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Today's Session:

"The Challenges Ahead: Actions for Tough Economic Times"

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The Current Fiscal Crisis and Its Impact on Transportation Libraries

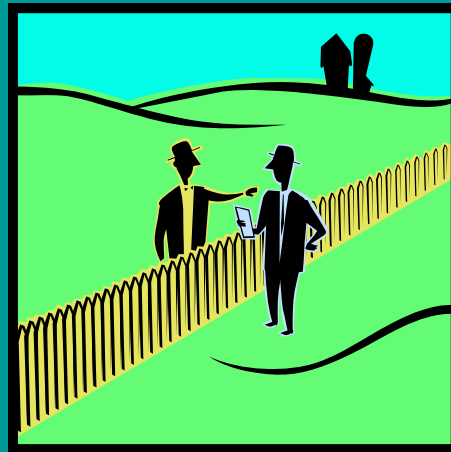
How can we -- individually and collectively -- best weather the economic storm affecting each of us and our organizations?

How should we assess and address the existing and emerging fiscal challenges?



Possible Courses of Action

- *Keep our colleagues in the transportation library community informed of developments and concerns; in times of trouble, we should lean on each other and provide support – moral as well as practical --whenever possible.*



Possible Courses of Action

- *Share strategies and “best practices” on how to promote and protect our libraries in the current financial climate.*



Possible Courses of Action

- *Mobilize and speak with one voice to write letters, e-mails, testimonials, etc., supporting and defending each other.*



Possible Courses of Action

- *Identify and implement opportunities for collaboration in order to more meaningfully leverage available resources.*



Together We Can Make a Difference



“At the banquet table of nature, there are no reserved seats. You get what you can take, and you keep what you can hold. If you can’t take anything, you won’t get anything, and if you can’t hold anything, you won’t keep anything. And you can’t take anything without organization.”

A. Phillip Randolph