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President Signs Perkins Funding Into Law

This past weekend, President Bush signed into law the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act (S. 250) conference report. The bill renews two programs that fund state technical and vocational education programs at high schools, community colleges and technical schools. In terms of library provisions, the bill includes new language proposed by ALA to expand the local uses of funds to enable schools to purchase publications.

This is an exciting new source of funding for school libraries. According to the legislative language, these funds may be used for **leasing, purchasing, upgrading, or adapting equipment, including instructional aids and publicans (including support for library resources) designed to strengthen and support academic and technical skill achievement.**

Please contact your administrator to ensure that the needs of the school library are met. If you are told that purchasing materials and/or equipment for libraries is not an allowable use of funds, contact us immediately:

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