

January 24, 2011

Library Advocacy Day *(formerly Library Lobby Day)*

Governor Cuomo has not yet released his proposed Executive Budget for FY 2011-12, and WLS still has not received **\$920,094** towards FY 2010-11 State Aid—that includes the Local Library Services Aid funds that get distributed directly to the libraries.

Join us in Albany on Tuesday, March 1, 2011!

We are once again participating with the Ramapo-Catskill and Mid-Hudson Library Systems. Together we are looking to fill 4 buses with library advocates, who can meet with their State representatives and speak out about the increased use of libraries and the need for more reliable library funding.

Buses will be leaving from the following locations (also see the attached flyer):

Tarrytown (Westchester Marriott) ..	6:30 a.m.	New Paltz (Thruway Exit 18 Parking Lot) .	8:30 a.m.
West Nyack (Palisades Center)	7:15 a.m.	Kingston (Thruway Exit 19)	9:00 a.m.
Newburgh (Newburgh Mall)	8:00 a.m.	Catskill (Thruway Exit 21)	9:25 a.m.
Leaving Albany	3:30 p.m.		

To register, go online to Ramapo-Catskill's webpage via the following link and follow the instructions.

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

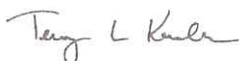
SPECIAL NOTE: *WLS will be sponsoring the cost of the bus for those attending from Westchester, and the Westchester Library Association (WLA) is sponsoring the cost of the snacks for the bus ride. After you register, you will receive a notice regarding payment. Simply forward that email notice to Elise Burke at eburke@wlsmail.org and we will arrange for payment.*

Can't make it to Albany?

√ **Participate in Governor Cuomo's Citizen's Campaign**

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/contact/NYCitizensCampaign/index.php>

Governor Cuomo has set up this website is to allow citizens to share ideas, comments and suggestions for reforming the State of New York. We must be sure that libraries are a part of the conversation as new ideas are being introduced. Your participation is extremely vital in ensuring that the library voice gets heard!



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