



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Colleagues,

SCLA's role in the library community is to support, educate, and advocate for the library staff in public, academic, and special libraries. With that responsibility in mind, last week, the SCLA Executive Board doubled down on its advocacy obligation and voted to approve that we, as an association, would send letters to our federal representatives demanding that they support IMLS. Additionally, we have issued an official statement in support of the IMLS. [The statement can be found on our website.](#)

We are happy to share that our Senator Gillibrand was one of the four senators to sign [a letter to the acting director of IMLS](#) demanding that he follow the law and allocate the funds as legislated.

SCLA will continue in its role as an advocate for the library community, but there is always strength in numbers. Therefore, we still need to consider advocating as individuals, and remind our state officials of the importance of libraries and library aid. If you have not already done so, send a message to your local state legislator in support of the New York State Senate budget bill, which would provide an increase in aid to libraries.

NYLA makes it easy with the Take Action campaign. For added impact, simply adding a paragraph at the beginning about how increased support helps you help your patrons is excellent! This is the link for the campaign:

<https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=23621&lang=en>

April 1st is the deadline so do as soon as you can!