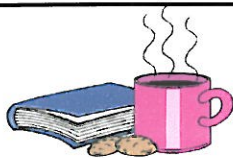


# BERKSHIRE LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

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Dear Supporters of Berkshire Libraries:

The Berkshire Library Legislative Breakfast is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and our next annual breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Norman Rockwell Museum. To actively participate in state library advocacy, this is a critical event for librarians, staff, Friends and Trustees to attend.

The MBLC Legislative Agenda for FY 2011 is projected to be another difficult budget year for libraries with the Executive Office for Administration and Finance requiring the MBLC to meet a 17% reduction in the FY2011 budget cap. Current and future budget cuts are devastating library service in the Commonwealth.

Robert C. Maier, Director of the MBLC, responded to the latest round of cuts, "Libraries provide instrumental services for people, especially during this recession. Demand for services is up for the 9th year in a row and access to the free information and resources that libraries provide has never been more important".

Informing your legislators of your concerns and understanding the magnitude these financial times have on Massachusetts libraries is important for all of us to meet future challenges.

Please show your support by mailing a contribution and marking this date on your calendar for this complimentary breakfast. This year, perhaps more than any other, every librarian in every town throughout the county needs to have their voice heard by our legislative delegation.

Sincerely yours,

*Patricia A. McLeod*

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