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The County Budget

County Executive Rob Astorino has included a \$1 Million allocation for WLS in his proposed FY2011 budget. In light of the difficult economic climate, we are very appreciative of this. However, as the County Board of Legislators review the budget, they need to know how vital it is to maintain this level of funding for WLS. The final Public Hearing on the budget will be held as follows:

| Thursday, December 9, 7:00 PM* | The County Center |
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| [for residents all residents of Westchester] | 198 Central Avenue |
| *Speakers must register at 6:00 PM | White Plains, NY |

A New Tool for Advocacy! We are asking for your help from NOW thru DECEMBER 10

To help get the word out about the importance of libraries and their funding, WLS has developed a Local Advocacy Network to reach out to both County and Local Legislators via email.

It's easy to use. Just click on the link below (and don't forget to bookmark it):

http://www.voteyesforourlibrary.org/Westchester_Advocacy/

► Choose your local library from the drop-down box

You will find a message to your County Legislators regarding the importance of the WLS services that the county funds support.

► Fill in your information

► Click Yes

If you would like to receive action alerts from time to time from WLS when legislators need to hear your opinion as a library patron.

Click Send

The message will be sent to the representatives noted at the top of the page.

That's it! The five minutes it takes to send one message will be invaluable to maintaining high-quality library service in Westchester.

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