**From the Director…**

Update on Library Funding

We are very appreciative here at the [insert your library name] Library for the support we receive from our patrons through state funding, [insert a local levy/if applicable], and [insert your generous donations to our Foundation and/or Friends Group]. We would not be able to serve you at the current level without your support.

I want to share information with you about the present status of funding for Ohio’s public libraries. At the state level, we are fortunate to be funded through the Public Library Fund (PLF) which receives a percentage of the state’s tax revenues from the state’s General Revenue Fund (GRF). Revenue sources for the GRF include the state personal income tax, sales and use tax, business taxes, etc.

The PLF is currently set at 1.7% of the GRF, but it will be automatically reduced to 1.66% on July 1, 2017. This will cut state funding for Ohio's public libraries.

The Ohio Library Council (OLC) is working with Ohio’s public libraries to educate members of the Ohio General Assembly and those that will be elected in November on the status of our state funding. We know that Ohioans value their public libraries and that public libraries create opportunities and transform lives. We will be working with the OLC during the next several months to protect state funding for Ohio's public libraries. I will keep you posted with updates as we work through this process.

Thank you again for your support; it is truly a joy to serve the people of the [insert your service area] area!