

PaLA / State Budget Proposals Compared / June 26, 2009

Program (line item)	FY 2008-09 Total	Governor's Proposal for FY 2009-10 (Revised 6/26/09)	Reduction in State Funds (Revised proposal)	% Change (Revised proposal)	Add'l Loss of Federal Funds That Will Result (Revised)	Net Total \$ Loss in Library Services (Revised)
Office of Commonwealth Libraries (includes State Library operations)	\$ 4,846,000	\$ 2,396,000	-\$2,450,000	-50.6%		
Library Services/Visually Impaired & Disabled	\$ 2,976,000	\$ 2,926,000	-\$ 50,000	-1.7%		
Library Access (POWER Library, statewide card, interlibrary delivery)	\$ 7,290,000 (+\$3,792,000 \$11,082,000)	\$ 7,774,000	-\$3,308,000	-29.8%		
Electronic Library Catalog (Ask Here PA, Access PA database)	\$ 3,792,000 (merged into Library Access)	(merged into Library Access)				
Public Library Subsidy	\$ 75,750,000	\$ 66,500,000	-\$9,250,000	-12.2%		
Total – All Programs	\$ 94,654,000	\$ 79,596,000	-\$15,058,000	-15.9%	- \$ 1,900,000	-\$16,958,000

Program (line item)	FY 2008-09 Total	S.B. 850 (Senate Republican Proposal for FY 2009-10)	Reduction in State Funds, as Proposed, S.B. 850	% Change, S.B. 850	Add'l Loss of Federal Funds That Will Result, S.B. 850	Net Total \$ Loss in Library Services, S.B. 850
Office of Commonwealth Libraries (includes State Library operations)	\$ 4,846,000	\$ 2,396,000	-\$2,450,000	-50.6%		
Library Services/Visually Impaired & Disabled	\$ 2,976,000	\$ 2,926,000	-\$ 50,000	-1.7%		
Library Access (POWER Library, statewide card, interlibrary delivery)	\$ 7,290,000	0	-\$7,290,000	-100.0%		
Electronic Library Catalog (Ask Here PA, Access PA database)	\$ 3,792,000	\$ 1,771,000	-\$2,021,000	-53.3%		
Public Library Subsidy	\$ 75,750,000	\$ 37,000,000	-\$38,750,000	-51.2%		
Total – All Programs	\$ 94,654,000	\$ 44,093,000	-\$50,561,000 *	-53.4%	- \$3,800,000	-\$54,361,000 *

*Note: Additionally, S.B. 850 also eliminates all funding (\$2.7 million last year) for Keystone-funded library projects.

What to do:

Personal contact---notes, personal letters, visits, phone calls, email---to every State Senator and State Representative.....and to Governor Rendell. You wrote before? Write again....and round up your neighbors and friends.

What's the message? Level-fund libraries---we're not seeking an increase; just help us serve your constituents. A responsible state budget ought to make libraries a top priority, not a political football.

1. Libraries are bursting at the seams serving the unemployed, their families, and others most in need. Don't cut our funding and force us to close our doors for people who most depend on us.
2. Cutting state funding will cost Pennsylvania badly needed federal funds. Federal money pays for shared resources and incentives for local projects. **Governor Rendell's revised proposal would cost Pennsylvania about \$1.9 million federal dollars. S.B. 850 will cost even more---about \$3.8 million in lost federal funding.**