

The mission of the Cleveland Public Library is to be the best urban library system in the country by providing access to the worldwide information that people and organizations need in a timely, convenient, and equitable manner.

Fulfilling Past Promises...

- Saturday hours year round
- More computers and computer training
- Increased services for the Hispanic community and new Americans
- More services for children and young adults
- Improved services for seniors

Continuing to Service The Community with...

- A neighborhood library located within one mile of most Cleveland residents
- The Ohio Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled
- Mobile Library and "On the Road to Reading" Literacy Van
- Ohio Center for the Book literacy services
- Citizenship classes for new Americans
- System-wide cultural programming
- Adult and children's Reading Clubs
- CMSD textbooks
- KnowItKnow24x7—homework assistance
- Writers and Readers author series

Where We Are...

- Lost 20% state funding in the first half of 2009
- Projecting a loss of 31% in state funding in the second half of 2009
- Expecting \$7.4 million less in revenue in 2010

... CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUES TO BE MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER!

- Circulation up by 16%
- Visits to neighborhood branches and Main library up by 12%
- Computer usage for FREE classes and Internet access—higher than ever!

Here's What We've Done So Far...

- **ELIMINATION** of annual increases for non-union staff
- **FREEZING** of non-critical staff positions
- **REDUCTION** in materials budget
- **REDUCTION** in supplies budget
- **REDUCTION** in contracted services

Here's Where We're Going...

- Reduce overtime costs by eliminating Sunday hours between September and December 2009
- Restructure public, community and support services
- Implement a plan to **keep all facilities open** while cutting budget by \$10.7 million

Cleveland Public Library is one of America's **Five Star Libraries**. We are grateful for your support and will continue our commitment to provide quality services to our community.



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AMERICA'S STAR LIBRARIES

"The People's University" is to be the learning place for a diverse community, inspiring people of all ages with the love of books and reading, advancing the pursuit of knowledge, and enhancing the quality of life for all who use the Library.