

Endangered Library Services

PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries) was organized in 2000. Starting in 2004, this group of college and university libraries received state funding to purchase databases and develop a universal borrowing system. PASCAL immediately began purchasing databases that MTC students, faculty and staff needed and used. In 2007, PASCAL Delivers was started. This is a service that allows students, faculty, and staff from any SC college or university to borrow materials from any other college or university library in South Carolina. All this was available to MTC for a modest membership fee.

In 2007, the state cut PASCAL's funding by 90%. Now in addition to our membership fee, we pay a service fee to keep some of PASCAL's services available. Due to this 90% cut in funding MTC is no longer able to offer the following databases to you: *Access Science, Nature, ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health, Science Online, Essay and General Literature, Issues and Controversies, and World History*. If the funding isn't restored, we will lose another long list of databases as of June 30, 2009 *Gale Literature Resource Center., Academic Search Premier, Business Search Premier, CINAHL, ERIC, Health Source Nursing Academic, MLA, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences* databases.

From January 2008 to the present, MTC students, faculty, and staff have borrowed 295 books from other libraries using PASCAL Delivers. One student stated "The system helped me with my soc. report because the books that I need were at another college. It was the best, to be able to take books from another college."

What can you do to help? Contact your legislators and stress the importance of the PASCAL funding and go to the PASCAL webpage and put your comments on the web form.

<http://pascalsc.org/howyoucanhelp.html>