

Dear Assemblymember McDonald / Dear Senator Ashby,

I am writing as an advocate for NYS Libraries, and my home library: **the East Greenbush Community Library**. As a student and member of the community, I use the library for things like:

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and the library needs your support!

While the Governor's Executive Budget provides a slight increase in Library Aid and keeps Construction Aid flat at last year's level, libraries have been under-funded for years. Please increase funding for NYS Libraries!

With more Library Operating Aid, NYS Libraries, like the East Greenbush Community Library, can offer more books and online media and also offer more services to the community like after school and vacation programs for children and teens.

With more Library Construction Aid, libraries can replace equipment and offer more services and spaces to library patrons and community members.

Please continue to support NYS Libraries by increasing funding for NYS Operating and Construction Aid!

Thank you.

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Bullet Points for Library Staff to Mention After In-Person Programs

- The library receives State Aid through the State Budget. This aid funds the program you just attended and a host of other programming and activities!
- The Governor's Executive Budget calls for a slight increase in Library Aid and keeps Construction Aid flat. We need to call on our elected officials to restore and increase funding for NYS Libraries!
- Library Advocacy Day is February 7 and hundreds of library advocates will meet with their elected officials to advocate for more library funding.
- You can advocate for the library by filling out a letter and leaving it at the Circulation Desk. Library advocates will bring your letter to the State Capitol on February 7.
- You can advocate online! Just go to the New York Library Associate website (nyla.org) and there are links to email your legislator and other ideas to get involved.
- Let your voice be heard - let your representatives know how you use the library and what it means to you!

Thanks!