

Westchester Library Association
Legislative Report
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An August email from NYLA stated:

For the third consecutive year, the Legislature and Governor agreed on an on time State Budget. The budget agreement included \$4 million in additional Library Aid as well as \$1.3 million in funding to those libraries impacted by the MTA Payroll tax (in lieu of exempting those libraries from the payroll tax), and \$14 million in Library Construction Aid. In addition, the Senate distributed \$2.5M in Education Bullet Aid to 367 public libraries across the state.

The final FY 2013-14 NYS Budget Library Aid:

\$81.6M (Executive Budget) + \$4M (Legislative Restoration) = \$85.6M

Several items were signed into law including

- Library Card Info Distributed to Students
- Library/BOCES Contracts for High-Speed Internet
- Digital Literacy (allowing schools to teach digital literacy rather than Internet safety)

Area legislatures who were thanked for their support are Assemblyperson Sandy Galef and Assemblyperson Steven Otis.

Library Advocacy 2014 Day in Albany will be on THURSDAY, February 27.