



Connecticut Library Consortium



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Provides cooperative purchasing to over 800 CT libraries.

CLC saves CT libraries \$7,252,273 each year* by leveraging discounts through collective buying power.

Cost to fund CLC: \$190,000

Return on Investment Savings: \$7,066,729

CLC cannot sustain more cuts.

- CLC received a 47% state funding cut in 2015.
- CLC's funding cut was – by far – the most draconian of any cuts to any state library programs in 2015.
- CLC has reorganized, reduced staffing, increased member dues, and is currently using reserve funds to make up a portion of cut funding.
- **At current state funding levels, CLC will cease to exist in 5 years.**

Funding CLC is essential.

- CLC member libraries saved \$7,252,273 in FY 2014-15 through CLC's negotiated discounts, group purchasing programs and training.
- Connecticut's public libraries saved almost \$76 for every \$1 they invested in CLC in FY 2014-15.
- Nearly 1,400 Connecticut librarians benefited from CLC's free or low-cost professional development programs in FY 2014-15.
- CLC is lean and mean: by employing a small staff that negotiates on behalf of over 800 libraries across the state, we reduce the effort, staff time and cost of purchasing library products and services by individual libraries – and greater discounts are realized by Connecticut libraries thanks to collective purchasing power.

*2014-2015 figure.