



School Libraries Shine on All Learners

"It's not my job." This simple statement can mean the difference between legislative support and legislative indifference. To our representatives in Albany, silence translates loudly: "No one cares." To our representatives in Albany, letters, real world testimony, email, phone calls, and visits are a call to action for them.

If school librarians and School Library System Directors respond with inaction instead of personal **ADVOCACY** what happens to funding for:

- School Library Systems
- Library materials aid
- NOVEL databases
- 2008 NYLA Legislative Priorities for libraries across the state

If school librarians and School Library System Directors respond with inaction instead of personal **ADVOCACY**:

- Decades of flat funding for School Library Systems threatens vital service to school libraries and school library media specialists
- Library materials aid stays at 1998 levels although costs for books continue to escalate yearly
- Learners lose opportunities for literacy, inquiry, quality information resources
- Equitable access to technological information resources is threatened
- Legislators never gain insight to real world needs and real world outcomes
- Legislators never hear the genuine, compelling reasons to **VOTE** for **LIBRARY SYSTEM** and **LIBRARY Materials FUNDING**

If **ADVOCACY** is not **YOUR JOB**, who else can share your **TRUTH**, **YOUR** insight, **YOUR** commitment, **YOUR VOICE**?

WITHOUT **YOUR VOICE**, there is silence. **ADVOCACY** can only be **YOUR** job.



TODAY - go to www.crbsls.org/slsa and begin your efficacy as an **ADVOCATE**.

See "**SUNFLOWER ACTION for SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS**"

See "**Contact NY Decision Makers**"

See "**ADVOCACY Getting the Action Started**"



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