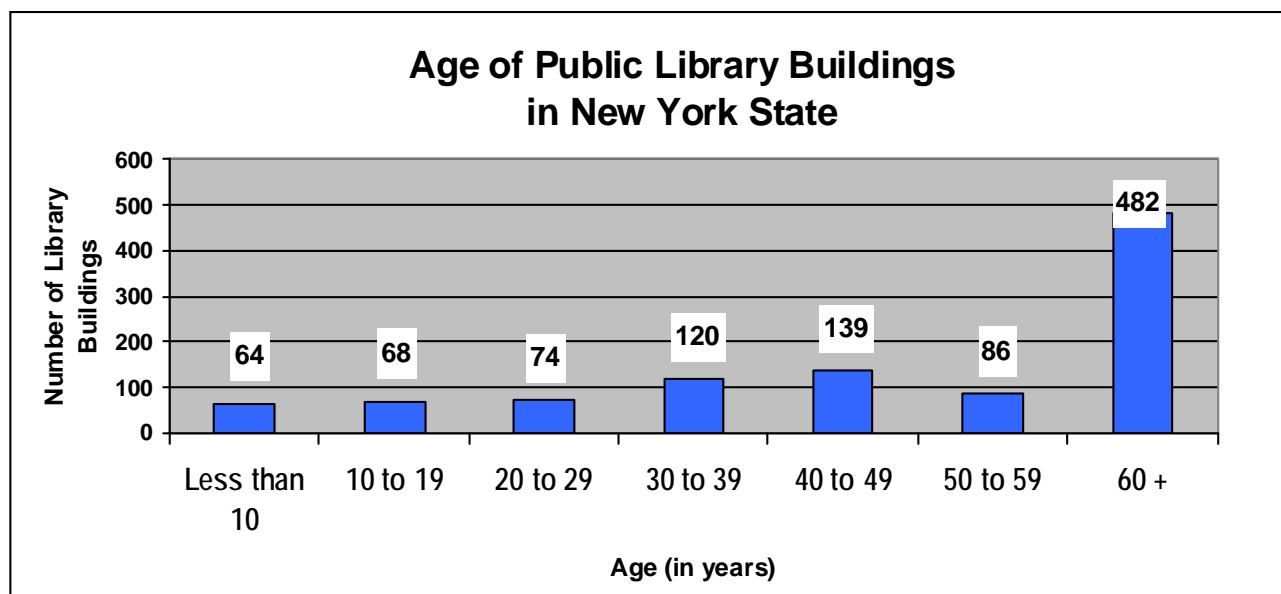


PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION and RENOVATION

What are the construction and renovation needs of New York's public libraries?

- ▣ **More than 725 public library facilities** in New York State need new construction and/or building renovations – **for a total estimated cost of \$2.53 billion.**
- ▣ Buildings have become cramped, outdated, and rundown – **482 library buildings are at least 60 years old.**
- ▣ Most **cannot meet new standards of energy efficiency** and green construction and **lack necessary space** for growing collections, computers, and programming.
- ▣ **Hundreds of public libraries cannot accommodate new computer technology** due to inadequate wiring.
- ▣ **Over 30% of public libraries cannot accommodate individuals in wheelchairs** with access to all areas.
- ▣ **One-time capital appropriations** totaling \$56 million over the past four years only begin to address these needs.

Library buildings are cramped and outdated



Data from 2008 Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries, New York State Library.

What Can Be Done to Meet Construction Needs?

One-time capital appropriations totaling \$56 million over the past four years are positive first steps, but only begin to address the great need for construction and renovation of New York's community libraries.

- State support for public library construction and renovation will ensure New Yorkers have safe, accessible, and energy efficient libraries with sufficient room for growing collections, computers, and programming.



↑ Leaking & Water Damaged Roofs Compromising the Integrity of the Structure ↑



↑ Disintegrating Historic Exterior Element

↑ Cramped Interior Public Space

How do I learn more about public library construction and renovation?

- Contact your Public Library System Director.
- Visit the **New York State Library** Website at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construc/index.html
- Contact Bernard A. Margolis, New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, at (518) 474-5930 or via email at bmargolis@mail.nysed.gov

All pictures are of public libraries in New York State

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