

From: Library Board of Trustees
Somers Public Library
Somers, CT 06071
Re: Legislation regarding Public Libraries

The Library Board of Somers, CT, in support of all public libraries in the State, sincerely hopes that the legislation to eliminate funding for Connecticut, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries will not go forward. In addition, to repeal the statutes that authorize these programs would be devastating to our public library system in Connecticut.

Our public libraries serve every citizen in our state free of charge. In a time of fast-changing technology, the public libraries are able to offer every citizen access to services they may not readily afford. The inscription outside the original Carnegie Library in Washington, D.C. calls the library A University for the People. Libraries still fulfill that function for many people today. As a small town library we depend on additional funding from other sources than our town budget. We rely on the cooperation and resource sharing of the State Library system. To eliminate these programs as suggested by the Governor's budget would harm all of our citizens, especially those who need it most.

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