CLC: FY 16/17 by the numbers

- $7,487,831 saved on library products and services
- Negotiated on behalf of over 800 Connecticut libraries and the residents who use and fund them
- Accomplished with $174,800 in state funding and 5 staff (3 FT, 2 PT)
- Return on Investment: $7,313,031

CLC cannot sustain more cuts.

- CLC’s current state funding is 63% lower than it was in 2014.
- CLC received a 47% cut in funding in 2016 and another 33% cut in 2018. No other State Library programs were cut so dramatically.
- CLC has reorganized, reduced staffing, increased member dues, and is currently using reserve funds to make up a portion of cut funding.
- CLC is actively working to diversify revenue sources to become less reliant on state support. However, it will be at least 2 years until CLC no longer requires state funding.
- At current state funding levels, CLC will cease to exist in 3 years.

Funding CLC is essential.

- Connecticut public libraries saved almost $60 for every $1 they invested in CLC in 2016-17.
- 1,765 Connecticut library staff benefited from CLC’s free or low-cost professional development programs in 2016-17.
- 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.

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