The William F. Laman Public Library System is owned and operated by the Board of Trustees and is an autonomous agency of the City of North Little Rock. The foundation of funding for the Library is the tax on all real and personal property within the City of North Little Rock. An ordinance levying the tax is renewed each year by the City Council. This tax amounts to approximately 85% of the budget. The Library receives about 8% from Arkansas state sales tax, 5% from federal and state aid which is distributed through the Arkansas State Library. The Library generates about 2% of the budget from fines, fees and donations.

The Overdue Brew coffee shop is funded through its own revenues and is not part of the general fund.

The non-tax fund is generated by the Library’s Passport Acceptance Agency and is not part of the general fund.