

2012 VOTER'S GUIDE



The Library Advocate's Guide to the Voting Records of the New York State Legislature

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2012 Library Legislation Bill Summaries

Assembly Only Bills

Library Card Info Distributed to Students

This bill (S.4174 Oppenheimer/A.8976 Reilly) would require school districts to disseminate informational materials about applications for public library cards to students if they are provided by their library. Passed Assembly 5/31/12

Senate Only Bills

MTA Payroll Tax Exemption

This bill (S.6079 Martins/A.8868 Abinanti) would add public libraries to list of entities exempt from MTA pay roll tax. Passed Senate 6/4/12

NYS Comprehensive Information System

The bill (S.3297 DeFrancisco/A.4997 Russell) would authorize the state library to coordinate the bulk purchase of electronic resources like databases for state agencies, libraries and other governmental entities that would save the state and local government's money. Passed Senate 2/7/12

Digital Literacy

This bill (S.6479 Farley/A.9318 Reilly) would allow schools to offer instruction in digital literacy in grades k-12. Digital literacy entails the skills needed to use technology, the internet and information in the 21st century. Passed Senate 6/12/12

Consolidation of Library System Aid Programs

This bill (S.7237 Farley) would provide greater flexibility in the allocation of library aid by systems, by allowing for the consolidation of certain funding programs. Passed Senate 6/13/12

Maintenance of Effort Flexibility

This bill (S.7238 Farley/A.10346 Reilly) would provide an automatic waiver of local maintenance of effort requirements in the event that state aid for public library systems is reduced by more than fifteen percent. Passed Senate 6/13/12

Two-House Bills

BOCES-Libraries Contracting Authorization

This bill (S.7014 Flanagan/A.10147 Nolan) would authorize BOCES to enter into contracts with public libraries or library systems for any available services. Passed Senate 6/4/12, Passed Assembly 6/20/12

Elimination of System Merger Disincentives

This bill (S.7239 Farley/A.10347 Reilly) would remove financial disincentives for merger of library systems. Passed Senate 6/4/12, Passed Assembly 6/19/12

How Scores Are Calculated

Library Aid in State Budget

Legislators receive +50 points for voting in favor of the final budget that includes an increase in Library Aid.

Sponsoring / Co-Sponsoring Library Priority Legislation

Legislators receive +10 points for sponsoring (including multiple sponsors) or +5 points for co-sponsoring library priority legislation.

Votes on Library Legislation

Legislators receive +15 points for each vote in favor of a library priority bill that passes either the Senate or Assembly.

Letters of Support (Assembly)

Legislators receive +10 points for petitioning for increased state aid for libraries.

This year three support letters were circulated:

- A letter from upstate members of the NYS Assembly calling on the Assembly Speaker to support funding increases in Library Aid (multiple signers)
- A letter from members of the NYS Assembly, to the Assembly Speaker, written by the Committee on Libraries Chair, Bob Reilly, calling for increased funding in Library Aid (multiple signers)
- A letter from the NYS Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus, to the Assembly Speaker, written by Assemblyman Karim Camara, calling for support of funding increases in Library Aid (one signer)

Grading Scale

A - 110+ point B - 90 - 109 points C - 75 - 89 points
D - 60 - 74 points F - below 60 points

Assembly Scores

	Boces-Library Contracting Authorization (A.10147 Nolan/S.7014 Flanagan)	Elimination of System Merger Disincentives (A.10347 Reilly/S.7239 Farley)	Library Card Info Distributed to Students (A8976 Reilly)	Letters of Support	Total	Grade
Peter J. Abbate, Jr.	50		15	15	80	C
Thomas A. Abinanti *	50	20	15	15	120	A
George Amedore	50	15	15	15	105	B
Carmen E. Arroyo	50	15	15	15	105	B
Jeffrion L. Aubry	50	15	15	15	105	B
William A. Barclay	50	15	15	10	90	B
Didi Barrett		15	15	15	45	F
Inez D. Barron		15	15	20	50	F
Michael Benedetto	50	15	15	15	105	B
Ken Blankenbush	50	15	15	15	95	B
William F. Boyland, Jr.	50	15		15	80	C
Philip Boyle	50	15	15		80	C
Edward C. Braunstein	50	15	15	15	95	B
James F. Brennan	50	15	15	25	115	A
Anthony Brindisi	50	15	15	15	95	B
Harry B. Bronson	50	15	15	15	95	B
Alec Brook-Krasny	50	15	15	15	95	B
Daniel J. Burling	50	15	15		90	B
Marc W. Butler	50	15	15	10	90	B
Kevin A. Cahill	50	15	15	15	105	B
Nancy Calhoun	50	15	15	10	90	B
Karim Camara	50	15	15	5	95	B
Ron Canestrari	50	15	15	15	95	B
Robert J. Castelli	50	15	15	15	95	B
Nelson L. Castro	50	15		5	70	D
John D. Ceretto	50	15	15	15	105	B
Barbara M. Clark	50	15	15	20	100	B
William Colton	50	15	15	5	85	C
James D. Conte	50				50	F
Vivian E. Cook	50	15	15	15	105	B
Jane L. Corwin	50	15	15	10	90	B
Marcos A. Crespo	50	15	15	15	95	B
Clifford W. Crouch	50	15	15	10	90	B
Brian Curran	50	15	15	10	90	B
Michael J. Cusick	50	15	15	15	95	B
Steven Cymbrowitz	50	15	15	15	95	B
Michael G. DenDekker	50	15	15	15	105	B
Jeffrey Dinowitz	50	15	15	15	95	B
Janet L. Duprey	50	15	15		80	C
Steve Englebright	50	20	15	20	105	B
Rafael Espinal, Jr.		15	15	15	45	F
Herman D. Farrell, Jr.	50	15	15	15	95	B
Gary D. Finch	50	15	15		80	C
Michael J. Fitzpatrick	50	15	15		80	C
Christopher S. Friend	50	15	15		80	C
Dennis H. Gabryszak	50	15	15	20	100	B
Sandra R. Galef	50	20	20	20	110	A
David F. Gantt	50		15	15	80	C
Vanessa L. Gibson	50	15	15	25	105	B
Joe M. Giglio	50	15	15	10	90	B
Deborah J. Glick	50	15	15	15	105	B

Assembly Scores

	Budget Vote (A.9053E)	Boces-Library Contracting Authorization (A.10147 Nolan/S.7014 Flanagan)	Elimination of System Merger Disincentives (A.10347 Reilly/S.7239 Farley)	Library Card Info Distributed to Students (A8976 Reilly)	Letters of Support	Total	Grade
Phil Goldfeder	50	15	15	15		95	B
Andy Goodell	50	15	15			80	C
Richard N. Gottfried	50	15	15	25	10	115	A
Alfred C. Graf	50		15	15	10	90	B
Aileen M. Gunther *	50	15	15	15	10	115	A
Sean T. Hanna	50	15	15			80	C
Stephen Hawley	50	15	15		10	90	B
Carl E. Heastie	50	15	15	15		95	B
Andrew D. Hevesi *	50	15	15	15		105	B
Dov Hikind	50	15	15	15		95	B
Earlene Hooper	50	15	15	5		85	C
Rhoda S. Jacobs	50	15	15			80	C
Ellen Jaffee	50	15	15	20	10	110	A
Hakeem Jeffries	50			25		75	C
Mark Johns	50	15	15	15		95	B
Tony Jordan	50	15	15			80	C
Steve Katz	50	15				65	D
Brian Kavanagh	50	15	15	15		95	B
Michael P. Kearns	50	15	15	15		95	B
Micah Z. Kellner	50	15	15	15		95	B
Brian M. Kolb	50	15	15			80	C
Rory I. Lancman	50			5		55	F
George S. Latimer	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Charles D. Lavine	50	15	15	15		95	B
Joseph R. Lentol	50	15	15	15		95	B
Barbara S. Lifton	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Guillermo Linares	50	15	15	20		100	B
Peter D. Lopez	50	15	15			80	C
Vito J. Lopez	50	15	15	10		90	B
Daniel P. Losquadro	50	15	15			80	C
Donna A. Lupardo	50	20	15	15		100	B
William Magee	50	15	15			80	C
William B. Magnarelli	50	15	15	25		105	B
Alan Maisel	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Nicole Malliotakis	50	15	15	15		95	B
Margaret M. Markey	50	15	15	15		95	B
Shelley Mayer	50	15	15	15		95	B
David G. McDonough	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
John J. McEneny	50	15	15	25		105	B
Tom McKeivitt	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Steven F. McLaughlin	50	15	15		10	90	B
Grace Meng	50			5	10	65	D
Donald R. Miller		15	15	15		45	F
Joel M. Miller	50	15	15			80	C
Michael Miller	50	15	15	20		100	B
Joan L. Millman	50	15	15	5	10	95	B
Michael Montesano	50	15	15	10		90	B
Joseph D. Morelle	50	15	15	15		95	B
Francisco P. Moya	50	15	15	15		95	B
L. Dean Murray	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Catherine T. Nolan	50	25	15	15	10	115	A

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Daniel J. O'Donnell	50	15	15	15		95	B
Robert C. Oaks	50	15	15			80	C
Félix W. Ortiz	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Phillip A. Palmesano	50	15	15	25	10	115	A
Amy Paulin	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes	50	15	15	15		95	B
N. Nick Perry	50	15	15	15		95	B
J. Gary Pretlow	50	15	15	15		95	B
Dan Quart	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Edward P. Ra	50	15	15	25		105	B
Annie Rabbitt	50	15	15		10	90	B
Andrew P. Raia	50	15	20	15	10	110	A
Phillip R. Ramos	50	15	15	20		100	B
William Reilich	50	15	15			80	C
Bob Reilly *	50	15	25	25	10	145	A
Jose Rivera	50	15	15	15		95	B
Naomi Rivera	50	15	15	20		100	B
Peter M. Rivera	50		15	20		85	C
Samuel D. Roberts	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Annette M. Robinson	50	15	15	15		95	B
Robert J. Rodriguez	50	15	15	15		95	B
Linda B. Rosenthal		15	15	15		45	F
Addie J. Russell *	50	15	15	15	10	115	A
Sean Ryan	50	15	15	15		95	B
Joseph S. Saladino	50	15	15	15		95	B
Teresa R. Sayward	50	15	15			80	C
William Scarborough	50		15	15		80	C
Michelle Schimel	50	15	15	25		105	B
Robin Schimminger	50	15	15			80	C
Sheldon Silver	50	15	15	15		95	B
Michael Simanowitz	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Aravella Simotas	50	15	15	15		95	B
Frank Skartados	50	15	15	15		95	B
Kevin Smardz	50	15	15	15		95	B
Eric A. Stevenson	50	15	15	5		85	C
Robert K. Sweeney	50	25	15	25	10	125	A
James N. Tedisco	50	15	15	15		95	B
Claudia Tenney	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
Fred W. Thiele, Jr.	50	15	15	25	10	115	A
Matthew J. Titone	50	15	15	15		95	B
Michele R. Titus	50	15	15	15		95	B
Louis R. Tobacco	50	15	15	15		95	B
Raymond Walter	50	15	15	15		95	B
Helene E. Weinstein	50	15	15	15		95	B
Harvey Weisenberg	50	15	15	15	10	105	B
David I. Weprin	50	15	15	20	10	110	A
Keith L.T. Wright	50	15	15	15		95	B
Kenneth Zebrowski	50	15	15	15		95	B

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Senate Scores

	Budget Vote (S.6253)	MTA Payroll Tax Exemption (S.6079A Martins)	BOCES-Libraries Contracting Authorization (S.7014 Flanagan/A.10147 Nolan)	NYS Comprehensive Information System (S.3297A DeFrancisco)	Consolidation of Library System (S.6479 Farley)	Digital Literacy (S.7237 Farley)	Maintenance of Effort Programs (S.7238 Farley)	Elimination of System Merger Disincentives (S.7239 Farley /A.10347 Reilly)	Total	Grade
Eric L. Adams			15	15	15	15			60	D
Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.	50		20	15	15	20			120	A
James S. Alesi	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Tony Avella	50		20	15	20	20			125	A
Greg Ball	50		20	15	15				100	B
John J. Bonacic	50		20	15	15	20	5	5	130	A
Neil D. Breslin	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
David Carlucci	50		20	20	20	15			125	A
John A. DeFrancisco	50		15	15	25	20	5	5	135	A
Ruben Diaz, Sr.			15	15	15	15			60	D
Martin Malave Dilan	50			15	15	15			95	B
Thomas K. Duane			15	15	15	15			60	D
Adriano Espaillat	50		15	15	15				95	B
Hugh T. Farley	50	5		15	25	10	10	10	125	A
John J. Flanagan	50		15	25	15	15			120	A
Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.	50		20	15	15	15			115	A
Patrick M. Gallivan	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Michael Gianaris	50			15	15	15			95	B
Martin J. Golden	50		15	15	15	20			115	A
Joseph A. Griffo	50		15	15	20	15			115	A
Mark Grisanti	50		15	15	15	20			115	A
Kemp Hannon	50	20		15	20	15			120	A
Ruth Hassell-Thompson	50			15	15	15			80	C
Shirley L. Huntley	50		15	15	15				95	B
Owen H. Johnson	50		20	15	20	20	5		130	A
Timothy Kennedy	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Jeffrey D. Klein	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Liz Krueger			15	15	15				45	F
Andrew J. Lanza	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
William J. Larkin, Jr.	50		20	15	20	15			120	A
Kenneth P. LaValle	50		20	15	15	20	5	5	135	A
Thomas W. Libous	50			15	15	15			80	C
Elizabeth Little	50		15	15	15	20			100	B
Carl L. Marcellino	50		15	15	15	20			115	A
Jack M. Martins	50		25	15	15	20			125	A
George D. Maziarz	50		15	15	15	20			115	A
Roy J. McDonald	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Velmanette Montgomery	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Michael F. Nozzolio	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Thomas F. O'Mara	50		15	15	15	20	5	5	130	A
Suzi Oppenheimer *	50			5	15	20	5	5	115	A
Kevin S. Parker			15	15	15	15			60	D
Jose Peralta	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Bill A. Perkins	50		15	15	15	15			110	A
Michael Ranzenhofer	50		15	15	20	20	5	5	135	A
Patty Ritchie	50		15	15	20	15	5	5	130	A
J. Gustavo Rivera	50		15	15	15	15			110	A

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Joseph E. Robach	50	15	15	15	15				110	A
Stephen M. Saland	50	20	15	15	15				115	A
John L. Sampson	50	15	15	15	15				110	A
Diane J. Savino	50	15	15	15	15				110	A
Jose M. Serrano	50	15	15	15	20	5	5	5	130	A
James L. Seward	50	15	15	15	20	5	5	5	130	A
Dean G. Skelos	50	15	15	15	15				110	A
Malcolm A. Smith	50			15	15				80	C
Daniel L. Squadron	50	15	15	15	15				110	A
Toby Ann Stavisky	50	15	15	15	20				115	A
Andrea A. Stewart-Cousins	50	20	15	15	15				115	A
David Storobin		15	15	15	15				45	F
David J. Valesky	50	15	20	15	15				115	A
Catharine M. Young	50	15	15	15	15				110	A
Lee M. Zeldin	50	20	15	15	20			5	125	A

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About New Yorkers for Better Libraries

About New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC

The New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee was established in 2003 by library leaders who believe that there is a need to supplement the library community's advocacy efforts with campaign contributions directed toward those in Albany who can really help libraries.

Beginning in 2010, the New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC initiated a program of legislative accountability:

Statement Concerning Legislative Accountability

The New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee has determined that there is a need for greater accountability concerning state legislators' actions on issues of importance to the library community and the millions of library users and voters throughout the state.

Beginning in 2010, the New Yorkers for Better Libraries Political Action Committee will track library-related state legislation and will publish a report card/voters guide concerning each state legislator's degree of support for libraries. Sponsorship and co-sponsorship of legislation, recorded votes concerning library legislation and state aid for libraries will be the indicators for assessment. This report card will be distributed to libraries throughout the state, the media and the general public.



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