A Message and Talking Points from the Legislative Committee

If you haven’t made an appointment for Legislative Day yet, it’s not too late to get involved. Make a call on September 21st and set a follow up meeting or visit.

Find your legislator at https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/.

The Ask for Public Libraries.
Full, flat funding for public libraries based on last year’s budget. We have received 5/12, and need to be made whole for the year.

Talking Points.
Be sure to personalize these with examples and stories that will demonstrate the impact your library has with the legislator’s constituents.

- Libraries can do amazing things but have real needs.
- Libraries have been left behind for so long that many have used up their reserves.
- Fundraisers have been cancelled and during the closure library fines and fees were lost.
- While buildings were closed, libraries continued to serve through virtual programming, reference and referral, extended wifi, eCard and eResources.
- Libraries will be key in the recovery process – workforce development, broadband/internet, school age student assistance, early literacy, lifelong learning, STEM education, Power Library and more.
- If I could tell you 2 things about my library, they would be …
- Within the Department of Education schools already received full funding, but public libraries have not received full funding yet.

30 Second Phone Script.
To be used with home (district) and Harrisburg offices, or left as voicemail.

My name is ___ from ___ Library and I am calling as part of Library Legislative Day. We are asking you to support flat funding for the Public Library Subsidy to allow libraries to keep doing the amazing work they do. We have continued to serve your constituents throughout the COVID-19 closures and need your support to be part of the recovery process. I am happy to set a time to meet or talk more about the library and can be reached at ___. Thank you.