

**SAMPLE**  
**Pioneer Library System**  
**Key Talking Points**  
**to State Legislators**

- Thank you for standing up for libraries and preventing more than the 3% cut in library aid in 2008, and for your generous past support of aid to libraries, including \$5 million last year.
- The proposed 18% cut (\$18 million) in 2009 aid would bring state library aid down to 1993 levels.
- Library Aid was reduced from \$103 million in 2007 to \$100 million in April 2008 and then reduced further to \$98.5 million in August 2008. Library Aid was stagnant for 8 years between 1998 and 2006, when funding using the 2000 census data was implemented.
- **Pioneer Library System will lose more than \$250,000** if these cuts pass. Possible impact:
  - **Reduced interlibrary lending** and delivery to libraries – harder for users to get books, DVDs, etc.
  - **Fewer training programs** – library staff fall behind, and can't help users.
  - **Limited support for catalog** – delays in help when problems arise.
  - **Increased fees** for technology services – meaning an increase in local taxes to support this.
  - **Reduced Internet access** and technical support – slower internet speeds, fewer computers, repairs that don't get done – users without access when they need it.
- No other educational institutions are being asked to function at 1993 levels.
- State aid to libraries is less than 1/10 of 1% of entire state budget.
- Library use is up: recent survey shows 80% of libraries have recently helped people find a job.
- Library Aid provides the majority of funding for library systems – the cost-effective and efficient way to deliver services, avoid duplication.
- Ask the legislative leaders to **Restore Library Funding!**

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**Please Save Libraries From Drastic 18% Cuts in State Aid!**