



# To Read This Important Message!

Do You Value Your Public Library's Services?  
Then Please Take a Moment to Help!

On May 6th, the PA Senate Republicans passed S.B. 850 by a 30-20 vote which **would cut state funding to libraries as much as 50%!** This cut would be devastating for all libraries and their patrons.

In addition Pennsylvania will lose almost a million additional federal dollars because the state will not be maintaining library funding at its current level.

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The state must pass its budget by midnight on June 30 to meet the constitutional deadline. **Please contact your State legislator by letter**, a more effective way than email. When contacting your legislator, please:

- Thank your legislator for his/her past support of public libraries.
- Ask her/him to help develop a budget that includes state funding for libraries equal to this year's (FY 2008-2009) funding. This would require restoring \$4.79 million for state support for library services, including \$2.45 million to restore the devastating cuts to the services provided by the State Library of Pennsylvania.
- Inform her/him that Pennsylvania stands to lose nearly \$1 million in federal money, if the cuts proposed in the Governor's budget stand.
- Remind her/him that public libraries all across Pennsylvania are busier than ever, making this the worst possible time to cut the Public Library Subsidy.

Remember, email is convenient,  
but PERSONAL LETTERS are more effective.

Addresses are below. Thank you!



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