

**Come prepared with stories to support these important talking points:**

## **Libraries Are Education**

Libraries teach early literacy skills in an environment dedicated to creativity and free inquiry.

When schools close at the end of each day, week, and school year, libraries remain open.

Libraries are often a community's sole source of free tutoring and homework help.

Libraries provide adults, including those who could not afford college, access to free, lifelong intellectual enrichment.

Libraries are the leading digital literacy instructors in New York State.



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# **Bus Trip Library Advocacy Day 2017**

Wednesday, March 1



**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES  
ON A BUS TRIP TO ALBANY  
TO MEET WITH STATE LEGISLATORS**

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## Why is it important to attend Advocacy Day?

Library supporters from across the state will be gathering in Albany to tell our legislators that libraries are a crucial part of New York's education system. Communities rely on people like you—library staff, trustees, volunteers, Friends, and users—to help our legislators understand that libraries are a funding priority.

Share your stories about how the library impacts the lives of its community members and why your library needs stable funding.

Your stories are powerful. Your presence in Albany is important.

## Bus Schedule -Wednesday, March 1, 2017

- 6:30am Bus leaves *Park & Ride* at 390 exit 9 in Avon
- 7:15am Bus picks up additional passengers at *Bliss Shurfine Grocery, Manchester 1 mi south* on Rte. 21 off Thruway exit 43
- 7:45am Bus picks up additional passengers at *Petro Stopping Centre* Route 414 near Waterloo Thruway exit 41
- 10:30am Bus arrives in Albany
- 2:30pm Bus leaves Albany
- 5:45pm Bus arrives in Waterloo, Petro Ctr.
- 6:15pm Bus arrives in Manchester, Bliss Shurfine Food Mart
- 7:00pm Bus arrives in Avon

## NYLA's 2017 (New York Library Association) Legislative Agenda

### BUDGET PRIORITY

- **Libraries are Education**—Increase State Aid Proportionally with Increases in Education Funding
  - Library usage and demand for services are surging statewide
  - Libraries are a core component of our state's educational infrastructure – **LIBRARIES ARE EDUCATION**
  - Libraries are critical for access and equality
- **Increase Investment in State Library Aid Construction Program to \$25M**

## Thank you!

Friends Groups of the following libraries have donated to the 2017 Pioneer bus trip to Albany:

- Avon
- Bloomfield
- Clifton Springs
- Geneva
- Livonia
- Lyons
- Macedon
- Marion
- Palmyra
- Perry
- Red Jacket (Shortsville)
- Sodus
- Walworth
- Warsaw
- Wood (Canandaigua)

Additional donations anticipated and appreciated!

## Advocacy Day Bus Trip March 1, 2017

Cost is \$10 per person (includes snacks)  
Thanks to the generous support from Library Friends Groups, we are able to keep the cost low.

Register via Eventbrite:

<https://plsadvocacyday.eventbrite.com>

Cost is \$10 per person and payable through the website.

Choose your pickup location as you register:

- Avon Park & Ride at 390 Exit 9
- Bliss Shurfine Food Mart, Manchester  
1 mi south on Rte. 21, off Thruway exit 43
- Thruway exit 41, Petro Stopping Ctr.

A confirmation will be emailed to you and includes parking information and bus departure times.

On March 1, each rider will receive an Advocacy Day Guide listing the scheduled legislative appointments.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Jensen at the Pioneer Library System:  
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