

PaLA / State Budget Proposals Compared / May 15, 2009

Program (line item)	FY 2008-09 Total	H.B. 1416 (Rendell/House Dem. Proposal for FY 2009-10)	Reduction in State Funds, as Proposed, H.B. 1416	% Change, H.B. 1416	Add'l Loss of Federal Funds That Will Result, H.B. 1416	Net Total \$ Loss in Library Services, H.B. 1416
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	\$ 7,000,000	- \$ 290,000	-4.0%		
Electronic Library Catalog (Ask Here PA, Access PA database)	\$ 3,792,000	\$ 3,542,000	- \$ 250,000	-6.6%		
Public Library Subsidy	\$ 75,750,000	\$ 74,000,000	-\$1,750,000	-2.3%		
Total – All Programs	\$ 94,654,000	\$ 89,864,000	-\$4,790,000	-5.1%	- \$ 906,000	-\$5,696,000

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

What to do:

Personal contact---notes, personal letters, visits, phone calls, email---to every State Senator and State Representative.

What's the message? Level-fund libraries---we're not seeking an increase; just help us serve your constituents.

- 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. **H.B. 1416 would cost Pennsylvania about \$1 million federal dollars. S.B. 850 will cost even more---about \$3.8 million in lost federal funding.***