

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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HOW DOES THIS IMPACT YOU?

We rely on funding from the state's Public Library Fund to support not just operations and capital investments but the very books, library resources, programs and services our community relies on. This includes:

- **Library Programs for Adult and Children**
- **Digital Literacy efforts**
- **Business and Nonprofit resources**
- **Library Hours**
- **Partnerships with local schools and community non-profits**

CALL TO ACTION: CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Tell your Ohio House Member, don't cut Ohio libraries!

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**We need
your help!**



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CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SPEAKER MATT HUFFMAN

Scan the QR code to send an email to your representatives

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Tell them:

1. **Don't cut Ohio's public libraries!**
2. **Don't cut my library!**
3. **Restore the Public Library Fund (PLF) to 1.75% of Ohio's General Revenue.**
4. **Parents and guardians alone deserve to choose what's appropriate for their own children.**
5. **Include a personal story. Tell them what you love about your library and how the library makes a difference in your life and impacts the lives of others. Personal stories resonate with legislators. This could include early childhood literacy, senior services, tax assistance, summer reading and so much more. The key is to share your stories and testimonials.**

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ACTION NEEDED NOW: Tell your Ohio House Member, don't cut Ohio libraries!

This message is a departure from our usual communications to you, our valued patrons and supporters. Ohio's libraries, including Cuyahoga Falls Library, are facing an unprecedented challenge in the Ohio House of Representatives, and we need your help. Use the contact info below to call and/or email your House Representative and House Speaker Huffman TODAY urging them to restore the Public Library Fund to the amount designated in the Governor's proposed budget.

How will the House's version of the budget impact Ohio?

- The Ohio House of Representatives' biennium budget proposal eliminates the Public Library Fund, a mechanism that has funded 251 public library systems for four decades.
- Ohio House Members plan to replace the Public Library Fund with a lump dollar amount for all Ohio libraries, which will result in cuts to libraries across the state, including all libraries here in Summit County.
- The Public Library Fund has remained flat for 25 years and House Members have put forward a dollar amount that does not account for a quarter of a century of inflation.
- Ohio House Members want libraries to restrict access to books, taking choice away from parents and guardians.
- Cuyahoga Falls Library alone stands to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars from this proposal.

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