

OPEN BOOKS Oklahoma's Finances: Online & In Action

OpenBooks (<u>www.openbooks.ok.gov</u>) is a valuable Web site that provides an important window into the state's financial information and utilizes technology to establish a unique and innovative way to see how state dollars are spent. The Web site was produced to facilitate accountability at the state level.

Features visitors can view at OpenBooks include:

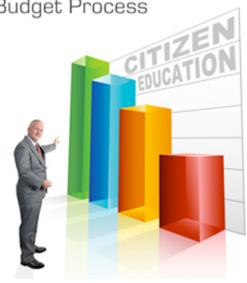
- Explanation information about the state's budget
- Information about the appropriation process
- Graphics illustrating Oklahoma's revenue sources
- Specific tax & revenue data
- Top 10 state appropriations (in graph format)

The Web site also includes such items as the state payroll by employee, agency expenditures including travel, and fiscal year payments in excess of \$25,000 made by an agency through the Office of State Finance. In order to increase the ease of use, no fee or password is required to access the site.

The interactive financial data section of the Web site provides information obtained from the records of the Office of State Finance for the state and its 180+ state agencies, boards, commissions, institutions, authorities and trusts.

Since January 2008, there has been over 76,000 visits to the OpenBooks Web site.





"We demand accountability of state agencies and departments and it is only fair that voters demand accountability from us."

- Governor Brad Henry

"Information technology is letting us weave together information that had been previously more difficult to provide in one consistent format in one place."

> - Tony Hutchinson, Former Director, Office of State Finance