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Clermont County Public Library

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HIRING FREEZE at the Clermont County Public Library

The Clermont County Public Library Board of Trustees called for an immediate hiring freeze at their April 18, 2005 meeting. This move was taken in anticipation of a 5% cut to the library's funding once the State Budget is passed in late June. In addition to this hiring freeze, the Board of Trustees also discussed the need for deeper cuts to the library's 2006 budget. A 5% cut to funding means that almost \$300,000 must be cut from the library's expenses. The library is preparing the preliminary 2006 budget, and the Board of Trustees will also consider cuts in such areas as branch hours of operations, materials, technology and equipment and programs for the public. In response to this action, Leslie Massey, Director of the Clermont County Public Library, said "It's an unfortunate situation for the library and the community. We do not want to cut services to the public. However, if we need to absorb a 5% budget cut, that's what we may have to do."

Members of the public who are concerned about this issue are encouraged to contact their local legislators to discuss their concerns. More information about the library's funding situation can be found on the library's website at www.clermont.lib.oh.us

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