

Westchester Library Association
Legislative Report
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Library Advocacy Day took place on Tuesday, March 6. Representatives from the Westchester Library System met with 14 legislators or their staff. Legislators agreed that they love libraries, but that there would be no increase in funding. They hoped to avoid cutting funds further. WLA provided snacks for the bus ride.

There was a NYLA Legislative Alert on March 5 reminding recipients that:

The Legislature is expected to vote on their one-house budget resolutions/budget proposals. . . (March 12th) and begin budget conference committees to resolve differences between their budget proposals shortly afterwards, so . . . your outreach to your legislators now is very timely. (NYLA Legislative Alert, March 5, 2012)

There were several Legislative Alerts from ALA asking recipients to contact Members of Congress Denny Rehberg and Rosa DeLauro to support level funding for the Library and Technology Act (LSTA) in the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the fiscal year 2013 Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education Appropriations bill. (ALA Legislative Alert, March 5, 2012)