

NYLA 2007-2008 Legislative Calendar

- Sept 07
- **NYLA Legislative Committee meeting: Sept. 18;** Develops campaign strategy; prepares for NYLA Conference
 - NYLA contacts with governor's office; budget office
- Oct. 07
- NYLA Annual Conference
 - Write your legislators and congratulate them on re-election
 - Local Legislative visits and events; NYLA talks to Spitzer transition team
- Nov 07
- Local Legislative visits and events
- Dec 07
- Local Legislative visits and events
 - Library Advocates contact the Governor
- Jan 08
- Library Advocates contact the Governor
 - Regional Coordinators for Lobby Day set/request sent out to all systems asking for volunteer regional coordinators; Details of Lobby Day outlined and sent out to regions to help them coordinate efforts. Assign people to testify at budget hearings in Feb.
 - Governor's budget released; Advocacy message to library community
- Feb 08
- **NYLA Legislative Committee Meeting – Feb. 5;** Meets; discusses Governor budget; confirms strategy; identifies key Senators and Assembly members. NYLA asks systems and libraries in these key legislators' areas to make an extra concerted effort to contact the legislators.
 - NYLA testifies at Budget Hearings. Coordination of Lobby Day begins
 - Advocacy message to library community
 - Regional Coordinators send appointments lists to libraries/systems in their areas to obtain names of people coming to Lobby Day. Libraries/systems issue press releases to local media about impact of budget and cost savings that are provided and testimonials from library patrons.
- March 08
- Advocacy message to library community
 - Systems hold "legislative event" in their areas: e.g., Legislative Breakfasts, library directors should invite them to tour their libraries, etc. Library/systems directors get meetings with local newspaper editorials boards
 - Online Advocacy Blitz encourages library supporters and patrons to send faxes to legislators.
 - **NYLA pre-Lobby Day events; PAC dinner – March 10**
 - **NYLA Lobby Day – March 11**
 - Online Advocacy Blitz continues and NYLA holds press conference in Albany with other vested groups like PTA, AARP, unions, etc.
- April 08
- Thank you to supporters and legislators
 - Preparation for National Library Week Events
 - **NYLA Legislative Committee Meeting**
 - National Library Week events in Albany
 - National Library Week events in regions
 - Local "letters to the editors" and other media placed library stories
- May 08
- ALA Lobby Day, May 13-14
- June 08
- **NYLA Legislative Committee Meeting and "Mini-Lobby Day" in Albany**
- July - Aug 08
- Visits with key legislators
- September 08 Start Again!