



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.

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

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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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