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**[*Insert Library Name*] Meets with Members of the Ohio General Assembly**

[*Insert your city*] – On April 8, representatives from [*insert Library name*] traveled to Columbus for the Ohio Library Council’s Library Legislative Day. They joined public library supporters from across the state to advocate for library funding and discuss the life-changing work of libraries.

[*insert Library director or representative*s] met with [*insert legislator(s)*] to discuss how the library is helping the [insert name] community with services and programs such as [*insert local examples from your library (job search assistance, early literacy programs, online courses, technology tutors, etc.)*].

“Libraries have become an essential resource for Ohioans, offering a wide range of services,” said [name and title of spokesperson]. “State funding through the Public Library Fund (PLF) is vital, as it continues to be a primary revenue source for public libraries. Unfortunately, the PLF was reduced by $27 million last year, bringing library funding back to levels not seen in 25 years. We urged legislators to restore the PLF to ensure that libraries can continue to provide crucial services."

This event was held during National Library week, April 6–12, 2025. With over 7.4 million registered borrowers, Ohio’s public libraries have one of the highest usage rates per capita in the nation. This success is dependent on the strong partnership between the State of Ohio and local library systems.

In addition to meeting with members of the Ohio General Assembly, the [*insert Library name*] is celebrating National Library Week by hosting [*describe programs, activities here*] on [*insert date(s)*].

For more information, visit the [*name of library*] at [*address*], or visit the library’s website at [*provide URL*].

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