



## **CLA Day in the District 2010 Talking Points**

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### **Public Library Foundation (PLF)**

PLF funding is distributed to all public libraries in California on a per capita basis and supports vital library services and collections in every community in California.

- **PLF has never been fully funded.** The highest funding for PLF was in 2000–01 when \$56.8 million was allocated for local libraries. Since then, PLF funding has been reduced over the years to a baseline of \$13 million. *The Governor's January budget for 2010–11 does not propose additional cuts to the PLF.*
- **Full funding** for the PLF would cost approximately \$107 million or approximately \$2.81 per capita.

### **Resource Sharing and Transaction-Based Reimbursement (TBR)**

The TBR program reimburses local libraries for loaning books and materials to other libraries' residents. Both direct loan (where the customer comes into the library) and interlibrary loans are reimbursed.

- Our goal is full funding for Transaction-Based Reimbursement (TBR) at approved reimbursement rates and expected usage levels. This would require an additional \$29 million over the proposed program budget for 2010–11.
- In 2008–09 public libraries loaned over 36 million items through direct loan to non-resident borrowers, and shared over 3.2 million items among libraries of all types through interlibrary loan. This was achieved at a cost of less than \$0.26 per item.
- Over the last three years the TBR budget was reduced by over 45%, bringing the estimated reimbursement for the cost of this program to 26%.
- *The Governor's January budget proposal for 2010–11 maintains TBR funding at the 2008–09 level.*

### **Public Library Capital Projects**

- CLA is requesting legislators support funding of public library capital projects including legislation to lower the threshold for future library bond measures to 55% as was done for school bonds. (CLA supports ACA 9 by Assemblyman Jared Huffman.)

## **California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) or California Library Literacy and English Acquisition Services Program – Adult Literacy Services**

For 25 years, California's public libraries have provided directed services to low literacy adults and their families, helping Californians of all ages reach their literacy goals.

- The baseline for CLLS is currently \$4.6 million. *The Governor's January Budget proposed no cuts to these valuable services.*
- In 2008–09, the program reached **21,590 adult learners and 55,224 children** through **105 public library jurisdictions**. These adults were able to achieve goals such as getting a driver's license, writing a resume, or reading a book to their child for the first time.
- The core of CLLS services target English speaking adults who struggle with basic reading and writing skills. Instruction is provided confidentially, either one-on-one or in small groups by trained volunteer tutors and is directed by the individual's pace and goals. **CLLS services are unique and are not available elsewhere in the community for this hard-to-reach population, who may have failed in a classroom setting, but thrive in a one-on-one learning environment.**
- Annually **over 11,000 volunteers serve as tutors** of adult learners and **provide over 760,000 hours of volunteer time**. Using EDD's average California hourly wage figure for 2007 of \$21.78, that's a total of over **\$16.5 million contributed** in volunteer time.
- The National Center for Education Statistics produced estimates in January 2009 of the percentage of adults with low literacy in individual states and counties. **32 million (14%) of U.S. adults lack basic prose literacy skills—meaning they can't read a newspaper or the instructions on a bottle of pills—and 23% of California adults fall into this category.** To view estimates by county, see <http://nces.ed.gov/naal/estimates/StateEstimates.aspx> <sup>1</sup>
- CLLS is truly a state/local partnership. By design, state funds are leveraged locally generating more than \$17 million additional dollars to assist in providing these services. Those \$17 million would not be available without the state funding. **Every \$1 of state funds leverages \$3.73** in local and private funds—a great investment!
- In addition to services for adults, CLLS also extends support for literacy in California through Families For Literacy, English Language & Literacy Intensive and Mobile Library Literacy Services. For more information, please visit [www.libraryliteracy.org](http://www.libraryliteracy.org).

## **California State Library**

- CLA supports **continued funding for the staff and services** of the California State Library, which provides a range of services including the management of federal grant funds under the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

*In addition to the above talking points, Day in the District is an opportunity to highlight the services that are important to residents in your particular district. Many legislators are not aware of the broad range of services we provide and the number of lives we touch each and every day. You have a powerful story to tell, and this is your chance.*