

NYS Budget FY2021-22

only includes

\$87 million for Library Aid and

\$14 million for Public Library Construction Aid

For the 5th straight year, Governor Andrew Cuomo reduced funding for libraries in the NYS FY2021-22 executive budget. The current amount for **Library Aid is \$87 million and Public Library Construction Aid is \$14 million.** While we understand the constraints that COVID has placed on the State, the proposed funding for Library Aid is 7.5% less than what was in last year's enacted State budget and the Public Library Construction Aid is 1% of the community need of \$16 billion statewide as estimated by the State Division of Library Development!

PLEASE JOIN US

Due to COVID, this year's library advocacy will take place virtually. Please champion your library by taking part in the activities shown below.



WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM VIRTUAL ADVOCACY VISIT WITH WESTCHESTER REPRESENTATIVES - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 9 AM

Since we cannot meet in-person, this Zoom meeting will start with a brief introduction from local library leaders and follow with break out groups so the libraries can meet with their Legislators from both the Assembly & Senate.

[Register here](#)

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (NYLA) VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY -- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Join [#LibraryAdvocates](#) all day via social media, twitter, etc. to let our legislators know that now more than ever the role of libraries as a trusted resource helps keep our communities informed and engaged.

**NOT AVAILABLE ON FEBRUARY 26?
Go online now via NYLA's Online**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WLS TRUSTEE INSTITUTE MARCH 3, 2021 ~ 7-8 PM

SUBJECT: TRUSTEE ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
with Gerald Nichols, Library Consulting Services

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