

The NYS Budget and Your Library

On April 9th, New York State passed their overdue budget. As the days passed, our projected library increases did decrease. However, it is important to note that for 2022, we did make library aid gains of 5.5 million dollars and kept construction aid the same amount as last year. Both NYALS and PULISDO are thankful for our increase in library aid and are committed to [start advocacy work now](#) to show these gains cannot be stripped away next year.

The Budget included:

- Library Aid \$99.6M (This equates to a 6% increase which is a gain of roughly \$67,000 for FLS)
- Library Construction \$34M
- Digital Inclusion \$10M
- Release of \$150K Love Your Library Fund
- Schomburg Research Center \$375K
- Langston Hughes Community Library \$112K
- Establishment of the Working to Implement Reliable and Equitable Deployment of Broadband Act (WIRED)
- Modifications to Open Meetings Law [Memo from Committee on Open Government](#)

STATE AID FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The [State Aid for Library Construction program](#) provides supplemental funding for projects that support library services and accessibility, including facility efficiency.

NYS approved a \$34M in library construction aid this budget cycle. This aid is distributed among the 23 public library systems. FLS administers this competitive program for our region by allocating funds based on several factors including a library's ability to meet [state eligibility guidelines](#).

To learn more about this program please visit the [New York State Division of Library Development's web site](#) or the [FLS Construction Grants webpage](#).

Member libraries need to submit construction grant materials to FLS by close of business, **Friday, September 2, 2022**. The FLS Board of Trustees will review applications at their September board meeting. FLS must then submit materials to the NYS Division of Library Development by October 5th.

If your library has a project idea reach out to Sarah at sglogowski@flls.org.



Summer Reading for Teens

Libraries are finding innovative and fun ways to engage teens in their communities. As the school year wraps up, here are a two free resources to keep teens reading over the summer months:

[Audiofile's SYNC Program](#): Starting April 28, registered teens get two free audiobooks every week. For keeps!

[TeenBookCloud](#): Starting May 15, FLLS's free trial subscription opens up a world of ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels and more to Young Adult readers.

2022 Library Grant Cycle

The Community Foundation of Tompkins County's Library Grant Cycle awarded over \$200,000 to our members. [Read more here.](#)

A special grant was made this year directly to the system to benefit all member libraries for Museum Pass Project: an Intellectual Curiosity Collaboration. All 33 libraries will receive [Museum of the Earth/Cayuga Nature Center](#) pass and two [Sciencenter](#) passes along with books that inspire creative learning.



Minimum Standards: Evaluation and Reporting

Of the fourteen [Minimum Public Library Standards](#) there are several that focus on reporting and evaluation:

MS 2: [Long-Range Plan](#)

MS 3: [Report to the Community](#)

MS 6: [Evaluating Effectiveness](#)

The New York State Library's [Helpful Information for Meeting Minimum Standards](#) provides some background and tips on how your library can meet these requirements. The Minimum Standards are inter-related, as your Long-Range Plan is a benchmark for your library to measure its effectiveness and impact. This information then gets shared in your community report.

FLLS is offering two reporting workshops this May on data collection and reporting. They will be recorded. Learn more on the [FLLS Events Calendar](#).

We'll also be offering a workshop on Strategic Planning later this year so stay tuned for more information.

And don't forget about our professional development library with resources on these topics and more.

If you have questions reach out to Sarah sglogoski@flls.org or Heidi heckerson@flls.org.

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MEASURING THE TRUE
IMPACT OF LIBRARIES

Project Outcome is a free tool from the Public Library Association to help libraries demonstrate their impact on their communities.