ABSTRACT: Not all libraries have been able to take full advantage of recent advances in information technology. This paper describes the attempts of a small, low budget state government library to provide technologically enhanced services for the staff of the department and the obstacles that were met on the way.

The resources of the state government, the department and the department’s library are described followed by a history of advances and retreats in the implementation of new technology within this environment. The effects of government policy and availability of resources for the implementation of technological advances in similar libraries within the same state government is also discussed.

Hope is expressed that recent changes to government policy and a recent breakthrough made by a similar library will allow the extension of up to date technology to library services throughout state government libraries within the near future.