



October 21, 2025

Greetings -

Last week, I was in Albany to Chair a public hearing of the Assembly's Committee on Libraries and Education Technology on the subject of "The Future of Libraries and Their Integration of Electronic Materials." The Committee heard testimony from the New York State Librarian, the New York Association of Libraries, and representatives of library systems from across the state who delved into both the challenges and opportunities facing libraries especially with regards to digital materials. I will continue to use my platform as Chair of the Committee to advocate for robust support for libraries in the State's budget but will also be working to develop legislation that will enable libraries to make their dollars go further.



Leading Literacy Summit

While in Albany I also attended the "Leading Literacy Summit" sponsored by the Science of Reading Center at SUNY New Paltz and EdTrust-NY. I moderated a panel that included Deon Butler, a former NFL player – now a leading dyslexia advocate, and Dr. Kymyona Burk, the policy architect behind Mississippi's remarkable success in implementing evidence-based practices and improving reading proficiency among its students. The summit was yet

another affirmation that we need a statewide mandate regarding evidence-based literacy curriculum like that included in my [Right to Read legislation \(A.78\)](#). I recently sent a [formal request](#) to the Board of Regents - the state body with the power to act - urging them to set clear, statewide standards for every public school.



As part of my ongoing advocacy around literacy education over the last two weeks I released a series of three videos explaining the problem – why according to national test scores less than 72% of New York City fourth graders are reading at grade level – and how we can fix it. [You can join me in calling on the Board of Regents to take action and watch the videos here.](#)

[TOMORROW] One on One Appointments with NYC DOF

Don't miss this opportunity to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a representative from the NYC Department of Finance—whether its questions about your property taxes and assessments, to help filling out forms to freeze your rent or get your assessed home value reduced; they'll be at my office tomorrow, Wednesday, October 22nd ready to help. You must make an appointment in advance. See details on the flyer below and call my district office at 718-788-7221 to make your appointment.



Looking to Lower Your Cost of Living?

Sign up for one-on-one appointments with a representative from the NYC Department of Finance

- Learn how to lower your property taxes
- Learn about tenant eligibility for SCRIE, DRIE and more
- Learn about your annual notice of property value (NOPV)
- Learn about benefit programs for home, condo, and co-op owners, including eligibility and how to apply
- Learn how to submit questions to the Department of Finance

**APPOINTMENT
REQUIRED!**

Call (718) 788-7221 to sign up.

And More!

When?

**Wednesday,
October 22
10 AM – 2 PM**

Where?

**District Office,
416 7th Ave,
Brooklyn NY**



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No Cost Mammograms, NYC DOB, Unclaimed Funds on 11/12



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SERVICE DAY

Wednesday | November 12th

MAMMOGRAM BUS

Appointments available
from

9 AM - 4:30 PM

Schedule your **FREE mammogram and clinical breast exam**. Call my office or The American Italian Cancer Foundation at 877-628-9090 to make your appointment.

Eligibility

Requirements:

- Age 40-79
- Currently living in NYC
- No mammogram in the last 12 months

NYC DEPT OF BUILDINGS

Appointments available
from

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

One-on-one appointments to address your **general DOB and zoning questions, permits and open violations, stop work orders plus much, much more!**

UNCLAIMED FUNDS WITH THE NYS COMPTROLLER

A representative will be
in my office from

10 AM - 12:30 PM

Learn about the types of funds that are held by the NYS Comptroller and **see if you're eligible to file a claim and get your money back!**

First come first served, no appointment required.

**416 7th Avenue (between 13th
and 14th Streets)**

(718) 788-7221

I hope you'll make an appointment today and take advantage of these service providers being at my office to assist you.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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