



2012 Legislative Priorities

Library Aid - Restore funding for library services to 2010 level of \$84.78 million or at the very least receive same 4% increase as schools.

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.
Status: reported to Senate Finance 1/31/12

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.

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.

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. *Status: reported to Senate Finance 1/24/12*

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. *Status: passed Senate 2/7/12*

Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research

This bill (A.9162 Hevesi) would require publicly funded research that has been submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals to be made available online by the state agencies that underwrite such research.

System Funding Flexibility

This bill (S. 6492 Farley/A. Reilly) 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 (S.6479 Farley/A. Reilly) 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.

