

Teachers, Students and Library Users Face POWER Outage

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.

Please send copies of your personal notes, personal letters and emails to:

Governor Ed Rendell
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http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Governor/govmail.html

and

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Visit www.palibraries.org for legislative updates, Talking Points, FAQ, Advocacy and Soundbites. Please complete and send in a Commitment Form to let us know about your advocacy.

Please let Glenn Miller know of any feedback you receive from your legislators. Send him an email at, glenn@palibraries.org or fax to 717-766-5440.

Thanks for stepping up your efforts and recruiting more library advocates at this critical time.

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