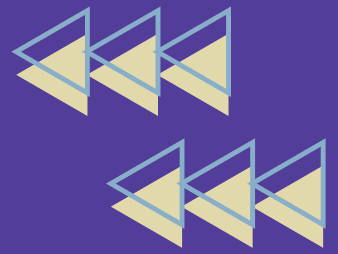


NYLA'S 2025 POLICY INITIATIVES



1 Freedom to Read

S.1099 (May)

This bill would require the commissioner of education to develop policies to ensure that school libraries and library staff are empowered to curate and develop collections that provide students with access to the widest array of developmentally appropriate materials available.

2 Open Shelves Act

S.1100 (May)

This bill would require that libraries adopt policies and procedures ensuring library staff are able to curate and develop collections, services, and programming that reflect the interests of all people the library serves.

3 eBooks Licensing Reform

(Reintroduction Pending)

This bill would help ensure libraries are able to provide patrons access to electronic books and digital audiobooks, providing requirements for contracts between libraries and publishers that involve electronic library materials.

4 Media Literacy in NYS

NYLA supports legislation that would require:

- The Commissioner of Education to appoint a Media Literacy Advisory Committee to study the teaching of media literacy in NYS.
- The New York State Education Department to develop media literacy standards.
- Certified school librarians and teachers to receive media literacy professional development.
- New York schools have certified school librarians across all grade levels.

