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**Governor Proposes 50% Additional Cut to Public Library Funding**  
**Clermont County Public Library Faces Possible Devastating Cuts**

Batavia, OH - On Friday, June 19, Governor Strickland proposed an additional cut of 50% in the Public Library Fund (PLF), which is the primary funding source for public libraries in Ohio.

“Cuts of this size would have a severe impact on many areas of the Library” said David Mezack, Executive Director of the Clermont County Public Library. “This is the worst possible time to be making these cuts. With the current United States economic crisis, the community needs Library services now more than ever. In some cases the CCPL is the only resource available that allows our communities free access to the Internet, job search tools, informational resources, and assistance.”

The governor’s proposal must be approved by the Conference Committee of the Ohio Legislature, which is currently working out differences between the Senate and House budget bills. They have to complete their work by June 30. We have to be insistent that libraries must be saved. The CCPL is urging everyone to contact their representatives in the Ohio House and Senate to oppose what could possibly be devastating cuts.

Please visit <http://saveohiolibraries.com/> or <http://clermontlibrary.com/> to find out how you can help save your public library.

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*The Clermont County Public Library strives to provide innovative access to information and services that stimulate the diverse educational, informational, and recreational needs and interests of the community. Further, the library seeks to be an integral part of the community in cooperation with other community organizations.*

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