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# Ohio libraries prepare to battle state and federal funding cuts

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The Cleveland Public Library celebrated the opening of its Hough Branch in November with author Nikki Giovanni. The event demonstrated how the library could be reconfigured as a public gathering space by rolling bookshelves on casters into storage and setting up chairs. Courtesy Cleveland Public Library



COLUMBUS, Ohio - Ohio's libraries are fighting a Republican plan to change the state's nearly century-old funding model, warning that millions of dollars and beloved programs are at stake.

They say that funding model helped create a statewide network of both large and small libraries that rank among the best in the country.

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