

I just read that Governor Malloy has proposed eliminating funding for Connecticard, CLC and Grants for Public Libraries in his new budget and am writing to urge you to oppose this proposal. I am a passionate supporter of public libraries and an active volunteer at my local public library.

These proposed cuts will definitely hurt all public libraries, but urban area libraries will be hit even harder. Our public library system is amongst the best in the world and equalizes opportunities for everyone. For many residents, it is also the only place they can come to stay warm in winter (particularly important this winter) and cool in summer without having to buy anything. Many preschoolers get their first taste of story time and play in their local libraries. I could go on and on but you get the drift

Public libraries are an integral part of every democracy and ought to be supported especially in difficult economic times. Please do not eliminate funding for the very important services they provide and which so many of us rely on.

Thank you,

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