

Your Community Needs Your Help!

As part of proposed budget cuts, Governor Granholm is looking at eliminating all grants issued by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs in 2010. If this happens, programs such as Jazz and More at the Library and your CRDL Summer Reading Program would lose a majority of if not all of their funding.

State aid to libraries is also under attack. Federal dollars that support the Michigan eLibrary and the Michigan eLibrary Catalog are in danger if state aid to libraries is cut any further. The national average for support to libraries is \$3.27 – Michigan is currently at .96 cents. The proposed cut would take us to .75 cents.

Cuts such as these could cost Michigan 108,000 jobs, \$812 million in lost personal income, \$2 billion in revenues from arts and cultural activities, and \$65.7 million in tourism dollars that are tied to arts and culture.

Tell our Governor and Legislature that we need the arts and libraries. Tell our Governor and Legislature that arts and libraries are the soul of our community. Tell our Governor and Legislature that arts and libraries are a solution for Michigan's future.

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