

The next three weeks are critical

Oh, no!!! Here we go again....



WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Library funding is in danger!

Cutting money from libraries makes little sense!
Pennsylvania's entire library funding is less than one-tenth of one percent of the state budget!
That amount of money is the equivalent of a rounding error in a budget as large as Pennsylvania's.

PLEASE **communicate with the Governor and all of your legislators** that in these economic times, libraries are **BUSIER** and **MORE CRUCIAL** than ever! **A handwritten letter--just a sentence or two--is quick and has maximum impact:**

1. Give a personal example of why your library is important to you, your family, or our community.
2. Add one or more of the following key points in your own words:

Demand for library services **is up** dramatically during this recession.

Libraries are **busier than ever** serving people looking for work, families on tight budgets, and retirees grappling with shrinking savings.

Loss in funding **will result in library service cutbacks** that we can ill-afford when expanded library services can help many Pennsylvanians solve some of the problems they face in this economy.

During this recession, Pennsylvania's **librarians ask only for level funding** in order to meet some part of the rising demand for hours and access to computers, training classes, current books, publications, DVDs, and electronic databases.

No one stretches the public's dollar further than the local library.

Library users across Pennsylvania will be affected by the slashing of state-wide programs.

How to Get a Politician's Attention

Face-to-face conversation **is MOST effective**
Handwritten note **is the NEXT-MOST effective**
Typed and signed letter **is VERY effective**
Phone call **is effective**

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