

New York Library Association  
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| Now on another topic, How important would you say public libraries in New York are to our system of educating and providing access to information for all New Yorkers? Would you say public libraries are:  |       |     |     |               |        |     |                |     |         |          |     |        |      |      |           |                    |        |       |       |     |          |        |      |       |        |                  |         |
|---|-------|-----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|----------------|-----|---------|----------|-----|--------|------|------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|----------|--------|------|-------|--------|------------------|---------|
|   | Party |     |     |               | Gender |     | Political View |     |         | Union HH |     | Region |      |      | Ethnicity |                    |        | Age   |       |     | Religion |        |      |       | Income |                  |         |
|   | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/<br>Other | M      | F   | Lib            | Mod | Conserv | Yes      | No  | NYC    | Subs | Upst | White     | Afr Amer<br>/Black | Latino | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Cath     | Jewish | Prot | Other | <\$50K | \$50K-<br>\$100K | \$100K+ |
| <b>Very important to that system</b>  | 75%   | 79% | 63% | 80%           | 68%    | 81% | 86%            | 74% | 70%     | 75%      | 75% | 80%    | 75%  | 70%  | 72%       | 87%                | 83%    | 73%   | 76%   | 75% | 72%      | 67%    | 75%  | 82%   | 83%    | 72%              | 68%     |
| <b>Somewhat important to that system</b>  | 19%   | 16% | 30% | 15%           | 24%    | 15% | 12%            | 21% | 22%     | 21%      | 19% | 14%    | 18%  | 25%  | 22%       | 10%                | 14%    | 21%   | 18%   | 20% | 22%      | 20%    | 22%  | 13%   | 11%    | 23%              | 27%     |
| <b>Not very important to that system</b>  | 3%    | 4%  | 4%  | 3%            | 5%     | 2%  | 1%             | 4%  | 4%      | 2%       | 4%  | 3%     | 4%   | 3%   | 4%        | 1%                 | 1%     | 5%    | 3%    | 3%  | 4%       | 10%    | 1%   | 3%    | 3%     | 3%               | 4%      |
| <b>Not at all important to that system</b>  | 2%    | 1%  | 3%  | 2%            | 3%     | 1%  | 1%             | 1%  | 3%      | 2%       | 2%  | 2%     | 2%   | 1%   | 1%        | 1%                 | 0%     | 1%    | 2%    | 2%  | 1%       | 3%     | 1%   | 0%    | 2%     | 1%               | 1%      |
| <b>Don't know/No opinion</b>  | 1%    | 0%  | 1%  | 0%            | 1%     | 1%  | 0%             | 0%  | 1%      | 0%       | 1%  | 0%     | 1%   | 1%   | 1%        | 1%                 | 1%     | 0%    | 0%    | 1%  | 0%       | 0%     | 0%   | 1%    | 1%     | 1%               | 0%      |
| <b>Have you or another member of your household used the resources, that is, the books, DVDs, e-books, computers, or internet connections of a public library in New York in the last six months?</b>   |       |     |     |               |        |     |                |     |         |          |     |        |      |      |           |                    |        |       |       |     |          |        |      |       |        |                  |         |
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| <b>Yes</b>  | 68%   | 68% | 66% | 69%           | 62%    | 72% | 74%            | 70% | 62%     | 72%      | 66% | 65%    | 70%  | 69%  | 67%       | 71%                | 71%    | 72%   | 75%   | 60% | 67%      | 55%    | 65%  | 75%   | 68%    | 69%              | 69%     |
| <b>No</b>   | 32%   | 32% | 34% | 30%           | 37%    | 27% | 26%            | 30% | 37%     | 28%      | 33% | 35%    | 29%  | 31%  | 32%       | 28%                | 28%    | 28%   | 25%   | 39% | 32%      | 45%    | 34%  | 25%   | 32%    | 31%              | 31%     |
| <b>Don't know/Refused</b>   | 1%    | 0%  | 1%  | 1%            | 1%     | 1%  | 0%             | 0%  | 1%      | 0%       | 1%  | 0%     | 1%   | 0%   | 1%        | 1%                 | 1%     | 0%    | 0%    | 1%  | 1%       | 0%     | 0%   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%               | 0%      |
| <b>Is the internet connection of a public library in New York State your PRIMARY means of accessing the internet?</b>   |       |     |     |               |        |     |                |     |         |          |     |        |      |      |           |                    |        |       |       |     |          |        |      |       |        |                  |         |
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| <b>Yes</b>  | 14%   | 14% | 12% | 13%           | 15%    | 14% | 14%            | 14% | 14%     | 8%       | 17% | 21%    | 7%   | 12%  | 10%       | 27%                | 30%    | 16%   | 11%   | 16% | 10%      | 6%     | 21%  | 12%   | 23%    | 14%              | 3%      |
| <b>No</b>   | 85%   | 85% | 88% | 86%           | 84%    | 86% | 86%            | 85% | 85%     | 92%      | 83% | 77%    | 93%  | 88%  | 90%       | 72%                | 69%    | 83%   | 89%   | 83% | 90%      | 94%    | 78%  | 87%   | 76%    | 85%              | 97%     |
| <b>Don't know/Refused</b>   | 1%    | 1%  | 0%  | 1%            | 1%     | 0%  | 0%             | 1%  | 0%      | 0%       | 1%  | 0%     | 0%   | 0%   | 0%        | 1%                 | 1%     | 1%    | 0%    | 1%  | 0%       | 0%     | 0%   | 1%    | 1%     | 0%               | 0%      |
| <b>And what about the programs offered at New York State public libraries, have you or another member of your household participated in a program, workshop, seminar or event like a story-time reading at a public library in New York in the last six months?</b> |       |     |     |               |        |     |                |     |         |          |     |        |      |      |           |                    |        |       |       |     |          |        |      |       |        |                  |         |
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| <b>Yes</b>  | 36%   | 33% | 35% | 40%           | 27%    | 43% | 37%            | 38% | 33%     | 42%      | 34% | 33%    | 38%  | 37%  | 36%       | 39%                | 40%    | 45%   | 35%   | 32% | 33%      | 31%    | 39%  | 36%   | 38%    | 38%              | 33%     |
| <b>No</b>   | 63%   | 66% | 64% | 60%           | 72%    | 56% | 63%            | 62% | 66%     | 57%      | 66% | 66%    | 61%  | 62%  | 64%       | 60%                | 60%    | 55%   | 64%   | 67% | 66%      | 69%    | 61%  | 64%   | 62%    | 62%              | 67%     |
| <b>Don't know/Refused</b>   | 1%    | 0%  | 1%  | 0%            | 1%     | 1%  | 0%             | 0%  | 1%      | 1%       | 0%  | 0%     | 1%   | 1%   | 0%        | 1%                 | 0%     | 0%    | 0%    | 1%  | 1%       | 0%     | 0%   | 0%    | 0%     | 0%               | 0%      |
| <b>(If participated in programs) Of the following library programs, which ones have you or another household member participated in over the last six months? [CHOICES ROTATED]</b>   |       |     |     |               |        |     |                |     |         |          |     |        |      |      |           |                    |        |       |       |     |          |        |      |       |        |                  |         |
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| <b>Story time or some other program for young children</b>  | 53%   | 44% | 62% | 57%           | 49%    | 55% | 47%            | 56% | 58%     | 52%      | 54% | 53%    | 47%  | 59%  | 56%       | 49%                | 61%    | 60%   | 63%   | 39% | 55%      | 45%    | 62%  | 45%   | 55%    | 41%              | 64%     |
| <b>Job seeking or some other career building program</b>  | 28%   | 34% | 15% | 34%           | 27%    | 29% | 35%            | 27% | 24%     | 26%      | 29% | 44%    | 27%  | 15%  | 19%       | 53%                | 33%    | 37%   | 31%   | 19% | 18%      | 26%    | 34%  | 30%   | 41%    | 28%              | 14%     |
| <b>Computer or software training</b>  | 26%   | 31% | 27% | 21%           | 24%    | 27% | 32%            | 23% | 28%     | 26%      | 27% | 36%    | 22%  | 20%  | 25%       | 43%                | 31%    | 23%   | 25%   | 30% | 22%      | 25%    | 32%  | 18%   | 35%    | 33%              | 13%     |
| <b>An educational, arts or cultural program</b>   | 58%   | 57% | 53% | 69%           | 63%    | 56% | 61%            | 62% | 53%     | 62%      | 58% | 58%    | 65%  | 54%  | 57%       | 65%                | 56%    | 63%   | 58%   | 55% | 52%      | 64%    | 72%  | 60%   | 67%    | 56%              | 59%     |
| <b>A book club</b>  | 26%   | 29% | 25% | 25%           | 20%    | 30% | 32%            | 24% | 29%     | 27%      | 27% | 29%    | 19%  | 29%  | 24%       | 44%                | 26%    | 25%   | 27%   | 23% | 19%      | 26%    | 36%  | 22%   | 35%    | 25%              | 17%     |
| <b>Vol: Some other program</b>  | 4%    | 4%  | 1%  | 6%            | 3%     | 5%  | 4%             | 5%  | 2%      | 4%       | 5%  | 3%     | 4%   | 6%   | 5%        | 2%                 | 4%     | 3%    | 4%    | 4%  | 6%       | 0%     | 4%   | 5%    | 6%     | 2%               | 7%      |
| <b>Don't know/Refused</b>   | 1%    | 2%  | 3%  | 0%            | 2%     | 1%  | 1%             | 2%  | 2%      | 1%       | 1%  | 1%     | 3%   | 1%   | 1%        | 1%                 | 0%     | 0%    | 0%    | 4%  | 2%       | 0%     | 1%   | 1%    | 2%     | 2%               | 0%      |

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| Last year's enacted New York State Budget included \$86.6 million in library system aid. That was an increase of a 1.2 percent from the previous year but still less than the \$102 million mandated in the New York State Education Law. At the same time, state education funding increased last year by 5.3 percent. Which of the following positions on library system aid would you support for the upcoming 2015 New York State Budget? [CHOICES ROTATED] |       |     |     |               |        |     |                |     |         |          |     |        |      |      |           |                    |        |       |       |     |          |        |      |       |        |                  |         |
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| Keep library system aid unchanged at \$86.6 million   | 28%   | 25% | 36% | 30%           | 25%    | 31% | 26%            | 29% | 32%     | 31%      | 27% | 29%    | 32%  | 25%  | 28%       | 32%                | 29%    | 29%   | 30%   | 27% | 33%      | 24%    | 28%  | 24%   | 25%    | 30%              | 32%     |
| Cut library system aid  | 5%    | 3%  | 8%  | 8%            | 9%     | 3%  | 1%             | 3%  | 10%     | 5%       | 6%  | 3%     | 6%   | 7%   | 6%        | 0%                 | 4%     | 10%   | 4%    | 4%  | 6%       | 11%    | 4%   | 2%    | 5%     | 5%               | 4%      |
| Increase library system aid by about as much as last year, around 1 percent   | 19%   | 16% | 19% | 23%           | 20%    | 18% | 19%            | 17% | 22%     | 15%      | 20% | 13%    | 17%  | 25%  | 20%       | 15%                | 16%    | 16%   | 19%   | 20% | 20%      | 19%    | 18%  | 18%   | 19%    | 22%              | 18%     |
| Increase library system aid by the same percentage increase as state education funding receives this year   | 14%   | 16% | 14% | 8%            | 14%    | 14% | 16%            | 15% | 13%     | 17%      | 13% | 14%    | 14%  | 14%  | 14%       | 16%                | 14%    | 13%   | 14%   | 15% | 15%      | 13%    | 12%  | 17%   | 14%    | 13%              | 15%     |
| Increase library system aid by about \$15 million to the level mandated by New York State Education Law   | 29%   | 36% | 19% | 27%           | 30%    | 29% | 37%            | 32% | 20%     | 31%      | 29% | 36%    | 25%  | 25%  | 29%       | 33%                | 32%    | 29%   | 32%   | 28% | 22%      | 28%    | 32%  | 38%   | 33%    | 27%              | 28%     |
| Don't know/Refused  | 4%    | 4%  | 4%  | 4%            | 3%     | 5%  | 2%             | 5%  | 4%      | 2%       | 5%  | 5%     | 5%   | 4%   | 4%        | 4%                 | 5%     | 3%    | 2%    | 7%  | 4%       | 5%     | 5%   | 2%    | 5%     | 3%               | 2%      |

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| <b>Nature of the Sample</b>             |     |
|---|-----|
| <b>New York State Registered Voters</b> |     |
| <b>Party</b>                            |     |
| Democrat                                | 46% |
| Republican                              | 22% |
| Independent/Other                       | 25% |
| <b>Region</b>                           |     |
| NYC                                     | 39% |
| Suburbs                                 | 25% |
| Upstate                                 | 36% |
| <b>Political View</b>                   |     |
| Liberal                                 | 26% |
| Moderate                                | 39% |
| Conservative                            | 28% |
| <b>Union Household</b>                  |     |
| Yes                                     | 28% |
| No                                      | 70% |
| <b>Religion</b>                         |     |
| Catholic                                | 34% |
| Jewish                                  | 8%  |
| Protestant                              | 31% |
| Other                                   | 21% |
| <b>Age</b>                              |     |
| 18 to 34                                | 22% |
| 35 to 54                                | 36% |
| 55 and older                            | 36% |
| <b>Gender</b>                           |     |
| Male                                    | 45% |
| Female                                  | 55% |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                   |     |
| White                                   | 68% |
| African American/Black                  | 13% |
| Latino                                  | 10% |
| <b>Income</b>                           |     |
| Less than \$50,000                      | 28% |
| \$50,000 to \$100,000                   | 30% |
| \$100,000 or more                       | 26% |