Library Systems

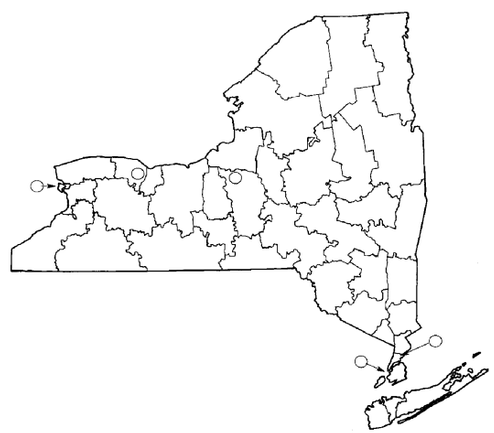
The Governor and the Legislature created library systems to work at regional levels to improve local library programs and services for all New Yorkers. Systems offer continuing education, cooperative technology, and resource sharing programs no one library could afford on its own. With State Aid supporting general library systems' operations, systems work with local libraries to assist with staff training, procure library materials, technology, and other resources.

The State Library's Division of Library Development works in partnership with the library systems to develop statewide and regional services that meet local needs. The Division acts in an oversight and advisory capacity, and provides staff regional liaisons to all 73 library systems, serving over 7,000 libraries.

23 Public Library Systems
Find your public library and system at
www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/1pls.htm

9 Reference and Research Library Resources Councils
Find your system's website at
www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/lrc/index.html

41 School Library Systems
Find your system's website at
www.nysl.gov/libdev/slssap/slslinks.htm



The New York State Library, working in partnership with the 73 library systems, brings cost-effective, modern library services to the millions of people who use New York's 7,000 academic, public, school and special libraries.

For More Information

New York State Library Website
www.nysl.nysed.gov

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What is the Division of Library Development?

The New York State Library's Division of Library Development has these responsibilities:

- **to provide leadership and support** for improving library services for all New Yorkers;
- **to provide technical advice** and assistance to, for, and about libraries; and
- **to serve as an oversight agency** for library programs.

The State Library is located in the Office of Cultural Education within the New York State Education Department and is headed by the State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries. The State Library provides information and library services to the people of New York through its Research Library and **Division of Library Development**. In its leadership role, the State Library works in partnership with the State's 73 library systems to bring cost-effective, high quality library services to the millions who use New York's 7,000 school, public, academic, and special libraries.

New York State Education Department

Research Library
Includes the Talking Book and Braille Library

Division of Library Development

The Division of Library Development provides expert leadership, funding, and training for New York's libraries and library systems. Staff members work with librarians, trustees, school administrators, public officials, and local leaders to solve problems and find new ways of making library services and resources available to local communities. The Division staff:

- **are experts in Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations** relating to libraries and library systems;
- **are a strong voice for New York's libraries** with State and Federal government agencies that impact library services;
- **manage more than $100 million in State and Federal Aid** to New York's libraries; and
- **enable libraries to take full advantage of federal and private funding programs** like E-Rate Telecommunications Discounts and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grants.

New York Library Initiative

New York Library Initiative is a Regents Budget and Legislative Initiative that proposes strengthening New York's library information resources for innovation, achievement, workforce development, and economic growth. The Initiative proposes that the state invest in quality R&D, college-level and K-12 electronic materials in science, math, technology, engineering, and medicine to create a Statewide Internet Library; public library construction and renovation; and resources and resource sharing for public, school, academic, and special libraries. More information can be found by accessing: www.nysl.nysed.gov/fundingproposals

NOVELNY
New York Online Virtual Electronic Library

A federally funded pilot project to create a Statewide Internet Library.

www.novelnewyork.org

Major Activities

Eight major activities contribute to the fulfillment of the Division of Library Development's responsibilities. The Division staff:

- **coordinate statewide library services**, such as the **NOVELNY** pilot project, summer reading, technology and other initiatives, that benefit more than 7,000 libraries;
- **work in partnership with the State's 73 library systems to provide leadership, technical advice, training and assistance** to libraries, systems, government agencies, professional organizations, trustees and the public about the establishment, modification, and improvement of library service in all areas of the State;
- **provide oversight and monitoring** for library programs;
- **manage grants** and State and Federal Aid programs for libraries;
- **certify (license) public librarians**;
- **charter (incorporate)** and register (approve) public libraries;
- **develop effective communication** with all types of libraries and organizations; and
- **collect, analyze and disseminate data** for measurement, evaluation and decision-making.

Programs and Projects

More information about the following programs, projects and funding opportunities is available on the New York State Library website at **www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev**.

- Adult and Family Literacy Grants
- Central Library Aid
- Certification of Public Librarians
- Chartering and Registration of Public Libraries
- Conservation/Preservation of Fragile Library Materials
- Coordinated Collection Development for Academic Libraries
- Coordinated Outreach Services
- E-Rate (Universal Services for Telecommunications Discounts Program)
- Gates Foundation Library Grants
- Hospital Library Services Program
- Indian Libraries
- Institution Library Services
- Library Construction Grant Program
- Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Federal Grants
- Medical Information Services Program
- New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (**NOVELNY** pilot project)
- New York's Libraries Information Network (NYLINE)
- Public Library Districts How-To Kit
- Regional Bibliographic Databases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing Program
- State Aid to Assist Libraries and Support Public Library Systems, Reference and Research Library Resources Councils, and School Library Systems
- Statewide Summer Reading Program
- Statistics about Libraries
- Trustee Education