

Dear New York State Legislators,

As a current member of the Mid York Library board and a past nine year member of the Utica Library board I am asking that you fund our public library system to the fullest extent possible.

I understand that our financial health is in jeopardy but we need to look long term toward the health of our young people and those who need to improve their personal lives. Public libraries are one of the only avenues some people have to improve themselves, further their education, stay off the streets and become valuable citizens.

I am also a Senior Vice President of a local bank in Utica and see first hand the needs of our local citizens. We contribute thousands of dollars to local charities to assist those in need.

Please help us by funding public libraries.

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