2022 Policy Initiatives
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Media Literacy in New York State
These proposals address access, delivery, and development.

Media Literacy Professional Development
S8213 (Ryan)/6153A (Rosenthal)
Referred to Senate & Assembly Education Committees

Library Media Specialist K-12 Requirement
S8212 (Ryan)/A6225A (Rosenthal)
Referred to Senate Libraries Committee
Referred to Assembly Education Committee

Media Literacy Advisory Group Formation
S8214A (Ryan)/A6142B (Rosenthal)
Referred to Assembly Education Committee
Passed Senate Libraries Committee 3/9

Creation of Media Literacy Standards in K-12
S8215 (Ryan)/A8222 (Rosenthal)
Referred to Senate & Assembly Education Committees

School Library Facility Modernization
S6053 (Kaplan) / A6339 (Jensen)
This proposal would address the antiquated metrics within NY-CRR 91.1 and insert characteristics associated with a successful, 21st century school library.
Referred to Senate Libraries Committee
Referred to Assembly Education Committee

Construction Project Extension
S8429 (Ryan)/A9487 (Jean Pierre)
This bill would provide libraries that have been impacted by COVID-19 and supply chain issues an additional two years (total of 6) to complete their construction projects while maintaining their eligibility for state aid.
Ways & Means Agenda 5/17
Passed Senate 5/10

Book Fair Tax Exemption
A861 (Cahill)
This bill would make books, magazines, pamphlets and other items sold at school sponsored book fairs exempt from sales tax.
Referred to Assembly Ways & Means

Association Retirement Opt-In Opportunity
S5179 (Palumbo)/A5824A (Thiele)
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.
Referred to Senate Civil Service & Pensions Committee
Held for Consideration in Assembly Government Employees Committee 5/10