PLF AT A GLANCE
(Public Library Foundation)

- PLF was established with Senate Bill 358 and signed by the governor 9/27/82.
- PLF augments public library budgets with General Fund monies to help maintain a base level of service.
- Funds can be used for operations (books, computes, programs, adult literacy services, etc.)
- Budget line item since 1983-1984.
- Full funding formula based on population and inflation.
- PLF has never been fully funded.
- Funding was slashed 75% between 2000/01 and 2004/05.
- Funding was increased in 2006/07 from $14.3 million to $21.3 million. Full funding would have been $94.25 million.
- PLF allocation is less per capita now than 20 years ago.
- Many libraries remain under funded while library usage in California is at an all time high and continues to increase.
- Full funding would benefit all counties with libraries, even if the county primarily has city libraries or district libraries.
- Improved library services strengthens education for all Californians.