With $1 million of funding in jeopardy, libraries will be forced to cut critical services

Lexington Public Library serves 13.8 million visitors annually through six library locations, offsite programs, a robust website, and a mobile app.

Services are primarily funded with local property taxes for an annual operating budget of $16 million. Over $1 million in annual support is threatened by current legislative issues.

**Workforce Development**

Our libraries are vital to workforce development, providing a place for those currently employed and/or seeking employment to learn professional & essential skills, seek resume assistance plus interview tips, and apply for jobs online.

**Early Childhood Education**

LPL spends $400,000 annually to promote early childhood literacy and kindergarten readiness with children's books, storytime programs, and play elements designed to promote gross/fine motor skills & language development. In FY17, children's items were borrowed 812,195 times!

**Community Access**

Community services are designed to bring reading materials, educational classes, and cultural enrichment to those who cannot physically visit our libraries. These services focus on early childcare centers, senior living facilities, and the physically disabled.

**Weekend Operation**

Libraries are centers for learning, gathering, and developing. Lexingtonians averaged 98,000 weekend computer sessions in FY17. It costs over $500,000 yearly to open six locations on weekends.

**School Support**

Two local branches offer live homework help. K-12 students also receive free help daily from virtual professional tutors via LPL's website. Library cards issued to 45,000 public school students.

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