



February 15, 2011

Registration Reminder — Library Advocacy Day — Tuesday, March 1st

The deadline to register for Library Advocacy Day in Albany is Monday, **February 21st**.

Don't forget — WLS is sponsoring the cost of the bus for those attending from Westchester. After you register [see the link below], you will receive an email regarding payment. Simply forward that email to Elise Burke at eburke@wlsmail.org to complete the registration.

<http://calendar.rcls.org/>

New York State Budget

The proposed Executive Budget FY2011-12 includes **\$76 Million to Library Aid**—another **10% cut** which brings funding below **1994** levels. This is the **6th cut** to Library Aid in the **past 3 years**.

Libraries help give our communities the tools they need to compete—especially in these difficult economic times. We need to communicate to our legislators the importance of **no more cuts** to Library Aid.

Can't make it to Albany?

√ **Participate THIS WEEK in the *Libraries are Magic* campaign at your Local Library**

At your local libraries, you will find *Libraries are Magic* notecards. Simply complete one or more. These notes will be collected at the libraries and then hand delivered on Library Advocacy Day.

√ **Contact your State Representative via the NYLA's Online Advocacy Center at <http://capwiz.com/ala/ny/home/>.**

Click here for two information sheets that contain talking points and information to share with your representative as to why Library Aid should not be cut any further.

Your participation matters!

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