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- LAR** Library Access Round Table
- MSRT** Making and STEAM Round Table
- NMES** New Member Engagement Subcommittee
- PCRT** Pop Culture Round Table
- PLRT** ParaLibrarians Round Table
- RRT** Retiree Round Table
- RLRT** Rural Libraries Round Table
- SRRT** Social Responsibilities Round Table

**NYLA Legal Defense Fund**

**Challenge to Education Law 259 and the DeWitt Community Library**

The New York Library Association (NYLA) is pleased to announce that the New York State Supreme Court has rejected a constitutional challenge to Education Law 259(1)(a), which is used by libraries throughout New York State to secure sustainable funding (ruling on 5/26/2016). This is a tremendous victory, and marks an important turning point for the NYLA Legal Defense Fund. NYLA Council authorized \$25,000 to fully cover the legal fees incurred by DeWitt Community Library as they were forced to fight on behalf of all libraries that use 259(1)(a) for funding.

In 2012, the DeWitt Community Library (Syracuse), along with the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District, was sued by a local anti-tax activist who challenged the library's use of 259(1)(a) to place their budget proposition on a school district ballot. In June 2015, the SED Commissioner dismissed the majority of the petitioner's appeal. The petitioner subsequently pursued the constitutional question in New York State Supreme Court.

NYLA was contacted by DeWitt Community Library for assistance. The library had incurred \$35,000 in legal fees defending itself, and lacked the resources to continue fighting. Given the potentially devastating statewide effects of an adverse court decision, NYLA Council unanimously voted to cover DeWitt's future litigation costs.

Though NYLA is gratified that the court found in favor of DeWitt, we remain troubled by the circumstances of this action. The anti-tax attorney who pursued this matter laid a roadmap for all manner of future legal challenges: threaten a small, local library with limited resources in an attempt to effect statewide policy changes through the courts.

NYLA's ability to continue aiding libraries facing legal issues of statewide concern is predicated on a robust Legal Defense Fund. NYLA Council voted to authorize \$25,000 to cover the legal expenses incurred by DeWitt Community Library; through the generous support of our members and advocates, NYLA has raised nearly 60% of these costs. We need your support to help us prepare for future fights.

For more information about NYLA's assistance to the DeWitt Community Library and to donate to the NYLA Legal Defense Fund, please visit [nyla.org](http://nyla.org).



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## Debby Emerson – NYLA President – 2015- 2016

When I took over as NYLA President at last year’s conference in Lake Placid, I hoped that both our libraries and our organization would showcase our theme for the year: Strong, Strategic, Sustainable. I have been honored to lead this group of dedicated library professionals for the past year, and as always I am humbled by the accomplishments of NYLA staff, council, and our sections and round tables.

NYLA is indeed a strong and sustainable organization. Through the efforts of NYLA staff and NYLA’s Membership Committee, membership has surpassed that magic 5,000 level. Many libraries and library systems have taken advantage of the new dues structure and affirmed the importance of NYLA membership by arranging associate memberships for their staff members.

The NYLA Sustainability Initiative has grown into a full-fledged committee and continues its good works through its four teams, monitoring progress with twice-monthly conference calls. NYLA’s other committees continue to make great strides, with dedicated leadership and regularly scheduled virtual and in-person meetings.

As the Voice of the Library Community, NYLA has enjoyed a successful year in the legislative arena. NYLA worked to secure a \$4M increase in funding over what Governor Cuomo proposed in his budget proposal. State Library Construction Aid for 2016-17 stands at \$19M, which is \$5M more than the Governor proposed and the first funding increase in the Construction Aid program in almost a decade. Last year NYLA secured a permanent exemption from the MTA Payroll Tax for libraries. Libraries that paid the tax in 2015-16 will receive a reimbursement in 2016-17, and going forward the reimbursement will not be needed.

As the NYLA year draws to a close, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has sincerely been a pleasure to make many new connections and strengthen existing ones. NYLA has accomplished a lot in the past year, and I look forward to many more years of growth and successes.



## Barbara Stripling – NYLA President – 2016- 2017

I would imagine that all of us can point to a time in our lives when an unexpected comment, a word of encouragement, or a new idea lit a fire within us or started us on a new path. I majored in drama in undergraduate school, because one of my friends, laughing at my antics, declared, “You should be an actress.” Honestly, I had never considered majoring in drama until that moment. Yet, my early drama training has helped to shape my whole life.

Everyday advocacy in libraries is very much like that new idea or word of encouragement. It’s the real conversations we have with others. It’s enabling people to build on their strengths and try new paths, with the assurance that the library will support their efforts.

I am honored to have the opportunity to be your 2016-2017 NYLA president. My focus this year is for NYLA to provide support and strategies for all NYLA members to step into the role of everyday advocates. We will have a task force to lead the statewide effort, but my hope is that all NYLA members adopt or adapt the strategies to lead advocacy efforts in your own libraries and communities.

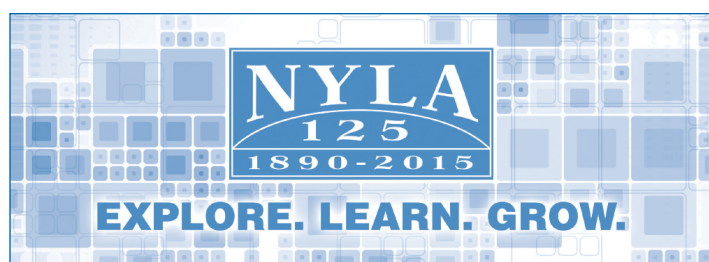
We are in a transformative time for libraries. We are turning outward and focusing on our library communities, whether we are in universities, colleges, K-12 schools, specialized institutions or organizations, or the broader public arena. We are paying attention to the priorities of our communities and the challenges they face in reaching their aspirations. We are changing our programs, collections, and services to align with what our communities want and need.

Now our task is to let everyone know how our libraries are changing. We need to reach out to those who are not currently being served, those who have no voice, those who have limited access to the tools and resources they need to succeed. As we listen well to our patrons and build ever more responsive and inclusive library programs, we must step out as leaders and advocate for the empowerment of our communities through our libraries. It will be my honor, as NYLA president, to lead this charge.

## Membership

NYLA ended the 2015-16 Fiscal Year with 4,833 members, an increase of over 7% from the previous year. Since July 1, membership has continued to expand and has now exceeded 5,000 for the first time ever. This growth is due in large part to the participation of library systems in bulk purchasing agreements, bundling orders for multiple libraries in their service areas.

Three regional affiliates of the Section of School Librarians (SSL) completed the process to incorporate their organization into the NYLA structure by forming round tables; Central New York School Librarians (CNYSM), Eastern New York School Library Media Association (ENYSMLA), and School Librarians of the Southern Tier – East (SLST-East).



## 2015 Annual Conference & Trade Show

Keynote speaker David Lankes kicked things off with his address, “45,626 Days,” reminding listeners that, 45,626 days after the founding of NYLA, the continued prosperity of the association and of libraries is intimately tied to the success of the counties, cities, towns, and villages of New York. The success of the next 125 years is in the dreams and aspirations of New York’s citizens, students, and scholars, not just in the stacks.

Along with all the educational opportunities were plenty of chances to network with colleagues and with award-winning authors. PLS Author! Author! featured New York Times best-selling author Will Schwalbe, who spoke to a sold-out audience at the Lake Placid Pub and Brewery. The RASS Noted Author Luncheon featured Mia Alvar, whose first book, *In The Country*, was published in June to much critical acclaim. Vivian Van Velde, winner of the 2015 Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People, was the featured guest at the YSS Empire State Award luncheon. YSS also hosted YSS Telling Tales with Peg Glisson and Sharon Salluzzo, members of the Genesee Storytellers professional storytelling troupe.

Thanks to its overwhelming inaugural success at the 2014 Conference, the Battle Decks! competition was once again held and presided over by a panel of august judges from the New York library community. The hilarity of Battle Decks! was followed by a more formal event; at the annual Inaugural Banquet and Awards Ceremony, leaders and champions of the New York library community were recognized for their contributions.

## Congratulations to the 2015 NYLA Award Winners

### 2015 Outstanding Advocate of Libraries Award

Senator Betty Little, North Country

### 2015 Outstanding Service to Libraries Award

Mary Ratzer, Saratoga Springs Public Library

### 2015 Above & Beyond Award

Lisa Wemett

### Mary Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award

Pauline Emery, Southeast Steuben County Library

### NYLA Dewey Fellows

Jennifer Little Kegler, Drake Memorial Library

*representing ASLS*

Susan Polos, Mt. Kisco Elementary School

*representing SSL*

Terry Rabideau, White Plains Public Library

*representing YSS*

## Empire State Center for the Book

The Empire State Center for the Book held another successful Literary Luncheon at the 2015 NYLA Conference, featuring Stephen Kieran and Don Papson. On June 2, 2015, the following individuals were inducted into the NYS Writers Hall of Fame: Isaac Asimov, Allen Ginsberg, Ezra Jack Keats, Dawn Powell, Francine Prose, David Remnick, and Colm Toibin. The center also administered the Letters about Literature writing contest, dedicated eight new literary landmarks, and coordinated the distribution of over \$25K worth of books in the Hudson Valley donated as part of the Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive.

## Sustainability Initiative

### Sustainable, Resilient, Regenerative

### A Strategy for the Future of New York’s Libraries

Following the passage of the Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, the NYLA Council authorized the Sustainability Initiative Committee (SI) to advance this important effort. The Sustainability Initiative hosted two retreats with a team of co-creators, which resulted in a white paper outlining a proposed course of action. The SI partnered with the University at Albany’s Going Green Globally (G3) program to examine other opportunities to advance the initiative. Meeting bi-monthly, the SI has distributed its efforts across four teams: Benchmarking, Making the Case, Agents of Change and Road Mapping. A fund has been established to provide support to the initiative across fiscal years. For more information, visit [nyla.org/sustainability](http://nyla.org/sustainability)



# Academic & Special Libraries Section (ASLS)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	434	387
Fund Balance	\$20,911	\$20,078

## Key Accomplishments

At the 2015 NYLA Annual Conference in Lake Placid, ASLS presented six programs on copyright, embedded librarianship, digital humanities, digital preservation, public speaking, and a membership meeting with a “hot topics” discussion group focus.

We continued planning for the Academic Librarians conference, with NYLA President Debby Emerson, ASLS Past-President, Karen Gardner-Athey, and ASLS President, Marcy Strong providing NYLA representation on the planning committee. The conference was held at Syracuse University from July 14-15, 2016.

On November 5, 2015, ASLS sponsored a reception following the lecture on the politics and mechanics of archiving, held at the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**ASLS made strides to better collaborate with other regional academic library groups. Board members participated in the spring meeting of the Upstate New York chapter of the Special Libraries Association in April and also attended the ENY/ACRL Digital Scholarship event in May.**

ASLS assisted with the development of a NYLA-sponsored survey to poll membership to better assess what members want from NYLA. The questions related to professional development, areas of interest, membership in other organizations, etc. The data is still being analyzed.

The ASLS Board met four times during the year. Major topics covered were: NYLA annual conference program planning, regional academic & special library group collaborations, and action steps for the NYLA strategic plan.

## Awards & Scholarships

*The ASLS Excellence in Library Innovation Award: No award granted this year.*

*The ASLS/ESLN Special Project Grant: Jane Verostek, SUNY ESF – Jane was awarded a \$1500.00 grant for a project for the Terrence J. Hoverter Archives and Special Collections in Moon Library, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. After recently reopening the archives, Jane used the funds to set up the public side to a PastPerfect database, giving the library an online catalog for just archival items, which can be searched by anyone on campus or off.*

*Dewey Fellowship Award: Jennifer Kegler, SUNY Brockport*

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Karen Gardner-Athey presents Jennifer Kegler with the Dewey Fellowship Award

## Friends of Libraries Section (FLS)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	123	174
Fund Balance	\$3,527	\$4,114

### Key Accomplishments

FLS sponsored four programs at the 2015 NYLA Annual Conference in Lake Placid, in partnership with the Library Trustees Association: Painting in Plein Air, Friends and Foundations, A Merger, Friends of Libraries Showcase and Membership Meeting, and Accounting for Non-Profits.

Past President Lisa Wemett and Second Vice President Terry Mulee have crossed the state several times offering their workshop “Getting Started: Creating and Sustaining a Friends Group for Your Library,” which they presented for the Friends of the Plattsburgh Public Library and the Southern Tier and Ramapo Catskill Library Systems and “Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group,” hosted at the Mid-Hudson Library System. With over 100 total attendees and many favorable comments, FLS considers this program a wonderful success.

### Awards & Scholarships

The 2015 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award was given posthumously to Don Riplinger, volunteer, Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. The plaque was presented to Ned Davis and Sharon Salluzzo at the FLS Annual Membership Meeting in Lake Placid on October 23, 2015.

Photos by: Terry Mulee



#### The 2015 Dan Casey Award

The 2015 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award was given posthumously to Don Riplinger, a volunteer with the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. FFRPL Executive Director Ned Davis and Past President Sharon Salluzzo were on hand to accept the award.



#### FLS First Annual Showcase

Peter Benson from Saranac Lake Free Library, Kim Bailey and Patricia Loughran from Friends of the Plattsburgh Public Library, Hanneke LaFountain and Marlu Peet from Friends of the Potsdam Public Library

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# Leadership & Management Section (LAMS)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	506	514
Fund Balance	\$14,368	\$9,366

## Key Accomplishments & Sponsorships

Richard Naylor retired as JLAMS editor.  
 Carol Anderson & Carol Ann Germain appointed as JLAMS co-editors.  
 \$500 to G3 Going Green Globally Initiative  
 \$1,000 to ULU (Urban Libraries Unite) Conference  
 \$1,202 to NYLA Capital Campaign  
 \$2,500 to Sustainability Initiative Retreat

## 2015 Leadership & Management Academy Scholarship

\$800 to Kristin Charles Scoring



Lauren Comito, LAMS President, Michelle L. Young, Director of Libraries, Clarkson University, LAMS Booth Raffle Winner 2015 Conference at Lake Placid, and Frank Rees, LAMS President Elect

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# Public Libraries Section (PLS)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	1,285	1,234
Fund Balance	\$63,524	\$61,719

## Key Accomplishments

PLS strengthened its commitment to supporting our members by providing a new scholarship to the Leadership and Management Academy.

We started a new mentoring program, the 2P2A Initiative (Professional Path for Association Advancement.) Members of the PLS leadership team reached out to new section members to talk about our involvement in NYLA and how the association has added value to our careers. The hope is that this personal connection will encourage new members to stay involved.

PLS made financial contributions in support of the ULU Conference, the Sustainability Initiative, and Advocacy Day.

The Spring Conference or as we called it, Spring Break, was held in Poughkeepsie and focused on Project Management and Community Engagement. The Conference was followed by a tour of the Walkway over the Hudson.

PLS had a great turn out for its NYLA Conference programs. Our Continuing Ed program, Balancing the Books: Financial Literacy for Librarians, had over 30 attendees. Our conference program attendance started off with a bang and remained robust, even down to that last Saturday slot:

- Local History for a New Generation (Thursday) 97 attendees
- Social Outreach in a Digital World (Friday) 85 (at least)
- Not Just Another Concert Series (Friday) 42
- The Power of the Written Word (Friday) 40
- Gettin' GIFFy With It (Saturday) 19

Author Author! featured Will Schwalbe discussing his memoir *The End of Your Life Book Club*, with a sold out crowd at the Lake Placid Brewery.

## Award & Scholarships

### Scholarships:

**Sue Kowalski**, School Librarian, Pine Grove Middle School, East Syracuse, NY

**Judy Petrosillo**, Berne Public Library

**Emily Kinney, Laura Giunta**, Garden City Public Library

**Lois Papp**, East Greenbush Community Library

*Leadership and Management Academy Scholarship:* **Amy Mikel**, Brooklyn Public Library

*L. Marion Moshier/Asa Wynkoop Award for Distinguished Librarianship:* **Hope Decker**, Cohocton Public Library

*Building Award — New Construction:* Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library, **Sue Feir**

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## Reference & Adult Services Sections (RASS)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	352	354
Fund Balance	\$13,706	\$16,906

### Key Accomplishments

In spite of 4 of our 7 board members changing positions (or leaving librarianship entirely in one case) during this fiscal year, we managed to carry out our normal annual tasks including a full slate of NYLA Conference programs, the Noted Author Luncheon (in spite of our original speaker cancelling), and membership on the council and the Legislative Committee. This has been a year of reflection and preparing for a major rebuilding of the section in 2016-17.

Our Noted Author for 2015 was Mia Alvar, author of *In the Country*.

RASS donated to both the NYLA 125 initiative and NYLA's Advocacy Day efforts.



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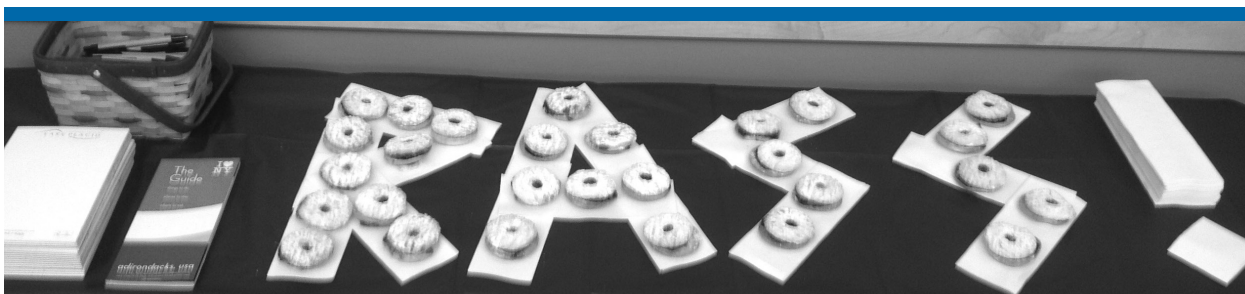
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# Section on Management of Resources & Technology (SMART)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	268	287
Fund Balance	\$12,730	\$13,826

## Key Accomplishments

The following programs were sponsored by SMART at the Annual Conference in Lake Placid, New York:

- Library Freedom Project & Practical Privacy Tools  
*Speaker: Alison Macrina, Library Freedom Project*
- We Hope You Had an Amazing Experience: Rudi Weiss Lecture  
*Speaker: Justin Hoenke, Chattanooga Public Library*
- Making Space for a Makerspace  
*Leah Hamilton, Phelps Community Memorial Library*
- Membership Meeting and Flash Talks  
*Moderator: Ben Lainhart, Wood Library*
- Productivity in the Library  
*Speaker: Ron Kirsop, Pioneer Library System*

This spring we said goodbye to our president, Ben Lainhart. Ben is off to pursue his next career and Nancy Howe assumed the role of president. As a result of this change in leadership, the SMART spring workshop was cancelled but will return in 2017.

Fiscally, the section was in good standing as of June 17, 2016 with a balance of \$13, 026.50.

Elections were held in June-July 2016. The ballot was as follows:

**VP/Conference Programmer:** Laura Osterhout

**Treasurer:** Mary Linder

**Director-at-Large:** Jaclyn McKewan

**Director-at-Large:** Tessa Killian

## Awards & Scholarships

*SMART Ellen C. Rappaport Professional Achievement Award*

**Amanda Fleming**, ILS & Technical Services Manager  
Southern Tier Library System

*The Teresa Strozik Award for Innovation in Library Technology*

**Christine Stockslader**, School Librarian, Lancaster Central School District  
Lancaster Middle School

*SMART Fellowship Award*

**Emily Lunceford**, Digital Technology Coordinator  
Manlius Library

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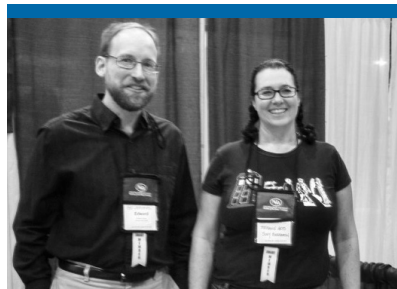
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Steve Bachman



# Section of School Librarians (SSL)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	640	757
Fund Balance	\$153,656	\$169,935

## Key Accomplishments

- Carol A. Kearney Leadership Institute, August 2015 (Ithaca, NY)
- NYLA 2015 Conference, October 2015 (Lake Placid, NY)
- AASL 2015 Conference, November 2015 (Columbus, OH)
- NYC Affiliate Conference, November 2015 (City Field, NYC)
- NYSCATE, November 2015 (Rochester, NY)
- NY State Social Studies Conference (Presentations and Co-sponsor), March 2016 (Albany, NY)
- SSL/NYLA Spring Conference, May 2016 (Albany, NY)
- ESSA Think Tank (Representation), Summer 2016 (Albany, NY)

## Awards & Scholarships

### Awards Presented at the SSL Spring Conference

- *SSL/Follett Conference Scholarship* – Kristen Falso
- *SSL/Gale Conference Scholarship* – Mary Zdrojewski
- *Laura Wedge Conference Award* – Teresa Keyes
- *Beatrice E. Griggs Elementary Administrator's Award* – Steve Garraffo
- *Secondary Administrator's Award* – Dr. Elizabeth Wood
- *Knickerbocker Award* – Patricia McCormick

### SSL Scholarships given for the Carol A. Kearney Leadership Institute (2015)

- *Scholarship for the Carol A. Kearney Leadership Institute* – Julie Masterson
- *Marcia Eggleston Empowering Leadership Award* – Lisa Lindeman (funded by Jill Leinung)
- *Mary Joan Egan Memorial Scholarship* – Nicole Nicosia
- *Five Other Scholarships from the Proceeds of the Auction (\$300)*
  - Rita Foran
  - Debra Rosenfeld
  - Sally Daniels
  - Laurie Sydow
  - Catie Abondao

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# Youth Services Section (YSS)

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Membership	636	698
Fund Balance	\$84,089	\$81,487

## Key Accomplishments

- Held an exciting Spring Conference that featured Jarrett Krosoczka and Bruce Coville
- Revised and updated the section's bylaws
- Revamped and improved the Three Apples Book Awards
- Celebrated the Empire State Award's 25th year
- Chose an illustrator and contacted him about a YSS mascot

## Awards & Scholarships

### New Member Spring Scholarships

Kenneth Roman, Syracuse University iSchool, Syracuse, NY  
 Mia Orobona of the Castleton Public Library, Castleton, NY

*The Lisa Wemett Scholarship*  
 Not awarded in 2016.

*The Empire State Award*  
 Presented to **Vivian Vande Velde** at the NYLA Conference in Lake Placid

*Ann Gibson Scholarship*  
**Julie Tootell**, MLS student at the University of Albany

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## 2016 Legislative Session Recap

### FY 2016-2017 NYS Budget

NYLA lead an outstanding Library Advocacy Day on March 2, 2016, with over 800 attendees, a rally in the Legislative Office Building, and meetings with over 54% of the members of the NYS Legislature.

This year's enacted state budget provided approximately \$22M in new funding for libraries. This represents the largest single-year increase in state appropriations for libraries, and places total state allocations for libraries and library programs at nearly \$135M in FY2016-17 - an unprecedented level.

**State Library Aid:** Funding for the State Library Aid program increased by \$4M to \$95.6M in FY2016-17. The 4.3% increase in State Library Aid is on par with the 4.4% increase in school foundation aid. In the two years since we implemented our messaging strategy of "Libraries Are Education," State Library Aid has increased in proportion to increases in school foundation aid.

**State Library Construction Aid:** Funding for the State Library Construction Aid program increased by \$5M to \$19M in FY2016-17. This is the first funding increase for the Construction Aid program in nearly a decade.

**MTA Payroll Tax Reimbursement:** Libraries and Library Systems that paid MTA Payroll Taxes in FY2015-16 will receive a \$1.3M reimbursement in FY2016-17. Last year, NYLA worked to secure a permanent exemption from these taxes that took effect on January 1, 2016. This will be the last year the reimbursement payment is necessary.

**Senate "Bullet Aid" for Libraries and Library Systems:** The NYS Senate again allocated \$25M to provide targeted aid for "certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions." 541 libraries (81 more than the previous year) were recipients of more than \$4.9M (+\$1.2M over the previous year.)

### NYLA Legislative Priorities

NYLA's legislative priorities are devised by the Legislative Committee and NYLA Council, and set multi-year advocacy goals to benefit each library type.

- Collaborative Capital Improvements for Libraries – S.6651 Farley / A.9240 Abinanti

This legislation would allow individual local libraries to pool capital projects through NYLA in order to secure financing from the Dormitory Authority of New York State (DASNY). This legislation successfully passed the Senate, but stalled in the Assembly during the final days of the legislative session.

- Ensure Access to School Libraries and School Librarians – S.3931 Farley / A.6784-A Solages

This legislation would require every elementary and secondary school in NYS to provide students with a school library staffed by a certified School Library Media Specialist. Currently, there is no such requirement for elementary schools, and secondary schools are required only due to SED regulations. During this legislative session, we worked with Assemblywoman Solages to sponsor this bill in the Assembly. NYLA also worked with SLSA to undertake a census of librarians by school building to gauge the potential impacts of the legislation. We will continue to educate the legislature and develop the best strategy to advance this important bill.

- Taxpayer Access to Publicly-Funded Research – S.3952 Farley / A.1878 Hevesi

This legislation would require any New York State funded research that is published in peer-reviewed journals to be made publicly available online after one year. This bill would bring NYS in line with the federal standards employed by the National Institute of Health and the State of California. This bill has faced concerted opposition for several years, though NYLA has worked on this legislation only during the last two years. We will seek new sponsorship in both houses in the upcoming session.



## 2016 Legislative Session Recap

### NYLA-Monitored Legislation

During the course of a legislative session, NYLA works on additional legislation that is not part of our official legislative agenda but will impact the library community. NYLA worked on or closely monitored the following bills this session.

- Authorize all Libraries to Access DASNY Financing – S.7358 Farley / A.9752-A Brennan

This legislation was introduced at DASNY's request by Assemblyman Brennan, and Senator Farley sponsored in the Senate. Currently, any library that wants to explore public financing through DASNY is required to obtain special legislation; this bill would provide blanket authorization for all libraries. This bill is complimentary to the DASNY bill on NYLA's Legislative Priorities, but they are not co-dependent. This legislation passed the Senate, but stalled in the Assembly.

### Passed Legislation

- Maintenance&UseofOpioidAntagonists–S.7860 Amedore/A.10364 Gottfried (Chapter 68 of 2016)  
This legislation was written by NYLA after fielding reports of opioid overdoses in several libraries, and was introduced by Senator Amedore at our request. Governor Cuomo signed this bill into law on June 22nd. The law permits public libraries to maintain Narcan kits, and permits any library employee to voluntarily, after receiving training, administer Narcan to anyone suffering an opioid overdose in the library. NYLA is currently working with the State Department of Health on guidance for libraries. It is important to note that the law's provisions are strictly optional – no library or library employee is required to participate.

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Senator Farley pictured with the 2016 recipient of the Senator Hugh T. Farley Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award, Senator Thomas O'Mara [www.nysenate.gov/senators/thomas-f-omara](http://www.nysenate.gov/senators/thomas-f-omara), and NYLA Presidents, past, present, and future.

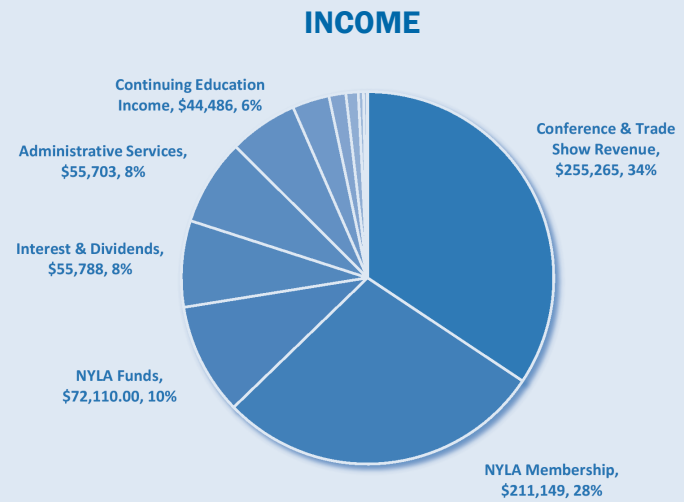
### Retirement of Senator Hugh Farley

Senator Farley has served 40 distinguished years in the State Senate as a consistent advocate for the New York State library community. During the last four decades he sponsored every significant piece of library-related legislation and worked to allocate hundreds of millions of dollars in library funding. The NYLA Council has renamed NYLA's award honoring excellence in library advocacy, The Senator Hugh Farley Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award.

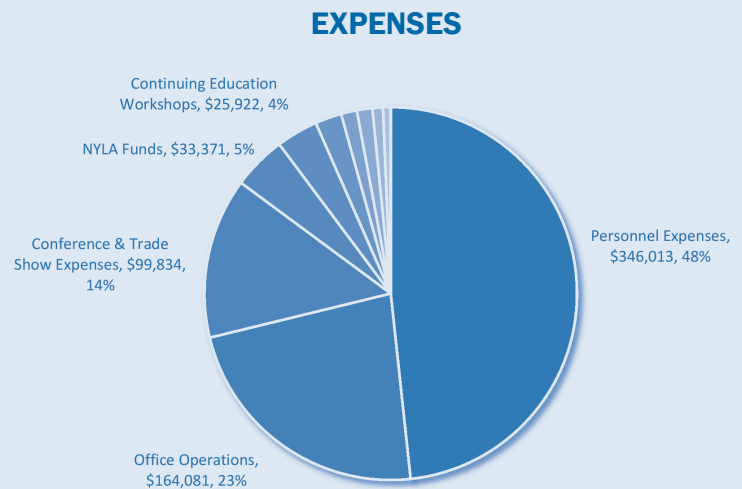


NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Financial Statement — Fiscal Year 2015-2016

INCOME	
NYLA Membership	\$211,149
Conference Revenue	\$255,265
Continuing Education Income	\$44,486
Advertising (Bulletin/Email/Web)	\$3,329
Interest and Dividend Inc.	\$55,788
Advocacy Support	\$23,892
NYLA Promotional Items	\$2,610
Administrative Services	\$55,703
Miscellaneous/Rent	\$10,865
Marketing (Vendor Partners)	\$7,978
Sub Total	\$671,065
NYLA Funds	\$72,110.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$743,175</b>



EXPENSES	
Personnel Expenses	\$346,013
Professional Fees	\$9,646
Office Operations	\$164,081
Publications/Promotions	\$6,523
Council/Executive Board/President	\$9,822
American Library Association	\$4,777
Annual Conference	\$99,834
Continuing Education Workshops	\$25,922
Advocacy	\$16,484
Sub Total	\$683,102
NYLA Funds	\$33,371
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$716,473</b>



TOTAL REVENUE	\$743,175
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$716,473
<b>NET PROCEEDS</b>	<b>\$26,702</b>

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