

## Please Support a Budget that Supports Connecticut's Libraries

### No More Cuts to Our Libraries!

- Under Governor Malloy's proposed Executive Orders, the *Connecticut State Library would see an 18% cut to an already bare bones budget*. State funding is eliminated for the Connecticut Library Consortium and the budgets for research IT and materials for the law libraries are cut in half.
- These cuts would cripple CLC, threaten Connecticut's federal LSTA funds, and mean drastic cuts in statewide electronic resources, made available to every library and every person in Connecticut.
- CLC serves all types of Connecticut libraries, by helping them strengthen their ability to serve their users through initiating and facilitating cost-effective services. **Last year, CLC leveraged \$190,000 in State funding into \$7.4 million dollars in savings for Connecticut's libraries.**
- Connecticut's public, school, and academic libraries, as well as the general public, would lose free online access to national newspapers, the historical *Harford Courant*, hundreds of business journals, informational resources, nursing journals, and other essential online resources. **The \$1.7 million in State funding for the statewide digital library results in a \$33 million cost savings for towns, schools, and universities.**
- The State Library serves as the Connecticut's principal law library. The proposed cuts to the Library's budget for legal books, online legal resources, and legal journals would quickly render the Library's resources obsolete. The general public, state agencies, and attorneys would have to turn elsewhere for current, reliable legal resources.
- Further, the State Library estimates that Connecticut would **lose \$598,569 in federal funds** for library services if the cuts in the executive order stand.

