



The Voice of the Library Community

New York Library Association

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The New York Library Association is grateful to see that our state's election officials are recommending sweeping changes to elections and voting procedures over the coming months reflecting the health and safety of our residents.

“As libraries look to their communities for continued affirmation of support by means of voting on a budget and electing trustees, we want to ensure that those same communities are provided a means of participation that is prudent in terms of both timing and public health.” Jeremy Johannessen, NYLA Executive Director

“New Yorkers approve their local library’s budgets at a rate over ninety-five percent. For the 2020 voting cycle, the library community seeks a means of engaging voters that guarantees everyone’s health and safety.” Dr. Jen Cannell, NYLA Council President

“As Albany works to find a solution for voter participation in the coming months, we want to ensure that library ballots are included in any of the solutions posed. New Yorkers overwhelming support their library, and we want to guarantee that they have a safe way to do so in 2020.” Brian Hildreth, Chair, Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO)

The state Election Commissioners’ Association statement can be found [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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