ABOUT US
NYS Budget:

• Projected budget deficit of more than $4.5 Billion

• One of every three dollars in the state budget comes from the federal government

• The Division of Budget is expecting all legislative adds from last year to be rolled back

• A 10% reduction across all programs is being considered

Governor’s Budget Announced 1/16/18

Proposed State Library Aid: $91.6M
Proposed Library Construction Aid: $14M
“...lobbying is now, more than ever, a sacred obligation of any professional who cares about kids and schools.”

Doug Johnson
STEPS TO TAKE ACTION

Recognize that advocacy is your job and find opportunities to speak to your legislators face-to-face.

Learn something about the legislative process – or at least who your representatives are.

Understand [NYLA’s] platform and know the talking points.

Be effective when visiting with your legislator.

Write, call and e-mail – effectively.

Work on developing a relationship with your representatives.

How can you advocate for NYS libraries?

The New York Library Association (NYLA) leads, educates and advocates for the advancement of the New York library community. NYLA is the voice of the library community advocating at the state and local level on behalf of libraries with the Governor and State Legislature, the NYS Board of Regents, and local governments that provide funding to libraries and library systems. The more NYLA members, and library advocates, the stronger the voice of the library community! We need your help with advocating for funding and legislation that will benefit and improve library services and the librarian profession. So, how can you help?

ATTEND
Library Advocacy Day

ENROLL
as a Library Advocate

CONTACT
your Elected Officials

USE
the Advocacy Tools

DONATE
to the NYLA Advocacy Fund

LEARN
this Year’s Priorities

## Increase State Library Aid Proportionally with Education Funding

| Library usage and demand for services are surging statewide | Libraries are a core component of our state’s educational infrastructure – LIBRARIES ARE EDUCATION | Libraries are critical for access and equality | Library systems are models of shared services |

STATE LIBRARY AID - $100M for Equitable Library Funding
**Fund the Public Library Capital Aid Program**

| New York State’s public libraries are rapidly aging | Public Libraries require capital investment to accommodate high-speed broadband infrastructure | Public Libraries desperately require energy-efficient infrastructure upgrades | Public Library capital needs have been comparatively underfunded |

**LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AID - $30M for Equal Access, IT Infrastructure, Energy Efficiency**
EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL NEW YORKERS

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2018

- Access to Publicly-Funded Research
- Universal Access to the Library Construction Aid Program
- Equitable Access to School Libraries and Librarians
- Universal Access to the Library Construction Aid Program

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2018

EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL NEW YORKERS
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SCHOOL LIBRARIES & LIBRARIANS

Background:

NYS youngest learners are denied access to quality school libraries staffed by certified School Library Media Specialists; secondary school students – particularly those in NYC – are denied access through loopholes in SED Regulations.

Students suffer from lack of instruction in information sciences; the inability to properly analyze the source and quality of information leaves students unprepared for post-secondary instruction.

Impact:

Passing this bill would help ensure that all students are college-ready, lead to more students successfully pursuing graduate studies, and provide better-informed civic discourse.

Who can disagree with this?
**TIMELINE**

**January**
- Schedule visits for Advocacy Day
- Prep talking points

**February**
- Pre-Advocacy Day
- Advocacy Day
- February 27 & 28

**March**
- One house budgets announced
- Send messages: Advocacy Center

**April**
- Thank you campaign: Advocacy Center
- Request Bullet Aid
Futu PLANNING
INSTEAD OF A BILL TO INCLUDE A LIBRARIAN IN EVERY BUILDING...

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INSTEAD OF LIBRARIANS ADVOCATING FOR THEMSELVES

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Librarians advocate for students!
UPCOMING ADVOCACY EVENTS

- **February 7th**
  - NYLA Town Hall Conference Call
  - Session Overview/Budget Update

- **February 27th & 28th**
  - Pre-Advocacy Day and Advocacy Day
  - Albany, NY

- **April 12th**
  - NYLA Town Hall Conference Call
  - Budget Review
THANK YOU!

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