

## HB 49 — State Budget Bill

- Ohio's public libraries currently receive \$119 million LESS in state funding than what they received in 2001 — a 24% reduction in funding over the last 15 years with no adjustment for inflation.
- In Fiscal Year 17 (FY17), the Public Library Fund (PLF) is receiving \$24.6 million LESS than what was authorized by the General Assembly in the last biennial budget — a 6% loss in funding.
- Ohio's public libraries could receive three additional cuts under HB 49 :
  1. Reduces the PLF percentage of the General Revenue Fund (GRF) from the current rate of 1.7% to 1.66% .
  2. Declining state revenues into the GRF further reduces the PLF distribution to libraries every month.
  3. Removing the Medicaid Managed Care sales tax (MCO) from the GRF further reduces tax revenues and ultimately reduces the PLF.
- Now is NOT the time to be making additional cuts in funding to public libraries. Public library usage increases during economic downturns as people turn to their local library for computer and Internet access, job search assistance, resume building and job skills training.
- With 8.7 million cardholders, Ohio's public libraries have the HIGHEST USE per capita in the nation and continue to be a sound investment. For every \$1 spent by Ohio's public libraries, more than \$5 is returned to Ohio's taxpayers in economic value.

*Ohio's public libraries have already been cut. We are encouraging Senators to:*

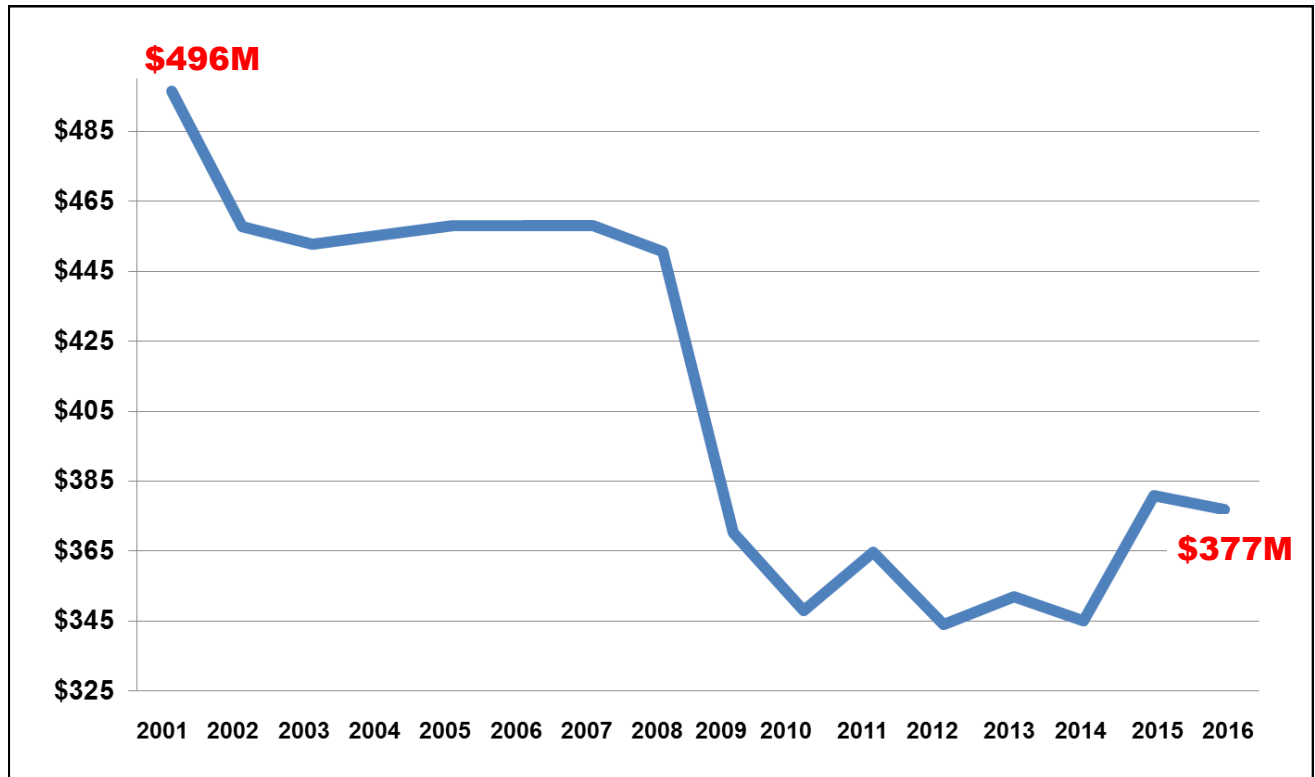
- Make public libraries a priority in the state budget.
- NOT make additional cuts in funding to public libraries.
- Maintain the current FY17 level of funding at 1.7% of the GRF.

**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**



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