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**NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WELCOMES BRIANA MCNAMEE AS
DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY**

ALBANY, NY – The New York Library Association (NYLA) is pleased to announce that Briana McNamee has joined the staff as the Director of Government Relations and Advocacy. Since 2017 Briana served as Governmental Relations Representative for the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). Previously, she was the Associate Director of Alumni Relations & Institutional Events at Albany Law School, and prior held positions with New York State Assembly members Gunther & Quart and Senator Tkaczyk. Briana received her bachelor’s degree in Political Science as well as her master’s degree in Business Administration from the University at Albany.

“We are thrilled to be bringing Bri’s skills and knowledge to the organization, and to add her enthusiasm for NYLA’s advocacy agenda to our efforts” stated Cassie Guthrie, Chair of NYLA’s Legislative Committee.

Dr. Jennifer Cannell, 2019-2020 President of NYLA added, “With our focus on advocating for school librarians this session, Bri’s experience with NYSSBA will be particularly advantageous. We all look forward to working together to advance all libraries with the support of our elected leaders.”

“I am excited to begin this new chapter, and to be working on the issues of access and equity that are core to the mission of every library,” McNamee reflected.

NYLA’s 2020 Legislative Priorities focus on funding for libraries in the NYS budget, as well as policy items that impact the NY library community. Details are available at nyla.org/agenda

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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