

**LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013**

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In January, Governor Andrew Cuomo released his Executive Budget for FY2013-14. Included in this proposal is **\$81.62 Million for Library Aid** as well as a separate amount of **\$14 Million** for the Public Library Construction Grant Program. Although the amount of Library Aid is the same level of funding that was received in FY2012-13, we need to let our legislators know that restoration to the full-funding level of **\$102 Million** is vital.

Come join us in Albany on Tuesday, March 5, 2013!

*****NEW SCHEDULE*****

For the past 2 years, WLS has coordinated with Mid-Hudson & Ramapo-Catskill Library Systems and organized transportation to Albany via bus. Because the bus had to make numerous stops, we often missed NYLA's Breakfast/Meet & Greet and did not return back to Westchester until 6 PM.

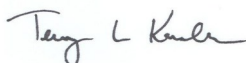
In an attempt to make this year's trip shorter, WLS will be providing transportation to Albany via minivans/automobiles for Westchester Advocates only. Although we will still need to start early (see the chart below), we now plan to leave Albany directly following the NYLA Rally, which will return us back to Westchester around 3 PM.

6:30 AM	Depart from WLS Headquarters, 540 White Plains Road, Tarrytown NOTE: Depending on the response, one of the vehicles may depart from John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak.
8-9:30 AM	NYLA Breakfast Meet & Greet — Meeting Room Six in the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza
10-11:30	Legislative Appointments with Library-related Committee Members
11:30	NYLA Rally — in "the Well" of the Legislative Office Building (LOB)
12:30 PM	Depart Albany
2:30-3 PM	Return to Westchester/WLS Headquarters

Please contact Elise Burke at 914-231-3225 or via email at eburke@wlsmail.org to register for the event or for further details.

For those who cannot join us in Albany, WLS is also planning to schedule LOCAL appointments in May & June 2013 for Library Advocates to meet & greet their NYS legislators.

Check out the WLS website soon for additional information regarding the entire State Budget and Talking Points for Advocacy Day at: <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/advocates>



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