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NEW YORKERS CAN NOW DONATE TO THE “LOVE YOUR LIBRARY FUND” WHEN DOING THEIR ANNUAL TAXES

THE “LOVE YOUR LIBRARY FUND” SUPPORTS THE NYS SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND ITS 2 MILLION+ ANNUAL ENROLLEES

ALBANY, NY – In August 2017, Governor Cuomo signed A.1094 - A Galef / S.3021 - A Ritchie into law. Affectionately known as the “tax check-off bill,” this law amends NYS Tax Law to permit taxpayers to make contributions to the state “Love Your Library Fund” when completing their annual tax filings. The “Love Your Library Fund” supports the Summer Reading Program, which exceeds an enrollment of more than 2 million students annually.

Each year, the New York State Summer Reading Program, hosted by your local library, offers unparalleled literacy and enrichment opportunities to our state’s young learners. Generations of students have combatted summer learning loss through the program’s literacy-supportive arts and music programs and returned to school in the Fall better prepared for the year ahead.

Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of the New York Library Association: “This legislation will help provide students with every opportunity to combat Summer learning loss and return to school better prepared for the year ahead. Assemblywoman Galef’s leadership on this legislation, and her commitment to every student’s success, will benefit every student, every community, and every New Yorker for generations to come.”

To help libraries promote “Love Your Library Fund” donations, the New York Library Association has prepared a poster and bookmarks for libraries to use. To view and download these materials please click here.

About NYLA:
The New York Library Association (NYLA) is the voice of the library community in New York. NYLA is the oldest state library association in the country and represents school, college, special and public libraries, library staff, trustees, and students from around the state.
NYLA is the only statewide organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of all libraries and library staff in Albany and serves as the spokesperson on library matters to the media and public policymakers.

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