



# Pioneer Library System

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TO: Friends' Presidents  
FROM: Lauren Moore, Executive Director, Pioneer Library System  
SUBJECT: Support for PLS' Annual Advocacy Day Bus, February 27, 2019  
DATE: November 7, 2018

Thank you for your past support for the Pioneer Library System advocacy efforts on behalf of public libraries. Last year the Friends' groups donated a very generous amount to the Library Advocacy Day bus trip!

As you know, each year the New York Library Association organizes an event for supporters from across the state to gather and meet with state legislators in Albany. PLS has a long and much admired tradition of bringing a large and dedicated group to the State Capitol each year (48 advocates in 2018).

Next year Advocacy Day is scheduled for February 27, 2019. We anticipate another enthusiastic group of supporters representing Pioneer Library System member libraries to be on hand to urge our elected officials to make restorations to state library aid. We need to speak with a strong voice to let legislators know how crucial that funding is to library systems and the libraries they support.

Once again we are asking for contributions from Friends groups within Pioneer Library System to help offset the cost of the bus charter. Last year we had 12 donations from Friends' groups for a total of \$665.00. *However, the actual cost of the bus trip is \$1575.00.* With your generous support we can offer affordable travel to committed advocates. Any amount is welcome – as are any and all passengers! We will send out a flyer for bus reservations in early January 2019.

Thank you for your consideration. A quick response will help us to set the bus price early, and give us extra time to encourage participation.

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The Friends Group of the \_\_\_\_\_ Library will support the Pioneer Library System's critically important advocacy efforts. We will make a gift of:

\$200          \$150          \$100          \$75          other\_\_\_\_\_

Check or pledge is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to **Pioneer Library System**, Attn: Administrative Coordinator