

Greetings Members of NY's Library Community,

A NYS Budget agreement has at last been reached.
(The Assembly voted on the final budget bills just after midnight this morning.)

Thanks to the collective efforts of library advocates we have good news to report.

The final FY 2013-14 NYS Budget includes a \$4M restoration in Library Aid:
\$81.6M (Executive Budget) + \$4M (Legislative Restoration) = \$85.6M

The restoration is an important step in restoring the 20% reduction in Library Aid since FY 2007-08. This year's appropriation of \$85.6M remains \$16.8M below the \$102.4M that is stipulated in Education Law (based on the 2012 US Census).

Our thanks go out to the Legislature for the \$4M restoration, which originated in the Senate.

The \$4M restoration will be added to library aid as a whole, with the actual funding level for any given recipient being determined by the program(s) they participate in and the recipient's particular details (census adjustments).

Other items of note in the NYS Budget include:
\$14M for Library Construction Aid
\$1.3M for MTA Payroll Tax Rebate (for libraries impacted by the tax)

Please take a moment to send a message expressing your thanks to your elected representatives!

NYLA provides you with a quick and easy means of showing your thanks.
Follow the link below, click on 'Take Action', edit the supplied advocacy message as you like, enter your name and address, and hit 'send message'.
Your message will automatically be delivered to your NYS Senator and Assemblymember.

[CLICK HERE](#) to send your 'Thank You' message.

While the NYS Budget process is now complete, our work is not done.

NYLA's Legislative Agenda

NYLA's Legislative Committee has worked to carefully craft a Legislative Agenda. The complete list of items is available for your review online – [NYLA's 2013 Legislative Agenda](#) Please discuss these items with your elected officials and voice your support.

Not sure what to say? This set of Talking Points provides background information and impact statements on each item. This document provides you with the details you need to discuss the Legislative Agenda with your elected representatives. – [NYLA's 2013 Talking Points](#)

Congratulations to all NYS Library Advocates on this successful effort! It is only through the collective action of all who participated that we are able to have a positive impact. Thank you all and continue to keep up the good work! Together we are improving NY's library community.

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