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Dear Library Advocates -

I'm sending you a BIG thanks for a successful NYLA Lobby Day - the most successful ever! There was a record turnout -- 1,008 library advocates descended on Albany in a day filled with energy, excitement and hope and 88 legislators joined us for our Lobby Day breakfast, met with advocates, and had their photo taken for the NYLA READ posters.

By the carloads and busloads, you came to Albany to talk to your legislators about library funding.

And they heard!

Both the Senate and the Assembly have agreed that they will restore the \$5 million that was not included in the Governor's budget. In a difficult year economically, our legislators have recognized the value of libraries and library systems.

Although the news is good, it is not a done deal. Incoming Governor Paterson must approve it and the Senate/Assembly must agree on how to pay for it. NYLA will keep you informed of developments.

In the meantime, you are to be congratulated for our success so far. Only because of library advocates such as all of you could this have happened. Thank you!

Kathy Miller  
Chairperson, NYLA Legislative Committee

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