Library Construction Aid  
Budget Request: $45M

→ In 2021, an allocation of $34 million was made to the Library Construction Aid Program.

→ Last year’s investment came in the wake of a $20 million reduction in 2020.

→ The most recent available data provided by the New York State Education Department’s Division of Library Development (DLD) articulates an existing $1.5B in capital needs statewide.

→ Increased investment is needed to maintain and develop the physical infrastructure of New York State’s libraries in order to ensure a safe, accessible and sustainable environment for the future.

→ The Program provides an immediate and efficient return on investment while boosting local economies.

Reminders

→ New York State’s public libraries are rapidly aging.  
  Over half of our state’s libraries are over 60 years old.

→ Public libraries require capital investment to accommodate high-speed broadband infrastructure.

→ Public libraries desperately require energy-efficient infrastructure upgrades.

→ Public library capital needs have been comparatively underfunded.