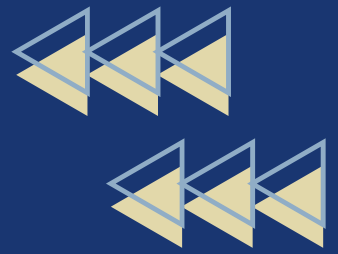


NYLA'S FY 2026 BUDGET REQUESTS



1

Library Operating Aid \$176.8 million

Increased aid is needed to support the foundational framework of NYS libraries, improving the lives of residents of all ages, abilities and economic status.

2

Library Construction Aid \$175million

Over half of NYS's libraries are over 60 years old. Increased investment is needed to maintain and develop the physical infrastructure to ensure safe, accessible and sustainable environments.

3

Library Materials Aid \$11.33/pupil

Since 2007 the per pupil rate has remained flat at \$6.25. In 2023, the average cost of a hardcover book purchased by a school library was \$26.25.

4

NOVELny Program \$3.1 million

A \$3.1 million allocation for the continuation of the NOVELny program would ensure equity of access to essential database and digital resources for all New Yorkers, from students in K-12 classrooms to life-long learners in the public setting.

