

Greetings Library Advocates,

For all intent and purpose, the FY2014-15 NYS Budget is now finalized.

Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget Proposal cut Library Aid by \$4M to FY2012-13 levels of \$81.6M.

The Assembly proposed increasing the Executive's proposal by \$2M to \$83.6M.

The Senate proposed increasing Library Aid beyond the Executive's proposal by \$8M to \$89.6M.

As the three proposals were reconciled into a final budget, **Library Aid has been set at \$86.6M**, an increase of \$5M over the Executive Budget, and \$1M above FY2013-14. The \$5M Legislative add to Library Aid is the largest since 2007 and the second largest in well over a decade.

The FY2014-15 Budget also once again includes \$14M for the Library Construction Aid Program, and \$1.3M for an MTA Payroll Tax Rebate.

Please take a moment to send a pre-drafted message of thanks to your elected representatives via [NYLA's Online Advocacy Center](#).

http://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=58&MenuKey=advocacy

This victory in staving off Governor Cuomo's proposed cut belongs to every member of the library community that took part in this year's advocacy initiative. From sending e-mails, to making phone calls, or attending Library Advocacy Day, the efforts of each of you were integral to assuring that Library Aid continued to increase again this year.

For NYLA's complete reaction to the New York State FY2014-15 Budget – Click [HERE](#).

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