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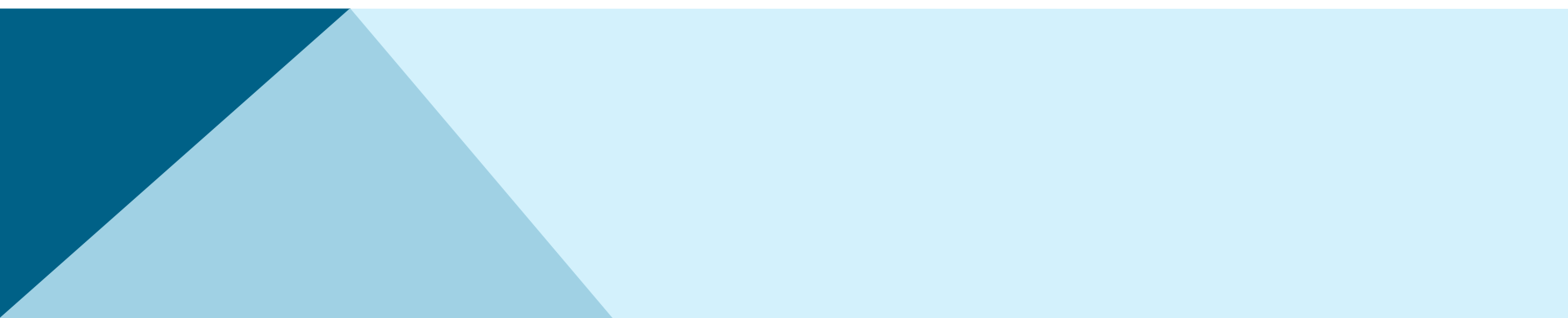
State Budget Update

April 26, 2021

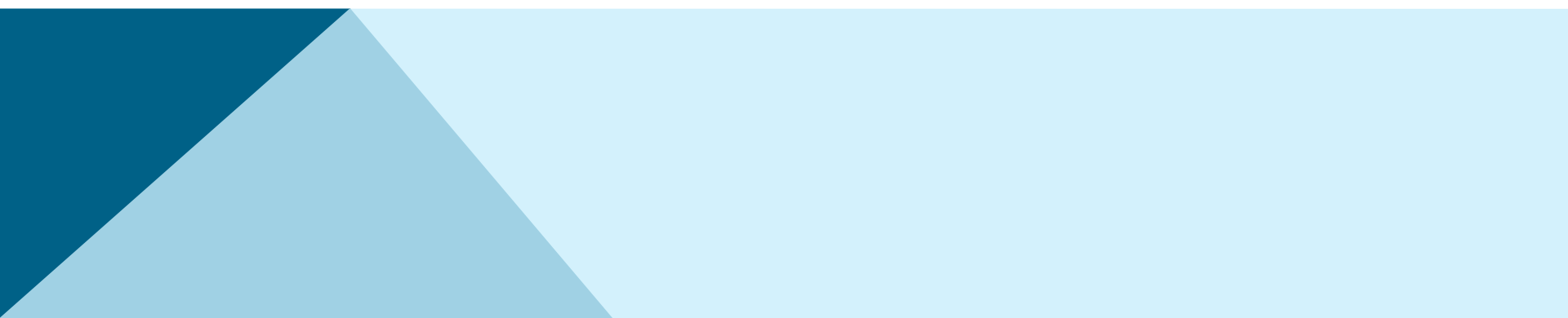
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OVERVIEW

- Amended Substitute House Bill 110 (as passed by the House)
 - OLC Testimony & Library Testimony in Senate
 - OLC Messaging
 - OLC Budget Website (libraryfunding.olg.org)
 - Executive Health Orders update
 - Questions
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HB 110 – AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

- Public Library Fund - 1.66% of the General Revenue Fund
 - 2% Personal Income Tax Cut
 - \$16 Million for the Governors Imagination Library
 - Open Meetings Flexibility
 - Free Library Photocopying of Identification
 - Ohio Checkbook
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LIBRARY TESTIMONY

- House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education 3/4
- House Finance Committee 3/10
- House Finance Testimony 4/10
- Written Testimony from Libraries
- **Senate Local Government and Elections 5/4**
 - Focus on Library Services, Pandemic Response, Digital Materials, PLF Funding, and lack of Federal Stimulus Money.

SENATE COMMITTEES

Senate Finance Committee

R- Dolan (Chair), Gavarone, Blessing, Brenner, Hottinger, Lang, Manning, Peterson, Romanchuk, and Schuring

D- Sykes (Ranking Minority), Antonio, and Craig

Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

R- Gavarone (Chair), O'Brien, Cirino, Kunze, and Manning

D- Maharath (Ranking), Sykes,

HOUSE BILL 110 - FY 2022-2023 BUDGET

- **Public Library Fund (PLF) – Commitment to Ohio’s public libraries**
 - Funding at statutory levels in FY 2022 and FY 2023
 - 1.66% (permanent law)
 - OBM PLF distribution estimates from Blue Book:
 - FY 2021: \$430 million
 - FY 2022: \$428 million (0.5% decrease)
 - FY 2023: \$443 million (3.5% increase)

Public Library Fund (PLF) Distributions in Millions

Fiscal Year	PLF Percentage of GRF Taxes	PLF Distributions
2008	2.22%	\$418.2
2009	2.22%	\$414.2
2010	1.97%	\$340.6
2011	1.97%	\$367.6
2012	Freeze with 95% of Previous Year	\$352.2
2013	Freeze with 95% of Previous Year	\$344.3
2014	1.66%	\$341.0
2015	1.66%	\$360.5
2016	1.7%	\$377.6
2017	1.7%	\$378.5
2018	1.68%	\$384.6
2019	1.68%	\$402.8
2020	1.7%	\$393.1

Public Library Fund

LSC Estimates Included in Final State Budget Documents

FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
\$359.3 Million	\$369.0 Million	\$389.5 Million	\$404.3 Million	\$386.3 Million	\$398.1 Million	\$422.3 Million

Actual Distributions

FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
\$341.0 Million	\$360.5 Million	\$377.6 Million	\$378.5 Million	\$384.6 Million	\$402.8 Million	\$393.1 Million
- \$18 M	- \$8.5 M	- \$11.9 M	- \$25.8 M	- \$1.7 M	+ \$4.7 M	- \$29.2 M



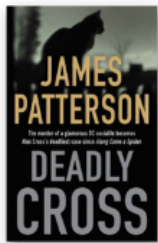
LSC = Legislative Services Commission
FY = Fiscal Year

GENERAL MESSAGE TO LAWMAKERS

- Our goal is to preserve the PLF at 1.7% and maintain critical funding for Ohio's libraries.
- Educate lawmakers on how our libraries are funded, and the essential services provided to local communities.
- Positive messaging about special programs and services.
 - Education
 - Workforce development
 - Digital divide
- Our libraries offer a significant return on investment in Ohio.
 - Utilize the updated ROI calculator posted on OLC website

Library Pricing

Ohio's public libraries pay up to **5 times more** for eBooks. This greatly impacts library budgets and the number of items that can be purchased.



Print Edition

\$12.73



eBook on
Amazon

\$14.99



eBook for
Libraries

\$65

eBook expires
after 24 months.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND – TALKING POINTS

- Public Library Fund (PLF)
 - We appreciate the commitment to support Ohio's public libraries through the PLF. However, the House Budget cuts state funding to Ohio's public libraries by reducing the PLF from 1.7% to 1.66% of the General Revenue Fund.
 - Investing in Ohio's public libraries is critical as the usage and demand for our services is growing – especially as we begin to come out of this pandemic.
 - Urge legislators to Restore the PLF at 1.7%.

TALKING POINTS CONT....

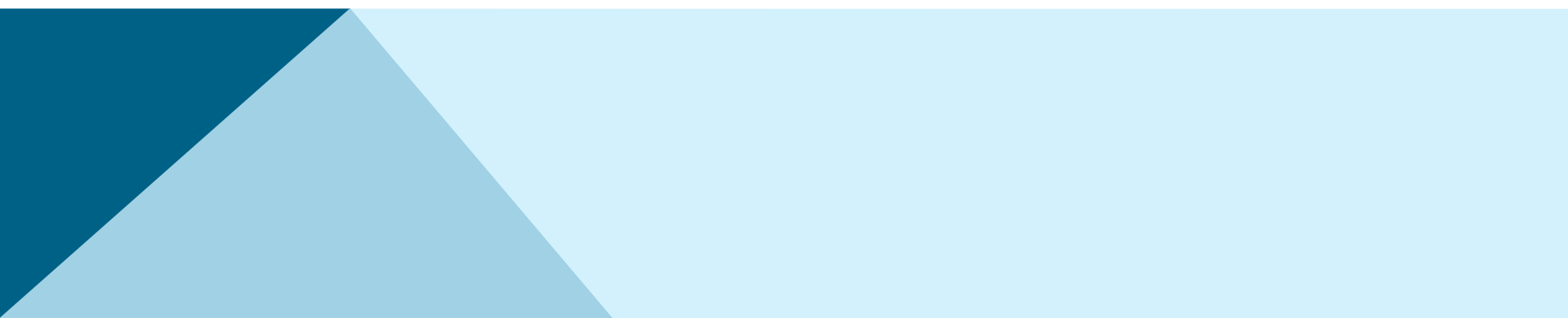
- Libraries need to communicate with legislators and let them know that they are disappointed in the lack of action by the Ohio House and urge their Senate members to maintain critical funding for libraries at 1.7%. If the state budget bill is not changed, libraries will be cut on July 1, and funded at 1.66% of the General Revenue Fund.
- Libraries will also be impacted by the proposed 2% personal income tax rate reduction. Urge Senators to hold libraries harmless when considering tax cuts.
- Clarify that libraries are not eligible for the COVID-19 relief funds currently being discussed in the bill or the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding going directly to local governments from the federal government.

OLC BUDGET MICROSITE

<http://libraryfunding.olc.org/>

- News updates, previous webinars, testimony, and resources
- Return On Investment Calculator updated and posted on website (watch the webinar explaining how to use the calculator)

UPDATE ON STATE HEALTH ORDERS

- Masks
 - Social Distancing
 - Large Gatherings
 - Hand Washing
 - Quarantining Materials
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Questions???

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**Thank You
and
Stay Safe**