There are 36 School Library Systems, one associated with each BOCES (Board of Cooperative Education Services), and a School Library System in each of the 5 Big Cities. Working under the guidelines of the New York State Education Commissioner's Regulation 90.18, School Library Systems oversee a diverse range of centralized services for schools in their region, including but not limited to:

- Library Automation
- Online Information Resources
- Digital Media
- Arts in Education
- Model Schools
- Distance Learning
- Professional Development
- Itinerant Librarian
- Computer Repair
- Exploratory Enrichment
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Regional Science and Math
- School Librarians Evaluations
- School Library Budgets

School Library Systems provide resources, services and support to librarians, students, teachers and administrators across New York State.

- School Library Systems impact student learning through support and services provided to school libraries and school librarians.
- School Library Systems offer Online Resources and/or MultiMedia services to schools for use by school librarians, students, teachers and administrators.
- School Library Systems offer Library Automation Services with a Union Catalog with the ability for member libraries to participate in interlibrary loans.
- School Library Systems provide a wide variety of curriculum and information literacy Professional Development opportunities to school librarians and teachers.
- School Library Systems provide opportunities for school librarians to receive scholarships for regional, state and national conferences.
- School Library Systems offer a variety of technology support and resources for school librarians, teachers and students.

Through funding provided by New York State Education Department’s Division of Library Development, School Library Systems are able to provide online resources at little or no cost to their schools.

The mission of the School Library Systems Association of New York State is to strengthen, support and advocate for its members as they foster quality school library programs.

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SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS
WHAT WE DO

The School Library Systems across New York State support the students, faculty, and staff of all public and non-public schools through the funding provided by the State of New York. The focus always remains on how best to support the learning needs of all students!

Together, we provide services and supports primarily to school librarians, but also to students, educators and administrators in all public and non-public schools in New York State.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS PROVIDE CONTINUOUS LEARNING.
Through Professional Development opportunities to school librarians
- To fully embrace and understand changing standards and their implications to the curriculum
- To contribute to partnerships and collaborations with, and provide resources to, content area teachers

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS PROVIDE INNOVATION.
Through services and access to materials and training
- To understand the ever-changing shifts in pedagogy
- To offer a structure for school librarians and their schools to safely pilot new initiatives

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS PROVIDE LEADERSHIP.
Through personal relationships with school librarians and their administrators
- To actively identify school librarians as teacher leaders and provide provocation for them to see themselves in a new light
- To provide professional development for school librarians to become teacher-leaders in their buildings and districts

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS PROVIDE INSPIRATION.
Through various opportunities
- To instill confidence and engage school librarians in leadership actions of collaboration with administrators and other teacher leaders towards making lasting change in improving student success

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS PROVIDE EQUITY

From small rural school districts to the largest urban districts across the state, all students deserve access to high quality educational experiences. School Library Systems work to ensure that every student, no matter their district, has access to fundamental resources and services. To that end, School Library Systems work to negotiate best pricing on the best quality resources at the most cost-effective pricing, to leverage funding through consortium purchases, and to provide access to system purchased materials that are available at no cost to schools.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

School Library Systems are in a unique position to provide links between and among different districts and buildings with the goal of providing continuous learning, innovation, equity, leadership, and inspiration.