



Library Advocacy Day 2023

February 28, 2023

FY2024 Budget Requests



Budget Requests 2023 – Main Asks

Request	Current Funding	FY2024 Executive Budget	NYLA Request
Library Operating Aid	\$99.6M	\$96.1M (-\$3.5M)	\$147.1M
Library Construction Aid	\$34M	\$14M (-\$20M)	\$69.4M
Library Materials Aid	\$6.25/pupil	\$6.25/pupil	\$11.00/pupil



Budget Requests 2023 – Secondary Areas of Support

- Inclusion of Love Your Library Funds: \$150,000
- NOVELny
- Increased Cultural Education Funding

2023 Policy Initiatives



Municipal Ballot Petition Reduction (S3594)

This bill would align the petition signature requirement for libraries using a municipal ballot approach with the 25-signature requirement in place for libraries using a school district ballot approach for their budget proposals.

Elimination of Library Construction Cap

- Libraries serving economically distressed communities may be eligible for Library Construction Aid awards beyond 75.00%.
- However, the law currently only allows public library systems to award 50% of their total allocation to such projects.
- This proposal would eliminate the 50% cap to ensure that libraries serving economically distressed communities and libraries in rural regions will be able to make use of the library construction aid intended to benefit these communities.

Media Literacy Package

Media Literacy Professional Development (A32)

- Includes ML in current 100 hour professional development requirement.
- **Teachers:** 5 hours **LMS:** 15 hours

LMS Requirement in K-12 (A40)

- Requires a Library Media Specialist in each elementary, intermediate, middle, junior, and high school based on student population.

Media Literacy Package – Continued

Media Literacy Advisory Group (A35)

- Forms a media literacy committee at the discretion of the Commissioner of education
- Group is responsible for surveying all school districts & providing resources about media literacy on web-based platform.

Media Literacy in K-12 (A1695)

- Establishes media literacy standards for use in K-12

Book Fair Tax Exemption

This bill would make books, magazines, pamphlets and other items sold at both school sponsored book fairs & events hosted by friends of libraries groups exempt from sales tax.

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.

Access to Publicly Funded Research

- This bill would ensure original research that is the result of state funding would be available, free of charge, to the public.
- President Biden announced federal implementation of this policy in August of 2022. Compliance required by 2025.

Checkout New York (A4112)

This bill would provide one-pass per public library to every state park, historic site, and recreational facility operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Modernization of Civil Service

- Working with the Civil Service Committee, legislative partners and allies at external organizations, we are seeking amendments to processes and protocols within Civil Service for the field of librarianship.

School Library Facility Modernization (A3174)

- Creates standards/metrics that all school libraries should have in the 21st century.

Advocacy Quick Tips

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- **Give your elevator pitch:**
 - Who you are
 - What you do
 - What you are asking for
 - Why should they care?
- **Anchor the conversation around your main requests/points.**
- **Reinforce main requests/points with personal examples and experiences.**
- **Balance being memorable with being concise.**
- **Finish by underlining your main points and saying thank you!**



Questions?