The Assembly Standing Committee on Libraries and Education Technology held a hearing on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, in Albany on Funding Public Libraries in New York State. This Committee is chaired by Assemblymember Robert P. Reilly .

WLS Executive Director Terry Kirchner testified, along with Michael Borges, New York Library Association (NYLA) Executive Director, and many other representatives of the library community from across the state. Check out Terry's testimony by <u>clicking here</u>; and you can view NYLA's testimony and see a list of attendees by visiting their website under Headlines: <u>http://www.nyla.org/</u>

The New York State Library, a program of the Office of Cultural Education within the State Education Department, has also posted copies of written statements and testimony on their website at: <u>http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/testimony/index.html</u>

Click on the link "Other Testimony" to see 29 statements from libraries, library systems and library organizations across the State - from Brooklyn to Nyack, from Onondaga to Western New York.