

Ohio Libraries Transform

- Gov. Kasich's budget proposal would cut state funding to Ohio's public libraries by more than \$7 million in FY 2018 by reducing the Public Library Fund (PLF) from 1.7% of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) to 1.66% of the GRF.
- More than 8.7 million Ohioans are public library card holders. Nearly 4 out of every 5 Ohio residents is a registered library card holder.
- Ohio's public libraries have the HIGHEST USE per capita in the nation.
- For every \$1 spent by Ohio's public libraries, more than \$5 in economic value is returned to Ohioans.
- 58 public libraries in the state DO NOT have a local property tax levy and rely solely on their state funding through the PLF as their primary source of revenue for day-to-day operations and providing services to their communities.
- Public libraries DO NOT have the ability to raise local revenue through a local sales tax or income tax; and they DO NOT receive casino revenue.
- State funding for public libraries through the PLF makes up 49% of the total funding for Ohio's public libraries.
- State funding for Ohio's public libraries through the PLF is essential in the delivery of services to Ohioans.

Tell Legislators:

- DO NOT CUT state funding to Ohio's public libraries.
- Maintain state funding for public libraries at 1.7% of the GRF.
- Hold public libraries harmless from any additional unintended reductions by guaranteeing the PLF receives no less than the FY 2017 total distribution.

Protect the Public Library Fund

Fiscal Year Public Library Fund (PLF) Distributions

| Fiscal Year | PLF Percentage of GRF Taxes | PLF Distributions |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2008 | 2.22% | \$418.2 |
| 2009 | 2.22% | \$414.2 |
| 2010 | 1.97% | \$340.6 |
| 2011 | 95% Freeze | \$367.6 |
| 2012 | 95% Freeze | \$352.2 |
| 2013 | 1.66% | \$344.3 |
| 2014 | 1.66% | \$341.0 |
| 2015 | 1.66% | \$360.5 |
| 2016 | 1.7% | \$377.6 |

FY08 – FY16 (\$ in Millions)

Ohio's Public Library Fund

