



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Improving and Supporting New York State's Libraries

PURPOSE: To examine issues and challenges impacting libraries throughout the state

Albany, New York

Monday
October 21, 2024
10:00 A.M.
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Libraries and library systems are community hubs providing critical services, educational resources, and access to information for all New Yorkers. Libraries continue to evolve to meet the diverse and ever-changing needs of the communities they serve. The Committee seeks testimony about the current issues and challenges libraries are facing in providing resources, programs, and services to their communities, including ways to improve and support libraries and library systems.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Honorable Angelo Santabarbara
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Libraries and Education Technology**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Improving and Supporting New York State's Libraries to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology on Monday October 21, 2024.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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