Westchester Library Association

Legislative Report

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There was a NYLA Legislative Alert, February 6, 2013, which made two announcements:

* Library Aid and Library Construction Aid will both remain the same on the Governor’s FY 2013-1 budget.
* NYLA’s 2013 Library Advocacy Day – Tuesday, March 5, 2013

(NYS Budget 2013-14: We are pleased to report that Governor Cuomo included $81.6 million in Library Aid in his FY 2013-14 Executive Budget.  This is equal to the level of funding enacted in the FY 2012-13 budget.  While not an increase, it allows us to move forward without having the fight for restorations.  Library Construction Aid was include at the same level as the previous year at $14 million.)

The Westchester Library System will provide minivans that will leave from WLS at 6:30 AM and return at about 3 PM. Local appointments with legislators will also be scheduled for May and June. The link is

<http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/files/advocates/alerts/libAdvDay2013/LibraryAdvocacyDay2013.pdf>.

There was an article in Library journal on January 18, entitled “Top Four Things Library Supporters can do to Make a Difference.”

The link is http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/01/advocacy/top-four-things-library-supporters-can-do-to-make-a-difference-advocates-corner/