

C. C. Mellor Library needs your help!

Please take a moment to send a letter to Senator Jay Costa and Senator Paul Costa concerning State Library Funding for Public Libraries for 2010-2011.

Important Talking Points Are:

In the 2009-2010 budget libraries state wide received the following cuts:

- Libraries received a 21% cut in basic operating funds (State Subsidy for Public Libraries).
- The reimbursement for nonresident use (Access PA) was eliminated.
- Online resources (Power Library) available through both public and school libraries were cut in half.

Libraries are still reeling from these cuts and further cuts in the 2010-2011 state budget will result in more local cutbacks and loss of services. The proposed budgets includes an additional 2% cut in local library subsidy. Please ask your state official to:

1. **Advocate for a minimum of level funding in the State Public Library Subsidy line.**
2. **Advocate for restoration of at least \$3 million in the Library Access line to restore Power Library resources.**

Additional letter writing tips:

- Make your letter personal. Tell how you and your family use the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library and/or Power Library resources.
- A handwritten note is acceptable—even preferred.
- Include your home address so the representative recognizes you as a constituent.
- Mail your letter by June 25.

Senator Jay Costa and Representative Paul Costa represent Edgewood, Forest Hills, Churchill, Braddock Hills and Wilkins. If you live in another community, we will be happy to look up your legislator's name and address for you. Here is contact information:

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