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Library Update June 26, 2009

Dear Library Friends,

Today at 12 noon, the Hudson Library joined libraries across Ohio by turning off its lights for 5 minutes to symbolize what will happen to the majority of Ohio's public libraries if Governor Strickland's last minute and ill-conceived budget proposal goes forward.

According to the Ohio Library Council, state representatives and senators have been hearing from their constituents in record numbers about the need to save our libraries. Because of you, Ohio libraries may be saved! Representative Mike Moran has told me that he is working closely with many legislators to help resolve this issue. Unfortunately, the Governor, in a statement issued earlier today, still refuses to back away from his position.

It now appears the legislative conference committee will be meeting Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am to begin deliberating on the budget. The plan is to conclude discussions over the weekend and have the budget available for a vote early next week.

Please continue to let your voice be heard by contacting our representatives and thanking them for their support as well as the members of the conference committee. This weekend will be extremely critical for public libraries. You are making a difference!

Thank you for your support,

E. Leslie Polott,  
Director