

ACTION NEEDED TODAY!

Public Library Funding Elimination Threatened by Legislature

The Florida Legislature is considering eliminating all State Aid to Public Libraries funding from the State budget for the coming year. Libraries currently receive \$21.2 million, a third less than the \$33.4 million in 2001. The Senate position has no funding and thankfully the House has \$500,000, an amount that keeps the library funding possibility alive but is not a serious funding proposal.

Florida's public libraries are asking you to contact your legislators, the Governor, and legislative leaders and ask them to take the steps necessary to continue funding State Aid to Public Libraries at this year's \$21.2 million level in next year's budget. The time we need to act is now!



HELP GET THIS MESSAGE OUT

Elimination of State Aid to Public Libraries funding will force the closings of library branches around the state and have a particularly devastating impact on rural counties. Please find a way to fund this critical program.

Here's who needs to hear the message -

Your Legislative Delegation - Tell them about how the elimination of state funds for libraries will affect your community. Ask them to go to the House and Senate leadership and insist that they fund State Aid.

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