

NYSL Ready to Read at New York Libraries: Public Library Survey 2014 SurveyMonkey

Please also tell us what would help us to ensure that all of New York's communities receive enhanced, quality literacy services from our public libraries.

	Response Count
	216
answered question	216
skipped question	422

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1	grants, money, increased staff, stop cutting staff in Children' s school libraries	Jul 11, 2014 12:12 PM
2	An early literacy conference would encourage libraries throughout the state to share what individual programs have worked in their communities. Also, quality speakers and presentations could be scheduled as well.	Jul 11, 2014 9:24 AM
3	Funding for materials for the program and also possibly to cover wages for additional hours for staff to ensure that they have time for a program.	Jul 11, 2014 8:48 AM
4	full funding, not partial and shrinking	Jul 10, 2014 3:51 PM
5	Funding and staff who have a Master's Degree in Children's Services.	Jul 10, 2014 3:29 PM
6	more money allocated to the budget	Jul 10, 2014 3:11 PM
7	the board controls the money and often the space used but doesn't understand the need for quality early reading items or even that they should be in alphabetical order. They do not understand the need for self-service access, appropriate shelving, etc. I have experienced board volunteers, undoing hours of work when I am not at the library	Jul 10, 2014 2:37 PM
8	Continued dedicated financial support. Facilitation of communication and program planning/execution with appropriate community organizations.	Jul 10, 2014 2:31 PM
9	more money to the libraries	Jul 10, 2014 2:13 PM
10	more funding!	Jul 10, 2014 11:17 AM
11	Buy-in from local agencies, civic groups	Jul 10, 2014 10:11 AM
12	More activities	Jul 10, 2014 9:40 AM
13	Communications of "best-practices" or highly effective programs throughout the state.	Jul 9, 2014 10:23 PM
14	Understanding that it is front line staff the deliver the services to New York's communities, therefor front line staff must be prioritized accordingly.	Jul 9, 2014 5:21 PM
15	hire more youth service librarians	Jul 9, 2014 4:00 PM
16	More money from the State to pay for more library workers.	Jul 9, 2014 3:52 PM
17	More staff is needed for the under-served populated areas of the city -- esp. computer assistance: library tech staff at all branches	Jul 9, 2014 3:38 PM
18	Generating awareness among parents that early literacy is possible, fun, and they can help be a part of it. Maintain contact with women's health centers maternity hospitals to get information to them early on regarding the importance of quality early childhood literacy.	Jul 9, 2014 3:01 PM
19	More professionals involved and trained in this function and extra professionals in the more under served neighborhoods.	Jul 9, 2014 2:42 PM

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20	It would be helpful to have the resources to be able to pay someone who only does early literacy, whether part time or full time. Other pressing responsibilities often override early literacy activities/plans. Since we have had folks, paid and volunteer, who only do the early literacy piece, we've had a lot of exciting things going on.	Jul 9, 2014 12:26 PM
21	Funding (naturally).	Jul 9, 2014 11:45 AM
22	Training on how to establish a literacy program in libraries.	Jul 9, 2014 9:27 AM
23	Be sure not to cut our funding, we depend on the libraries in our communities.	Jul 9, 2014 8:27 AM
24	funds to pay employees in order to train and run the programs. Plus more room in the library.	Jul 8, 2014 9:09 PM
25	Hire more full-time librarians and train them	Jul 8, 2014 8:39 PM
26	We can't have many stores or big libraries in my rural area. Perhaps better cable systems. Many do not have computers or only computer dial up.	Jul 8, 2014 4:40 PM
27	FUNDING	Jul 8, 2014 4:32 PM
28	binders with Early Lit ideas, or Websites that offer lesson plans, etc. for ease of planning	Jul 8, 2014 4:21 PM
29	Schools and Libraries working together.	Jul 8, 2014 4:15 PM
30	not all libraries can afford the materials it takes to have a strong, solid collection. we are working on ours, but budget cutbacks make it difficult to ensure that all patrons have representation in the collection.	Jul 8, 2014 4:12 PM
31	Easily accessed information that outlines ideas for various ages/themes/seasons/etc. through a shared online forum (wikipedia for early literacy)	Jul 8, 2014 3:23 PM
32	Funding on a state level to support literacy programs	Jul 8, 2014 3:12 PM
33	funding	Jul 8, 2014 2:52 PM
34	Continued support and importance of libraries maintained and stressed to constituents	Jul 8, 2014 2:44 PM
35	Funding. Many libraries in my area are working with bare bones staffing and limited staff, adding another specialized program is hard.	Jul 8, 2014 2:39 PM
36	A concerted statewide initiative involving all public library systems would be a good start--- more grant funding needs to be applied toward the effort.	Jul 8, 2014 2:39 PM
37	Letting them know to use their public library as a resource. More library publicity.	Jul 8, 2014 2:14 PM
38	Funding!	Jul 8, 2014 2:11 PM

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39	Provide targeted funding	Jul 8, 2014 1:33 PM
40	Funding to create or expand existing early childhood specialists roles in all libraries	Jul 8, 2014 1:13 PM
41	Libraries that choose to eliminate dedicated Children's Departments and require all librarians to be able to effectively and efficiently work in Adult, Teen, and Children's Departments MUST allow for appropriate training opportunities. Ideally though, libraries would see the value of having separate departments and allow those who have pursued formal graduate studies in serving youth to use their skills for the populations they are experts in. And, likewise, allow those who pursued formal education in serving adults and/or teens to use those skills for their preferred service population. Merging Children and Adult departments in medium to larger public libraries should be discouraged by the NYSL.	Jul 8, 2014 12:55 PM
42	Increased state aid, more grant resources and training in grant writing to secure funding	Jul 8, 2014 12:38 PM
43	each community library have a full time children's librarian to further enhance programming and collection development	Jul 8, 2014 12:36 PM
44	Funding is helpful because over the past several years we have been unable to fill positions as librarian leave.	Jul 8, 2014 12:17 PM
45	More staffing in children's services	Jul 8, 2014 11:58 AM
46	A list of elements to strive to achieve, similar to the Edge Initiative benchmark workbook.	Jul 8, 2014 11:57 AM
47	Uniform message from all participants--e.g. medical clinics; govt. or private assistance programs; religious organizations; social services; licensed and unlicensed day cares; schools etc.	Jul 8, 2014 11:55 AM
48	Ready access to resource kits that can be used in the public library and carried out to different locations.	Jul 8, 2014 11:53 AM
49	A children's librarian who could speak another language other than English could have workshop or family literacy time with parents who don't speak English.	Jul 8, 2014 11:49 AM
50	A large public awareness campaign. My branch already offers great early literacy services to a large portion of the community, but in many other locations parents and caregivers don't know that their library offers these programs. In order to offer more services in my branch, we would need another librarian to help cover the reference desk so that I could do more programs.	Jul 8, 2014 11:42 AM
51	Grants that are flexible to meet the needs of each individual system not restricted to summer reading.	Jul 8, 2014 11:41 AM
52	Funding is the biggest support needed for this program.	Jul 8, 2014 11:39 AM
53	supporting our systems would help each library in the state	Jul 8, 2014 11:39 AM
54	More PR about the libraries, the services they provide and most importantly the	Jul 8, 2014 11:38 AM

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	importance of early literacy/	
55	More funding	Jul 8, 2014 11:31 AM
56	Better demographic data and information about how our community lives and what it needs. We think we know our communities, but we're working primarily with census data. Smaller libraries would like to hire consultants and run large surveys and focus groups to really understand our community. We usually don't have the financial resources to do this.	Jul 8, 2014 11:30 AM
57	If we have to do the programs ourselves, we are already stretched. If we can't get money to increase staff, than having someone who comes in a does programs for free would help.	Jul 8, 2014 11:10 AM
58	Give us the funding.	Jul 8, 2014 11:09 AM
59	Many rural libraries do not have space or staff for basic storytime, much less, early literacy areas or training for parents. These libraries will need support with creative ways to get around space issues and lack of staff. Perhaps library system's can provide staff to give the classes at these smaller libraries.	Jul 8, 2014 11:09 AM
60	adequate state funding for libraries, remove tax cap.	Jul 8, 2014 11:00 AM
61	support at the State Library, training	Jul 8, 2014 11:00 AM
62	stable funding is the bottom line for libraries w/ limited budgets and increasing community needs.	Jul 8, 2014 10:58 AM
63	n/a	Jul 8, 2014 10:40 AM
64	More trained staff members.	Jun 30, 2014 6:14 PM
65	It would be very beneficial if the person being trained held an MLS who has a high interest in serving children	Jun 27, 2014 1:38 PM
66	more training	Jun 27, 2014 12:54 PM
67	distributed information	Jun 27, 2014 9:41 AM
68	In our area not everyone has a way to get to the library so maybe a way to get the library to them	Jun 26, 2014 10:35 AM
69	Staff need to be trained and should have mentors. They have to practice and share programs with experienced colleagues as they need help developing their own programming style.	Jun 26, 2014 12:10 AM
70	we have a once a week program perhaps the funding to work at 2 to 3 times per week	Jun 25, 2014 7:15 PM
71	Story telling training. The words must live.	Jun 25, 2014 7:10 PM
72	Librarians need to be adequately trained in this area. Not all librarians who end up working as children's librarians have necessarily been trained in child	Jun 25, 2014 6:09 PM

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development and best practices.

73	Look at the Family Reading Partnership as a model; they are a significant force in delivering early literacy services to families in our county (Tompkins) and working with our libraries.	Jun 25, 2014 4:20 PM
74	More staff to allow us to go out into the community to provide programs, as well as, present them at the library. Staff & resources to make planning & providing early lit programs possible....gets really old & expensive to buy things yourself & prepare/make the stuff at home because no time at work or ability to get appropriate materials.	Jun 25, 2014 3:12 PM
75	Outreach strategies to advertise and capture adults to get their children in to the libraries.	Jun 25, 2014 1:17 PM
76	Do not cut the funds for libraries	Jun 25, 2014 12:28 PM
77	Funding	Jun 25, 2014 12:25 PM
78	Strengthen our upstate library systems-- give them what they need to help libraries hire qualified staff, and offer quality, in-depth training for libraries that don't have the resources to do it themselves. A library in a small town has the power to connect rural children with the outside world-- but the people running those libraries need skills and education to make that connection.	Jun 25, 2014 11:55 AM
79	Staffing, trainings, a community of practice for support and sharing of tips, Senior support and a commitment to collaboration from management at the DOE and Headstart.	Jun 25, 2014 11:19 AM
80	Well-qualified staff whose time is not devoted to other, unrelated duties.	Jun 25, 2014 11:02 AM
81	Help for small libraries. We do not have a budget for early literacy. I have personally paid out of pocket for some materials, but am looking for program ideas without spending money and what "the best of the best" resources are out there.	Jun 25, 2014 10:33 AM
82	Multi lingual board books given out to all mothers giving birth this would mean coordinating with dr.s midwives clinics with info about the closest libraries' services.	Jun 24, 2014 9:24 PM
83	Perhaps librarians in children's services would be certified through these trainings.	Jun 24, 2014 7:05 PM
84	More trained, dedicated staff.	Jun 24, 2014 5:59 PM
85	training, materials, support from the administration.	Jun 24, 2014 5:18 PM
86	staff, not just me, need to attend training for children's story times, not just be told to open a book and read, regardless of age (Baby, toddler, pre-K) or "you have kids" and they assume the staff automatically knows how to do it.	Jun 24, 2014 4:26 PM
87	Recognition of professionalism in children's library services.	Jun 24, 2014 3:56 PM

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88	Better staff the branches with qualified librarians. It's pretty hard to hold programs when one is stuck checking in and out books all day because there aren't enough support staff to do that.	Jun 24, 2014 3:18 PM
89	Have the library systems promote and help in any way they can.	Jun 24, 2014 3:10 PM
90	More books that contains the latest information	Jun 24, 2014 3:08 PM
91	A combined effort from different library systems to create a central plan that would allow for patrons to travel between boroughs of NYC and still use/utilize the same services.	Jun 24, 2014 3:07 PM
92	train us all, give us money to do early literacy classes at local colleges, partner us with early childhood organizations, and give us money to put out quality marketing materials for early literacy. Printing stuff out on paper from Word just looks cheap and sad.	Jun 24, 2014 2:44 PM
93	Training specifically on best practices for immigrants/ESOL parents	Jun 24, 2014 2:42 PM
94	A heavy lobbying group dedicated to enhancing all library services...like you didn't know that.	Jun 24, 2014 2:33 PM
95	Ensure that local governments and school systems are on board with the plan so that funding will be made available to the libraries who are implementing the program.	Jun 24, 2014 2:21 PM
96	Offering the training to all libraries and perhaps offering incentive to those completing and having a developed curriculum to guide us.	Jun 24, 2014 1:51 PM
97	Publicity and additional funding	Jun 24, 2014 1:45 PM
98	let the local schools know that this type of help is at the local library and that we have had the training to help with literacy problems with young children. and the material for us to use	Jun 24, 2014 1:36 PM
99	INCREASED FUNDING AND SUPPORT FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVES.	Jun 24, 2014 1:15 PM
100	money	Jun 24, 2014 1:01 PM
101	education/training, marketing and funding	Jun 24, 2014 12:11 PM
102	Finding ways to keep youth services librarians excited about what they do and provide more frequent access to training and refresher training and follow up assistance. For example, after Every Child Ready to Read or Family Place training, librarians should have access to feedback or assistance with their first programs and someone they can reach out to for ideas and suggestions. There should be regular contact in the way of webinars and email and ways to interact with other trainers. I had the training, but no real support when it came to actually implementing it or maintaining it and it hasn't been offered in this area since, to the best of my knowledge.	Jun 24, 2014 11:41 AM
103	Keep in mind a lot of NY is rural and transportation, especially for families with young children can be an issue--don't forget passive programs the librarians can	Jun 24, 2014 11:16 AM

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	offer to support literacy	
104	As always funds to support our efforts.	Jun 24, 2014 10:35 AM
105	As a former owner of my own business, I always found additional seminars and training sessions helped revitalize my staff. While I don't have my own staff here per se, I feel the same applies to youth librarians. New input and hands-on activities can reignite the spark that we all feel towards kids and connecting them with great books, music, websites and programming.	Jun 24, 2014 10:00 AM
106	Keep it simple and fun. Something for the family to enjoy. Incentives provided for free by you.....incentives for all. free books and other reading materials	Jun 24, 2014 8:49 AM
107	Money and help are the main factors.	Jun 23, 2014 5:43 PM
108	Make implementation easy and affordable, provide promotional materials at no cost, have a list of items that can be borrowed from the state to enhance programming	Jun 23, 2014 5:18 PM
109	perhaps programs could be "pre-packaged" for presentation as needed	Jun 23, 2014 4:43 PM
110	Partner with child birth locations to start the education of families at day 1!! Many children and families don't begin early literacy until preschool!	Jun 23, 2014 3:44 PM
111	Make sure library schools are including this information in their curriculum or at the very least heavily promoting it and making it easily accessible to their students. Many graduates have a knowledge of materials and services for K and up but little understanding of developmentally appropriate materials and programs for ages birth to 5. Knowledge of early literacy will give them an edge when applying for youth services jobs in public libraries and help them hit the ground running.	Jun 23, 2014 3:01 PM
112	School cooperation with public libraries	Jun 23, 2014 2:58 PM
113	Public Information Campaign - radio, television, billboards, multi-lingual advertising	Jun 23, 2014 2:31 PM
114	More funding so we can be open more hours.	Jun 23, 2014 2:23 PM
115	If our library had the budget, I would hire a librarian specifically for programming especially the Summer Reading Program and conducting toddler storytimes. However, we do not have a budget that would not allow us to hire another person, let alone a professional librarian.	Jun 23, 2014 1:49 PM
116	Better communication via e-mail.	Jun 23, 2014 1:37 PM
117	Don't know	Jun 23, 2014 12:22 PM
118	Having enough staff to be able to do it and run the other functions of the library too (right now we do)	Jun 23, 2014 12:19 PM
119	An easier way to obtain construction funding so that we could have enough space for programs. Increased minimum wage to push up salaries and wages.	Jun 23, 2014 11:45 AM

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	We currently employ dedicated women with master's degrees for \$11 or \$12 per hour or \$30K per year. Libraries are the poor stepchild of NYSED.	
120	Have someone come in and do the programs for us.	Jun 23, 2014 11:25 AM
121	Marketing to families regarding the importance of early literacy. Marketing the importance of public libraries in providing early literacy services	Jun 23, 2014 10:59 AM
122	Coordination with elementary school Library	Jun 23, 2014 10:28 AM
123	funding	Jun 23, 2014 10:13 AM
124	We are "unofficially" considered the unwanted child of the Department of Education. Recognize that libraries are just as important to communities as schools!	Jun 23, 2014 10:12 AM
125	More grants available for libraries who want to take this on. And grants to pay for additional staff time or hiring someone. So larger grants. Very hard to do much when grants are \$400 per year for early literacy, as is the case this year.	Jun 23, 2014 10:03 AM
126	transportation to libraries - many in the lower income segment cannot get to the library	Jun 23, 2014 9:52 AM
127	Money, money, money -- for supplies, incentives, public relations.	Jun 23, 2014 9:45 AM
128	I really feel like public libraries could use early literacy specialists. Most of the time children's librarians fulfill this role, but we are serving children up to age 11 or 12 -- so we're stretched pretty thin. I really think that more staff dedicated specifically to early literacy would help a lot.	Jun 20, 2014 3:01 PM
129	Materials provided would be a help. Or small amounts of money to purchase what was necessary for the community served.	Jun 19, 2014 5:32 PM
130	A dedicated space in the library, trained staff, resources.	Jun 19, 2014 5:11 PM
131	Training for staff/volunteer members would definitely help and perhaps more public awareness (television ads?) would get parents to take more of an interest in childhood library programs. Plus any materials donated to public libraries to give our younger patrons hands on experience would improve presentations.	Jun 19, 2014 11:13 AM
132	Increase Funding. Additional staff and training would be necessary.	Jun 19, 2014 9:48 AM
133	Quality training with follow ups.	Jun 18, 2014 7:44 PM
134	Help us publicize. Our Ready to Read parent workshops were well attended when the schools sent out postcards. When we tried to do them on our own, we got no one.	Jun 18, 2014 10:44 AM
135	More staffing, more hours, more funding for children's services across the board.	Jun 17, 2014 6:26 PM
136	Hiring competent staff who like their job and want to provide the best services possible to their communities. Making sure libraries have enough funds to hire these people.	Jun 17, 2014 4:41 PM

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137	Needed materials. Longer paid hours--but not necessarily when we're open.	Jun 17, 2014 4:14 PM
138	Money to help fund libraries, we are very small, and on a limited Budget	Jun 17, 2014 3:47 PM
139	Training on the effective delivery of early literacy programs to children ages 0-5 and caregivers for relevant youth services staff should be required. Trainings can happen at system level by early literacy expert within the system.	Jun 17, 2014 3:28 PM
140	Schools should be talking to parents/caregivers about library programs. As the pre school teacher I have been, art and music programs also enhance literacy.	Jun 17, 2014 3:16 PM
141	We need to make sure funding townships understand the importance of early childhood literacy and make sure they fund their libraries sufficiently to allow for this. If I had more funding, I could employ another person to free my time up more!	Jun 17, 2014 2:53 PM
142	More money for staff to provide these programs. Perhaps a literacy grant for smaller libraries whose budgets are more modest and only have a part time employee in children's/literacy services.	Jun 17, 2014 1:34 PM
143	A full time children's librarian in every public library.	Jun 17, 2014 12:54 PM
144	Support from supervisors, directors, system directors. Training on effective outreach strategies- librarians need to feel confident in bringing their skills to other places/organizations. Community awareness that the library is the go-to place for early literacy education and support.	Jun 17, 2014 12:43 PM
145	Start looking out for public libraries located in rural areas. We're serving the poorest of the poor with the least amount of resources.	Jun 17, 2014 12:39 PM
146	Provide support for programs like ECRR2.	Jun 17, 2014 12:03 PM
147	More training for early literacy training. Training on common core standards for kindergarten and grade 1 in English Language Arts. This will help us to make certain that every child is ready to read when they enter elementary school.	Jun 17, 2014 11:42 AM
148	Training and funding for staff to enable them to present programs	Jun 17, 2014 11:27 AM
149	Publicity	Jun 17, 2014 11:15 AM
150	Better funding for programs.	Jun 17, 2014 10:53 AM
151	A Stipend, similar to the Summer Reading Program, would be a huge help. Since the manuals are provided for us for summer reading, much of the prep time is significantly cut. Quality supplies distributed to libraries would keep the program cohesive and help to assure excellence in programming.	Jun 16, 2014 7:14 PM
152	Additional funding	Jun 16, 2014 4:34 PM
153	Supply funding for staffing.	Jun 16, 2014 4:28 PM
154	Restore full funding to NYS public libraries	Jun 16, 2014 4:24 PM

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155	financial resources and quality training	Jun 16, 2014 4:22 PM
156	staff with the skills, knowledge, and ability	Jun 16, 2014 4:17 PM
157	More money in the State Library Budget lines and more money for Summer Reading Programs.	Jun 16, 2014 4:04 PM
158	Including me, the library retains three part time employees. Two of which make \$8.50 an hour. To expand the work that we do, to devote time to learning new skills and developing early literacy programs, we all need to be fairly financially compensated. The expression "water from a stone" comes to mind often when I think about the current dilemma facing most libraries. I believe that most people who work in libraries have a charitable spirit and a desire to help their community, but unfortunately we barely have the funds to tread water as a book-hub, much less redefine ourselves as a learning center. If the funds existed to support new programs, I believe that implementation would be easy, given that so many libraries are already staffed with caring, concerned citizens who believe deeply in literacy-equality.	Jun 16, 2014 3:39 PM
159	Training in outreach and marketing. Too many people don't know what we offer.	Jun 16, 2014 3:21 PM
160	More money for libraries. Some could be earmarked specifically for early literacy	Jun 16, 2014 2:50 PM
161	Money	Jun 16, 2014 2:45 PM
162	I don't know how to get visibility for Steuben County. It is rural, quiet, and was deserted by the railroad in the 70's. There is nothing but beautiful scenery to attract people.	Jun 16, 2014 2:36 PM
163	money to pay quality full-time staff salaries.	Jun 16, 2014 2:25 PM
164	Have UPK for all four year olds - now our school district has none	Jun 16, 2014 1:58 PM
165	If there could be a way for the Literacy Volunteers in my area to train AT libraries instead of their offices, I could get many qualified people to offer their services as volunteers. The key in my region of the state is to keep everything as local as possible.	Jun 16, 2014 1:55 PM
166	Good resources and good salaries to pay for qualified staff to deliver the programs.	Jun 16, 2014 12:42 PM
167	Again, much is happening at various libraries. Do site visits and see before blanketing what should happen.	Jun 16, 2014 11:52 AM
168	Larger Budgets not tied to the property tax cap.	Jun 16, 2014 10:51 AM
169	I think the most difficult problem I see is finding adequate staff and time. Many libraries, including ours, are struggling to staff their floors using volunteers. Unfortunately, the economy in our area is still depressed. The pool of volunteers has dried up as people attempt to meet their own financial commitments. Libraries need to be able to find funds to pay individuals that could be dedicated to this task. Could the state do something similar to AmeriCorps that would dictate that an individual hired would work towards this goal? Individuals would	Jun 15, 2014 3:00 PM

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receive stipends towards their education if they went to a state school?

170	There has to be a statewide publicity campaign to show the correlation between reading skills and success in schools -- to make it important for the parent to bring the child to the library for programs, books, etc. With so many working mothers, we have to establish early literacy as important as eating good food.	Jun 14, 2014 1:46 AM
171	Please establish a means for us to be visible in prenatal clinics, social service offices and places where potential patrons would likely frequent prior to their child's birth. It is so necessary to get the early literacy message delivered before the child is born.	Jun 13, 2014 7:54 PM
172	advertising especially to the bilingual community	Jun 13, 2014 6:56 PM
173	Provide more grant opportunities for programs and services.	Jun 13, 2014 10:41 AM
174	Money	Jun 13, 2014 10:11 AM
175	More direct funding to public libraries to enable them to increase hours and staffing, thereby making it possible to increase early literacy services.	Jun 12, 2014 5:26 PM
176	I like the idea of local or system level trainings handouts and other materials available from state	Jun 12, 2014 1:18 PM
177	the public's understanding of what we do, why we do it, and just how important it is	Jun 12, 2014 12:55 PM
178	Training and financial resources are needed as well as extra staff and local publicity.	Jun 11, 2014 6:11 PM
179	State Aid targeted at paying children's services staff.	Jun 11, 2014 3:35 PM
180	More funding	Jun 11, 2014 2:51 PM
181	Well trained, well paid, public librarians.	Jun 11, 2014 12:39 PM
182	Visits and person-to-person contact with a representative for the services.	Jun 10, 2014 2:35 PM
183	Insure that local school districts are mandated to work with the public library within the district. When a school district has to work with an organization within the district to obtain a grant or participate in a program insure that public libraries are included in the organizations that must be notified of the potential opportunity.	Jun 10, 2014 12:43 PM
184	We have a thriving storytime that is early literacy based but the current person who does storytime has not been trained at all. She is good with kids and the director who had the training has tried to pass along her knowledge. Because of the high turnover small libraries experience (we can't pay enough to keep employees) training is vital!	Jun 10, 2014 11:43 AM
185	Timely settings as many caregivers also are employed, and a lot of libraries are just not open as those hours due to staff and budget constraints.	Jun 10, 2014 11:32 AM

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186	Certainly training is important, but I am so overwhelmed with my workload now, I do not feel that I have time to add more.	Jun 10, 2014 9:51 AM
187	Regular training offered throughout year -- staff leave or are hired continuously. Training materials that can be used to train non-youth services staff.	Jun 10, 2014 9:12 AM
188	Recognition and support from our lawmakers that libraries are a key player in early literacy. This would allow us to receive more funding.	Jun 10, 2014 9:02 AM
189	Subsidies to pay for staff travel to training if needed, to pay for alternative programming if staff is attending training, and to pay for recommended early literacy materials	Jun 9, 2014 10:06 PM
190	good literature and explicit how to	Jun 9, 2014 7:21 PM
191	Executive and gubernatorial commitment to services of all kinds for young children. Make young children and their needs visible to the public. Emphasize language and listening, not reading, for young children.	Jun 9, 2014 5:38 PM
192	More Money coming to local libraries to implement programs	Jun 9, 2014 5:06 PM
193	Grant funding to be used for program materials & paying staff to plan and lead programs	Jun 9, 2014 4:39 PM
194	The main barrier for many small rural libraries is funding and staffing to implement. Many also lack meeting or dedicated space within the library.	Jun 9, 2014 4:36 PM
195	support from the schools would be great. I mean when the principal makes a speech to parents about summer he/she should mention using the public library. We know access to a wide variety of books/materials is what helps children develop their skills and grow into committed readers. Letting children choose their own books is very important!	Jun 9, 2014 4:23 PM
196	In a rural community, many people can't come to the library. The ability to either hold literacy services in other locations or to bus people in would be very helpful.	Jun 9, 2014 3:50 PM
197	A lot of times the programs are offered but the people who would benefit the most cannot or do not get to the library to engage in them. I have no idea as to the best way to correct this situation.	Jun 9, 2014 3:19 PM
198	free press	Jun 9, 2014 3:12 PM
199	Finding new ways to reach out to the parents who aren't coming to the library.	Jun 9, 2014 3:08 PM
200	Our library has had wonderful success collaborating with the local food pantry.	Jun 9, 2014 2:53 PM
201	More State funding for the programs.	Jun 9, 2014 2:39 PM
202	Add these types of classes to professional coursework for a library degree (where a student knows they will be working with young children), and to professional development.	Jun 9, 2014 2:18 PM
203	outreach especially in Spanish, Spanish materials	Jun 9, 2014 2:15 PM

Page 6, Q1. Please also tell us what would help us to ensure that all of New York's communities receive enhanced, quality literacy services from our public libraries.

204	great things are happening in early literacy services all over the state- provide formal and informal opportunities for !LIBRARIANS AND STAFF IN THE FIELD! to share successes, ideas, resources, etc.	Jun 9, 2014 2:02 PM
205	Need help reaching those children and families that are not library users.	Jun 9, 2014 2:02 PM
206	training is a big a part of it as is stressing the importance of these services to lawmakers, directors, and funding agents so that quality literacy services are seen as a service priority for public libraries and are provided for accordingly with funding and staffing.	Jun 9, 2014 1:54 PM
207	I would love to see some grants specifically for in-library early literacy center development. I haven't seen too many of those around.	Jun 9, 2014 1:41 PM
208	Huge need for staffing to cover some of regular duties to allow children's librarians to get training, plan & implement programs. Hard to do when always on the floor with no real indirect time.	Jun 9, 2014 1:39 PM
209	Direct financial support. Most of the libraries in the state are relatively small libraries with very limited funding, and very limited staff. Without financial support, no improvements should be expected. Grants, pilot programs, training will not be effective without substantial, continuing support for staff. Temporary funding will not do it. The funding must be reliable, substantial and continuing. No program without money attached will succeed. Volunteers cannot do this work. Interns are not the answer. Only direct financial support with additional enabling funding will make a difference. Public libraries are being assaulted by every support source: local governments, reduced budgets and cutbacks in staff make it impossible to add initiatives without adding financial resources.	Jun 9, 2014 1:31 PM
210	making it clear to local governments that libraries are a part of education system to help ensure consistent funding	Jun 9, 2014 1:28 PM
211	outreach to the underserved	Jun 9, 2014 1:27 PM
212	the time and money to pay volunteers to assist the director	Jun 9, 2014 1:27 PM
213	Funding to hire qualified staff	Jun 9, 2014 1:27 PM
214	secure financing and focus on person to person, not substituting electronics for travel. We're out in the woods; sometimes you need to come to us . . .	Jun 9, 2014 1:25 PM
215	Additional resources -- mainly improved funding.	Jun 9, 2014 1:23 PM
216	Adult literacy is not addressed adequately in our region. The county literacy program will not come to our region.	Jun 9, 2014 1:19 PM