



2012 Legislative Priorities

Library Aid - Restore to 2010 level of \$84.45 million or at the very least receive the same 4% increase as schools.

BOCES-Libraries Internet Partnerships

This bill (S.1573 Oppenheimer/A.464 Gunther) would authorize BOCES to contract with public libraries or library systems for internet services. 2011 *Status: reported to Senate Floor 6/7*

Library Card Info Distributed to Students

This bill (S.4174 Oppenheimer/A.8976 Reilly) would require school districts to disseminate informational materials about applications for public library cards to students if they are provided by their library. 2011 *Status: Passed Assembly 6/23 and reported to Senate Rules 6/13*

Expand Eligibility for EPE Funding to Include Libraries

This bill (S.4100 Farley/A.6385 Reilly) would expand eligibility to receive Employment Preparation Education (EPE) funds to include libraries. There is currently \$96 million in EPE funding available. 2011 *Status: Passed Senate 6/20*

NYS Comprehensive Information System

The bill (S.3297 DeFrancisco/A.4997 Russell) would authorize the state library to coordinate the bulk purchase of electronic resources like databases for state agencies, libraries and other governmental entities that would save the state and local government's money. 2011 *Status: Passed Senate 5/9*

SUNY/CUNY Procurement Flexibility for Electronic Resources

This bill (S.6018 Farley/A. 8673 Paulin) would expand flexibility provided to SUNY/CUNY to purchase products like books to also include electronic resources like online databases, which are a growing component of academic library collections.

System Funding Flexibility

This bill would give more local control to library systems on how to allocate reduced funding from the state to the meet the needs of the libraries and communities they serve.

Digital Literacy

This bill would allow schools to offer instruction in digital literacy in grades k-12. Digital literacy entails the skills needed to use technology, the internet and information in the 21st century.

Library Elections

This bill would clarify that library elections are covered by Education Law.

MTA Payroll Tax

This bill (S.6079 Martins/ A.8868 Abinanti) would add public libraries to list of entities exempt from MTA pay roll tax.

