

2017 Budget Cuts

Media Releases and Media Coverage

Government Restores Funding to Public Libraries

The Government of Saskatchewan issued a media release on April 24 to reinstate funding to public libraries in the seven regional systems, Regina, and Saskatoon for the 2017-18 budget year. The media release is [here](#) and SLA's reply letter to Premier Brad Wall is [here](#). SLA will continue to monitor developments and especially in regards to reviewing The Public Libraries Act and co-location of public and school libraries. SLA has also archived all content (see sections below) related to the 2017 budget cuts.

[Global News - Sask. government asking libraries about future spending allocations, efficiencies \(Nov. 26\)](#)

[Public Library System in Sask. \(2016 Year in Review\)](#)

[The changing role of libraries - CBC Radio Blue Sky \(Oct. 16, 2018\)](#)

[It takes a province to save a library system \(presentation at 2018 Sask. Libraries Conference\)](#)

[Public Library System Statistical Summaries \(Ministry of Education\)](#)

[Gov't of Saskatchewan - Ministry of Education media release on tabled 2018-19 budget \(Apr. 10\)](#)

[Letter to SUMA acknowledging 2018 resolution](#)

[SUMA - Resolution supporting improved funding for public libraries \(Feb. 2018\)](#)

[Sasktel MaxTV Magazine - Public Libraries in Saskatchewan \(Fall 2017\)](#)

[The Saskatchewan Spring of 2017: 34 Days that Shook the Provincial Government and led to the Provincial Government Reinstating Funding to Public Libraries](#)

[Saskatoon Star Phoenix - Restructuring, pay cuts loom for some library workers \(Oct. 31\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star Phoenix - New library structure threatens job, union says \(Oct. 16\)](#)

[Moose Jaw Times Herald - Libraries Across Province Ready to Celebrate \(Oct. 16\)](#)

[Provincial Library and Literacy Office - Map of Libraries in Saskatchewan](#)

[CBC News Saskatchewan - Premier Wall retiring from politics \(Aug. 10\)](#)

[SLAte - Spring 2017 Crisis for Saskatchewan Public Libraries \(Aug. 1\)](#)

[Policy Alternatives \(Monitor\) - Viva la evolucion! \(pp. 20-21 July/August 2017\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatoon - Good reason to wonder whether history is in good shape in Sask. \(July 23\)](#)

[CUPE 2669 Saskatoon Public Library Workers - Special meeting about SPL lay offs \(June 25\)](#)

[CTV News Saskatoon - SPL lays off 22 staff \(May 31\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatoon - SPL laying off 20 workers \(May 31\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - SPL to cut staff in response to budget shortfalls \(May 30\)](#)

[Library Journal - Public Outcry Saves Sask. Library Funds \(May 15\)](#)

[AM620 CRKM - Advocating for Public Libraries to be discussed at annual conference \(May 3\)](#)

[AM980 CJME - Purolator to ship library books across Sask. as STC closes \(May 2\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - ILL in its current form to be examined \(May 1\)](#)

[Regina Leader-Post - Research and consultation recommended before making big decisions \(Apr. 26\)](#)

Media Coverage

[CBC News Saskatchewan - Rejoice over funding reinstatement \(Apr. 25\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatchewan - Media scrum with Education Minister Morgan \(Apr. 24\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatchewan - Library cuts reversed \(Apr. 24\)](#)

[Regina Leader-Post - Library funding restored \(Apr. 24\)](#)

[Sasknow.ca - Libraries keep pressure on government to restore funding \(Apr. 24\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - Premier Wall asks Education Minister to review library funding issue \(Apr. 20\)](#)

[CBC - Sask. Party reviewing cuts to libraries \(Apr. 20\)](#)

[Estevan Mercury - Southeast Regional makes key decisions \(Apr. 13\)](#)

[Northern Pride - Public protests library cuts \(Apr. 13\)](#)

[Northern Pride - Find ways to fund libraries \(Apr. 13\)](#)

[Yorktown This Week - Parkland Library hacks staff and services \(Apr. 12\)](#)

[The Globe and Mail - SK should take note: Libraries are sanctuaries of civil societies \(Apr. 9\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - Libraries are fundamental \(Apr. 8\)](#)

[Regina Leader-Post - Protesters Drop everything and read and MLA Offices \(Apr. 7\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatoon - Hundreds of readers silently protest outside MLA offices against library cuts \(Apr. 7\)](#)

[CTV News Regina - Hundreds across Saskatchewan protest library cuts \(Apr. 7\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - SPL faces 800K deficit and prepares to make substantial cuts \(Apr. 6\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - SPL reviews how it curates its collection as ILL ends \(Apr. 5\)](#)

[Melfort Journal - Wapiti Regional Library to lose 60% of funding \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - One Province One Card Program cut \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[CTV News Regina - Sask. libraries forced to stop inter-library loans due to budget cuts \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[Global News Regina -gov't hopes to avoid elimination of ILL \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatoon - Education Minister responds to ILL elimination \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[Saskatoon Star-Phoenix - SPL says cuts drastic and shortsighted \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[CKOM - No Longer Sustainable Electronic Borders Close as Sask. Libraries Feel Budget Cuts \(Apr. 4\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatchewan - laid off library staff speak out \(Apr. 3\)](#)

[Regina Leader-Post - Saskatchewan budget leaves rural communities disconnected \(Apr. 3\)](#)

[CBC News Saskatchewan - Library Manager debunks province's budget cuts defence \(Apr. 2\)](#)

[Regina Leader-Post - advocates continue fight \(Apr. 2\)](#)

[CTV News Regina - staff layoffs and petition \(Mar. 30\)](#)

[CKOM - Sask. Regional Library faces Job Cuts After Provincial Budget \(Mar. 29\)](#)

[CBC News Regina - interview with SLA President \(Mar. 27\)](#)

[CKOM - Just Devastating Sask. Libraries struggling with provincial budget cuts \(Mar. 27\)](#)

[CTV News Saskatoon -Cuts a huge blow to Wapiti Region \(Mar. 24\)](#)

[CTV News Saskatoon - Budget stops provincial funding for Saskatoon, Regina libraries \(Mar. 22\)](#)