BE A LIBRARY ADVOCATE in 2022!!!

Below are the scheduled dates and Zoom links for 2022 library advocacy meetings - these are taking place on Zoom and in some cases, with a few in-person people attending. Assembly Members will be joining too.

Please try to attend at least one meeting and share with anyone else who might be interested in attending. If possible, please send names of anyone who plans to attend (and which meeting!) ahead of time to Heidi Ziemer (hziemer@wnylrc.org)

The statewide talking points can be found on the NYLA website, including specific budget requests: $123.1 million in State Operating Aid (Governor's budget is at $96.1 million) and $45 million in State Construction Aid (Governor's budget is at $14 million), as well as several proposed bills.

We are looking for anecdotes from library workers - or even from their patrons/trustees/friends, describing how libraries help people with education, healthcare, and employment/workforce - other topics also welcome!

Library Advocacy Meeting with Senator Borrello
also joining will be Assembly Member Giglio
Jan 28, 2022 12:30 PM Eastern Time
Library Advocacy Meeting with Senator Tim Kennedy
also joining will be Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Assembly Member Pat Burke
Thursday, Feb 3, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Senator Sean Ryan
also joining will be Assembly Members Karen McMahon, William Conrad
Friday, Feb 4, 2022 12:30 PM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Assembly Member Monica Wallace
Tuesday, Feb 8, 2022 09:00 AM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Senator Edward Rath
Friday, Feb 18, 2022 02:30 PM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Assembly Member Stephen Hawley
Friday, Feb 18, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Assembly Member Andy Goodell
Monday, Feb 28, 2022 09:30 AM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Assembly Member Joseph Giglio
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9:30 AM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Senator George Borrello
Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 10:30 AM Eastern Time

Library Advocacy Meeting with Senator Ortt (**changed from February 10, 2022)
also joining will be Assembly Members Morinello and Norris
Friday, March 4, 2022 at 11:30 AM Eastern Time

Can't make a meeting? Communicate by letter or social media!

Use your social media spaces to communicate with patrons, asking for their help in contacting government representatives to urge them to support funding libraries in 2021! Ask your followers to write letters - or even use their own social media to get the message out there! WNYLRC will be sure to retweet, repost any messaging we see (or you can let us know if we miss it) to help get the word out

"Travel" with us to Albany, NY for Library Advocacy Day

Join colleagues from across the state who are "going" to Albany, NY on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, for the annual NYLA LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY!

Visit the NYLA Advocacy page for details on this event. If you would like to be part of the "Western New York library constituency," here are the meetings scheduled (please contact hzieme@wnylrc.org to find out how you can join any of these:

ENROLL TODAY! Sign-up as a Library Advocate

Use the link above and complete an online form to enroll as a Library Advocate, and you will receive e-mail alerts when your action is needed to act on behalf of libraries. Now advocating for your library services can be quick, simple and timely, plus there is no cost to you. Thank you for your support!

More Library Advocacy Information & Resources in Western New York
DID YOU KNOW? The School Library Association of Western New York (SLAWNY) has a LibGuide devoted to school library advocacy? Check it out!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE HARD WORK YOU DO!!!

Official Website for New York State Government:
Under the “Government” tab, you can find out how to contact the Governor’s office; find and contact your state representatives; get updates on bills and legislation relating to libraries and more.

New York State Law and Libraries:
Searching NYS Law and Regulations Relating to libraries just got easier! Anyone searching for current New York State law and regulations pertaining to libraries, library systems, trustees, and librarians in New York State can now access this information quickly on the New York State Library’s website. This interactive web resource makes components of the State Library publication Excerpts from New York State Education Law, Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Pertaining to Libraries, Library Systems, Trustees and Librarians available in a user-friendly and easy to navigate web tool for users. This interactive site supersedes the 1995 print version and the FTP files of the Excerpts document that has been on the State Library website since 1995.

New York Library Association:
Use the link above to go for the most recent information on statewide advocacy efforts for libraries including Library Advocacy Day in Albany, legislative priorities for libraries and; access to advocacy tools you can use in your local advocacy efforts.

The American Library Association’s Office for Library Advocacy provides information on ALA’s Advocacy Institute, federal legislative issues, library funding, and grassroots resources. ALA also reports on federal legislation that impact intellectual freedom and privacy.

OCLC’s WebJunction Advocacy Courses are FREE!