

CONNECTICUT'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES NEED YOUR HELP! You Can Make a Difference!

The proposed State budget for 2015-2016 *zeroes out library funding and also eliminates the statutes that allow needed library programs and services to exist.*

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:

Cutting CONNECTICARD funding & the statute that governs it means:

- CT residents will no longer be able to use their library cards to borrow from any public library in the state. In 2014, residents borrowed over 4.1 million items from libraries other than their own.

Losing federal funding for CONNECTICAR due to failure to meet required maintenance of effort means:

- No more interlibrary loan because there will be no delivery system. In 2014, nearly 3.8 million books moved between libraries via Connecticar.

Slashing funding for the CONNECTICUT LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (CLC) and the statute that governs it means:

- There will be no group discounts with vendors to purchase books, AV materials, supplies, databases, programs, furniture, and more helping us stretch our budgets.
- Affordable continuing education opportunities for library staff will vanish.

Eliminating GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES and the statute that governs it means:

- How we provide services to you, our patrons, giving free and equal access to all will change.
- Libraries will lose all state funding support.

Cutting funding for the Connecticut Education Network (CEN) means:

- Free internet connections for all public libraries and schools in the state , giving free and equal access to all, will vanish.

What Do These Programs Cost?

- **Connecticard** — \$1.25 million
- **CLC** — \$500,000
- **Grants to Public Libraries** — \$250,000
- **Connecticar** — \$540,000 in federal dollars
- **TOTAL** — **\$2 million**

PLEASE contact the Governor and your state representatives to tell them how the proposed budget cuts will negatively affect your use of the state's public libraries.

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