

Dear Assemblymember McDonald / Dear Senator Ashby,

I am writing to advocate for increased funding for New York State Libraries. While the Governor's Executive Budget provides a slight increase in Library Aid (+\$2.5 million, to \$102.1M), and keeps Construction Aid flat at last year's level (\$34 million) libraries have been under-funded for years.

As library operating costs increase, this chronic under-funding jeopardizes libraries' ability to provide valuable services to the community. **We ask that you increase funding for NYS Libraries!** We also ask that you support the Governor's appropriation of \$3 million for the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVELny), a free online library of magazines, newspapers, and reference books available to all New Yorkers.

I am joining with hundreds of advocates across the State to advocate for the legislative and budget priorities that will strengthen NYS Libraries, including my library: **the East Greenbush Community Library!**

With more Library Operating Aid, NYS Libraries like the East Greenbush Community Library, can offer more books and online media and offer more services to the community like English for New Learners, Movie Nights, Music Performances and programs for children and youth.

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

I am advocating for The East Greenbush Community Library because:

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

Thank you.

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Printed Name