



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Adaptation and recovery of libraries throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

PURPOSE: To discuss how libraries have adapted and recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic through the use of different technologies, community partnerships, and creative approaches in order to best serve their communities.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021
10:00 AM
Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic forced New York State libraries to halt in-person services and shift to virtual services. Now that libraries are open again, the Committee is interested in learning how the pandemic has caused libraries to adapt their programs and services to better meet the needs of their communities. In particular, the Committee seeks testimony about how libraries have utilized technology, community partnerships, and other creative approaches.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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**Kimberly Jean-Pierre
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Libraries and Education Technology**

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I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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