

GENEALOGY THREATENED BY LIBRARY CUTS

A forest of family trees has grown out of the invaluable and rare genealogy resources preserved at the State Library of Pennsylvania and those found in libraries across the state. With cuts proposed in the state budget, access to these research materials will be slashed. The State Library's operating budget is slated to be cut 50% and the Senate proposes cutting the funding for all public libraries by more than 50%.

Genealogists and historians alike are asked to speak up on behalf of our history. Please contact your elected state officials and ask that library funds in next year's budget be "frozen" at the same amount as this current year's budget. Pennsylvania's heritage is too important to lose.

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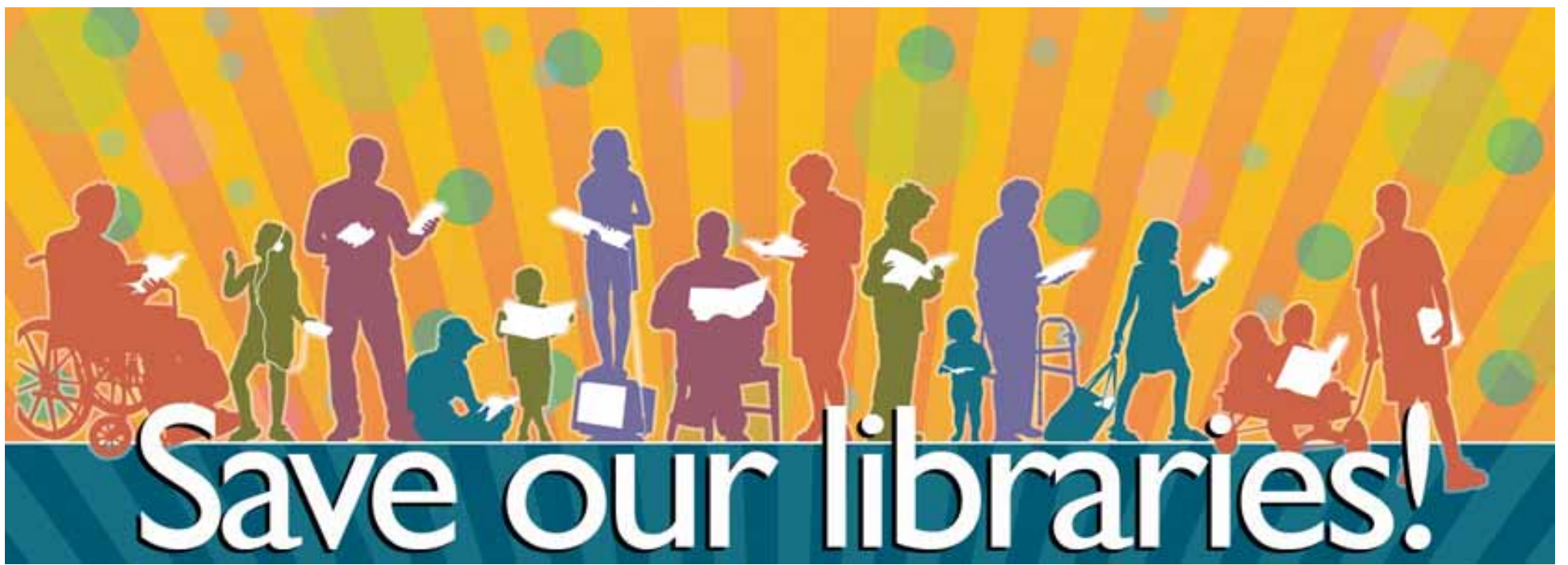
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Pennsylvanians POWERed up with nearly 50 million POWER Library searches in 2008 (growth of one-third in one year!) POWER Library, a collection of computer-accessed resources including tens of thousands of full text articles, newspapers, photographs, maps, and more, saves at least \$40,000 a year for every one of Pennsylvania's 3000-plus school and public libraries.

With cuts proposed in next year's state budget, access to these resources will be slashed (H.B. 1416) or eliminated (S.B. 850.)

Students, teachers, parents and school and public librarians are asked to speak up in support of these valuable resources. Please contact your elected state officials and ask that library funds in next year's budget be level-funded in next year's budget so that POWER Library can remain a vital tool for teaching and learning while continuing to save money for schools and libraries.

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