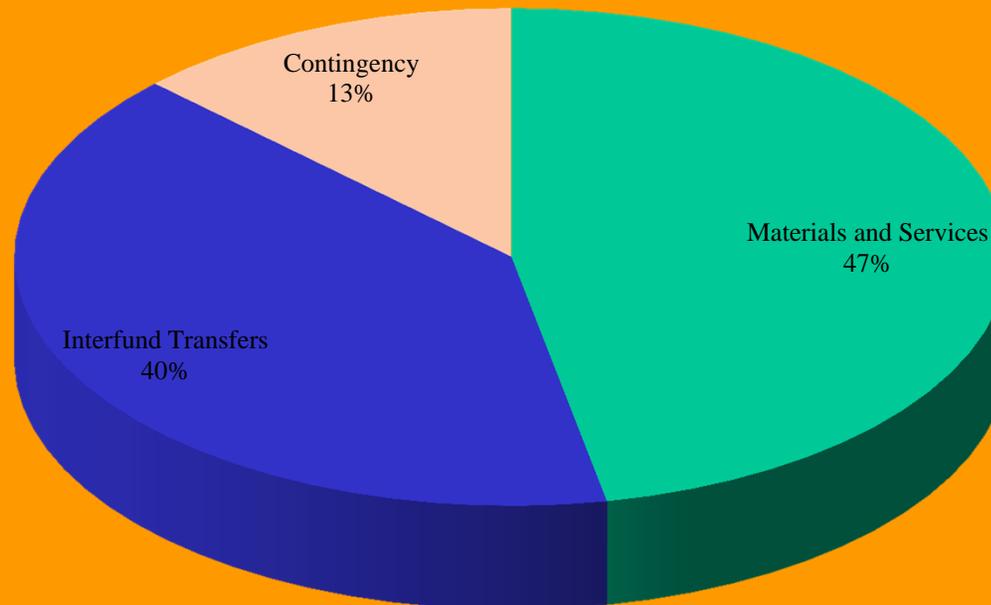


- **The Law Library has been able to keep expenditures below revenue and has built a reserve and Operating Contingency fund.**
- **The print collection is kept current on a yearly basis and it is primarily these costs that determine what other collections--treatises, encyclopedias--we are able to update.**
- **On-line electronic legal resources has replaced approximately two thirds of print collection.**

# Financial Presentation



2011-12 Budget  
Requirements by Category



# Significant Changes



- **\$5,000 increase personnel charge to hire 10 hour a week substitute (Trans-Library)**
- **\$4,000 increase for Book and Software to cover new subscription increases.**
- **\$47,000 allocated to reserves in 2009.**
- **\$8,569 decrease in Operating Contingency**

# Key issues



**HB 2710 creates a new civil litigant filing fee structure. All of the fees are established permanently and if passed will become effected July 1, 2011.**

**We are concerned that HB 2710 will:**

- **destabilize county law library operations**
- **decrease or eliminate local law library services**
- **add an unnecessary layer of government bureaucracy because counties already oversee and annually audit their law library budget**
- **create competition among the county law libraries for funds.**