

PIONEER VALLEY LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS

November 30, 2009

Dear Library Director and Supporter of Pioneer Valley Libraries:

Don't close the books on libraries!

The sixteenth annual series of library legislative breakfasts is coming up soon. **Please see the reverse of this letter for details in your area. Also, please note that the Chicopee Public Library will be hosting both Senator Knapik and Senator Buoniconti.** As advocacy continues to be a solid impetus for librarians in Massachusetts, this event has grown in importance and attendance.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners' (MBLC) Legislative Agenda for FY 2011 continues the commitment made for FY 2010.

The MBLC works toward equity of access to library services by creating a level playing field so that residents of all ages across the Commonwealth have access to essential library collections, services, facilities and electronic content regardless of where they live. Through libraries, residents find information and knowledge to improve their lives, to support education, to build their communities and to sustain our democracy.

No library can meet the demands of its users with local resources alone. That's why state funded programs are so critical to the provision of library services. Citizens of Massachusetts are using libraries more than ever, and they rely on the links between libraries provided through state funding administered by the MBLC. Funding cuts since 2001 have placed immense burdens on local library budgets at a time when demand for services is rising.

Informing your legislators of your concerns and additional funding needs this year will allow Massachusetts libraries to meet today's challenges. Please show your support by mailing a contribution and by marking the date of your complimentary breakfast on your calendar. Every library in every town needs a voice to be heard by our Pioneer Valley legislators.

Sincerely yours,

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Pioneer Valley Legislative Breakfast Committee

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