

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, KPB Assembly

**FROM:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President *BJ*

**DATE:** September 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2024-043, Urging the State of Alaska to Maintain Funding for the Public Libraries Assistance Grants and the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway at FY 2024 Levels (Johnson)

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Community libraries serve an important community service and need. Public Libraries Assistance (PLA) grants have supported statewide libraries for many years and the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED) has provided Alaskans with access to online resources that would otherwise be unaffordable for their local libraries.

Reducing or eliminating funding for community libraries would be a disservice to the public's interest. This Resolution urges the State to maintain, at a minimum, current funding levels for these programs.

Your consideration is appreciated.