



Library Advocacy Day Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Legislative meeting schedule

- 9:00am UHLS/CDLC group assembles in the lobby of the Legislative Office Building (LOB) outside “NYLA Base Camp” LOB 120
- 9:30am **Senator George Amedore (46th Senate District)** **LOB 802 455-2350**
(UHLS member libraries represented ALTM, BERN, GUIL, RCSC, RVLL, VOOR, WSTR)
- 10:30am **Assembly Member Phil Steck (110th Assembly District)** **LOB 702 455-5931**
(UHLS member libraries represented COLN, MEND)
Note – shared appointment with the Mohawk Valley Library System
- 11:15am **Senator Neil Breslin (44th Senate District)** **Capitol Rm. 414 455-2225**
(UHLS member libraries represented APL (all locations), BETH, COHS, COLN, MEND, RENS, TROY, WTVT)
- 12:00n **Library Advocacy Rally & Speeches - In “the Well” of the Legislative Office Building**
Library advocates join together to voice their support for library funding and, through their numbers and enthusiasm, demonstrate the strength of the library community to legislators. Various speakers (legislators, NYLA Leaders, Library Advocates, etc.) are scheduled to address the gathering.
- Lunch on your own**
- 12:30pm **Assembly Member Angelo Santabarbara (111th Assembly District)** **Assembly Chamber/Capitol**
(UHLS member libraries represented BERN) **(meeting “off the floor”)**
Note – shared appointment with the Mohawk Valley Library System
- 1:00pm **Senator Kathy Marchione (43rd Senate District)** **LOB 917 455-2381**
(UHLS member libraries represented BRLN, BRUN, CAST, EGRN, GRAF, HOOF, NASS, NGRN, PTRB, POES, SCHG, SNLK, STEP, TROL, VAFL)
- 1:30pm **Assembly Member John McDonald (108th Assembly District)** **Joint Meeting**
Assembly Member Pat Fahy (109th Assembly District) **LOB 417 455-4474**
(McDonald - UHLS member libraries represented APLM, APLD, APLH, APLW, APLY, COHS, NGRN, RESS, WTVT)**
(Fahy - UHLS member libraries represented ALTM, APLB, APLP, BETH, GUIL, VOOR)
** John McDonald is also handling constituent concerns from the currently vacant **107th Assembly seat** – UHLS member libraries represented by the 107th BRLN, BRUN, CAST, EGRN, GRAF, HOOF, NASS, PTRB, POES, SCHG, SNLK, STEP, TROL, VAFL)

Additional Library Advocacy Day Information

Library Advocacy Day Handout Materials - NYLA Library Advocacy materials will be available for attendees to use in their meetings with legislators and legislative staff. UHLS will be providing additional material specific to the System, its member libraries, and its activities to legislators during the meetings. Member libraries are encouraged to bring along material from their library demonstrating the essential services they provide to their community, and anything else that reinforces the budgetary and legislative priorities being presented as the statewide advocacy message.

Lunch options - There are several convenient restaurants, cafeterias and fast food options in the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza. Keep in mind that if you go into the Concourse for lunch, you will be required to go through the security checkpoint process again to return to the Legislative Office Building and/or the Capitol, so please plan your time accordingly.

Parking – The most convenient parking for the event is available under the Empire State Plaza in the Visitor Lot. You can get to this lot by taking the Empire State Plaza Exit off I-787. There is a daily fee for parking in this lot and the driver may be asked to show photo ID to enter the lot. For more information about this parking lot and other options, please visit the NYS OGS web site at:

<http://ogs.ny.gov/BU/BA/Parking/Visitor/>

Security - Please plan for airport-like security measures in place at the New York State Capitol, the Legislative Office Building and the surrounding buildings. Please be prepared to pass through a metal detector and have your belongings go through an X-ray machine to enter. **All adults (16+) may be asked to show a photo ID to enter - it is recommended that attendees carry a photo ID at all times.** In addition, items that are sharp or may be construed as weapons are not allowed in any of the Empire State Plaza buildings (including "sticks" attached to rally signs).

Due to the security measures and the number of people expected in Albany for Library Advocacy Day, please leave yourself plenty of time to travel between NYLA activities and meetings with legislators.

On behalf of UHLS and CDLC, thank you for taking the time to make a difference for our libraries and all libraries across New York State!