2022 Policy Initiatives
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Book Fair Tax Exemption
This bill would make books, magazines, pamphlets and other items sold at school sponsored book fairs exempt from sales tax.
A861 (Cahill)

Association Library Retirement Opt-In Option
This bill would allow association libraries that meet certain criteria the ability to join the New York State Retirement System upon approval of their board.
S5179(Palumbo)/A5842(Thiele)

School Library Facility Modernization
The current regulation that defines a school library facility has not been updated in over twenty years. This proposal would address the antiquated metrics within NY-CRR 91.1 and insert characteristics associated with a successful, 21st century school library.
S6053 (Kaplan)/A6339 (Jensen)

Permanent Reduction in Petition Signature Requirements
NYLA is seeking a decrease in the number of signatures needed for 414 and school district library elections.
Status: Proposal pending

Media Literacy in New York State

Media Literacy Professional Development
This bill would require teachers and certified school librarians to receive professional development related to media literacy.
S8213(Ryan)/A6153A(Rosenthal)

Expand Access to Library Media Specialists
This bill would require, based on student population and other criteria, that each school have access to a library media specialist.
S8212(Ryan)/A6225A(Rosenthal)

Creation of Media Literacy Advisory Group
This bill would direct the Commissioner of Education to appoint a Media Literacy Advisory Committee tasked to study media literacy in New York State. The group would also be responsible for distributing resources on the topic.
S8214(Ryan)/A6142A(Rosenthal)

Provide Media Literacy Standards for our Students
This bill would direct the Education Department to develop media literacy standards in New York State. Information would reflect appropriate age development K-12.
S8215(Ryan)/A8222(Rosenthal)