

State Aid to Public Libraries Restored - One More Thank You To Everyone Who Made It Happen!

Florida library supporters got the good news about the restoration of State Aid to Public Libraries right after the House and Senate Budget Chairs took that action, in the middle of the night, at about 12:15 Tuesday morning, April 27. Now that the dust has settled it is time to thank the folks who made this happen properly.

First Thank You! Thank you to everyone who joined in the effort by making a call or sending an e-mail message, or meeting with them in their districts and Tallahassee.

Thank Those Who Helped Us With Our Advocacy!

Remember all of those groups and people that you contacted, asking for their help in our effort? Now it is time to thank them all – friends of the library and board members, community groups, community leaders, city and county officials, and newspaper and media folks. Thank the members of your personal networks, family members, groups you are associated with – all of those people outside of the library community who made our issue their own. And above all, for those libraries who reached out to library users, thank them for saving the day!

And Please Thank Legislators!

For months we have been clogging their phone lines and e-mail with our message – now it's time to thank them for restoring library funding. We need to thank our legislators and the leadership and particularly those legislators who stepped up and worked especially hard for libraries! We have identified below legislators that we are aware of who made special efforts on libraries' behalf. Please feel free to let us know about others we might not be aware of.

And Thank You to All Who Advocated for Libraries for Keeping Our Message Positive By the clear and positive way you told our story and made our case, you contributed to our already great credibility, reputation and influence going forward.

Thanks!

Charlie Parker -
Chair
FLA Legislative Committee

Legislators Who Stood Out As Library Supporters This Session – Please Thank Them!

- **Senator JD Alexander (r), Chairman, Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means** – Represents Hardee, Highlands and parts of DeSoto, Glades, Okeechobee, Polk, and St. Lucie Counties - alexander.jd.web@flsenate.gov / District (863) 679-4847 / Tallahassee (850) 487-5044

- **Senator Jeff Atwater (r) – President** – Represents parts of Broward & Palm Beach Counties - atwater.jeff.web@flsenate.gov / District (561) 625-5101 / Tallahassee (850) 487-5100
- **Rep. Leonard Bembry (d)** – Represents Hamilton, Madison, Taylor and parts of Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Jefferson, Levy, Wakulla - leonard.bembry@myfloridahouse.gov / District (850) 973-5630 / Tallahassee (850) 488-7870
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- **Senator Paula Dockery (r)** – Represents parts of Hernando, Lake, Osceola, Polk, & Sumter Counties - dockery.paula.web@flsenate.gov / District (863) 413-2900 / Tallahassee (850) 487-5040 Smith
- **Rep. Audrey Gibson (d)** – Represents part of Duval County – audrey.gibson@myfloridahouse.gov / District (904) 353-2180 / Tallahassee (850) 488-7417
- **Senator Mike Fasano (r), Chairman, Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee** – Represents parts of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, & Pinellas Counties / fasano.mike.web@flsenate.gov / District (727) 848-5885 / Tallahassee (850) 487-5062
- **Rep. Rich Glorioso (r), Chair, Chairman, House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee** – Parts of Hillsborough & Pasco Counties – rich.glorioso@myfloridahouse.gov / District (813) 757-9110/ Tallahassee (850) 488-0807
- **Rep. Mike Horner (r)** – Represents parts of Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, & Polk Counties / mike.horner@myfloridahouse.gov / District (407) 943-3077 / Tallahassee (850) 488-8992
- **Senator Al Lawson (d)** – Represents Consists of Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, and parts of Bay, Jefferson, Leon, and Madison counties – lawson.al.web@flsenate.gov / Tallahassee (850) 487- 5004
- **Rep. Evan Jenne (d)** – Represents part of Broward County – evan.jenne@myfloridahouse.gov / District (954) 321-2760 / Tallahassee (850) 488-0245
- **Rep. Marlene O’Toole (r)** Represents Parts of Lake, Marion, Sumter Counties Marlene / Marlene.OToole@myfloridahouse.gov / District (352) 315-4445 / Tallahassee (850) 488 -5991

- **Senator Chris Smith** (d) – Represents parts of Broward & Palm Beach Counties – smith.chris.web@flsenate.gov / District (954) 267-2114 / Tallahassee (850) 487-5112

Include the Leadership...

- **Larry Cretul** (r) – **Speaker** – Represents parts of Alachua, Levy, & Marion Counties – larry.cretul@myfloridahouse.gov / District (352) 873-6564 / Tallahassee (850) 488-1450
- **Rep. Dean Cannon** (r) – Represents part of Orange County – Speaker designate 2011-12 – dean.cannon@myfloridahouse.gov / District (407) 623-5740 / Tallahassee (850) 488-2742
- **Rep. Will Weatherford** (r) – Represents parts of Hillsborough & Pasco Counties – Speaker designate 2013-14 – will.weatherford@myfloridahouse.gov / District (813) 558-5115 / Tallahassee (850) 488-5744
- **Rep. David Rivera** (r), **Chair of the Full Appropriations Council On Education & Economic Development** – Represents parts of Broward, Collier, & Miami-Dade Counties – david.rivera@myfloridahouse.gov / District (305) 227-7630 / Tallahassee – (850)-488-7897
- **Senator Mike Haridopolos** (r) – **President designate, 2011-12** – Represents parts of Brevard, Indian River, Osceola, & St. Lucie Counties – mike@senatormike.com / District (321) 752-3131 / Tallahassee (850) 487-5056