



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES AND  
EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** The Future of Libraries and Their Integration of Electronic Materials.

**PURPOSE:** To examine the continued integration of electronic materials in public libraries and its impact on the evolution of infrastructure, operations, and offerings.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025  
10:00 A.M.  
Hearing Room B  
Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY

**ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY**

In response to growing demand, public libraries in New York State have been progressively integrating electronic materials into circulation and adopting on-site technologies for use by patrons and the community. According to the State Education Department, 98% of New York's public libraries currently offer e-books; additional offerings can include e-audiobooks, on-site computer use, Wi-Fi access, and technology classes. However, developing and maintaining this broader collection of materials and services poses both opportunities and challenges as libraries continue to adapt to such emerging technologies.

The Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology seeks to examine the continued integration of physical and electronic technology offered by public libraries and how it will influence the evolution of library operations, infrastructure, and circulating materials. The Committee welcomes testimony on the changes that libraries have and will face regarding infrastructure and capacity to accommodate continuous technological advancements, staffing, patron and staff digital literacy, and accessibility. Additionally, the Committee encourages feedback on the ways in which legislative action can bolster libraries in their role as community centers and support their ability to provide a diverse array of services.

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 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.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

**Honorable Robert Carroll**  
**Member of Assembly**  
**Chair**  
**Committee on Libraries and Education Technology**

**PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM**

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on the future of libraries and their integration of electronic materials are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email or fax it to:

Christopher Pappacena  
Committee Assistant  
Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology  
Room 513 – Capitol  
Albany, New York 12248  
Email: pappacenac@nyassembly.gov  
Phone: (518) 455-4881  
Fax: (518) 455-7250

- ☐ I plan to attend the following public hearing on the future of libraries and their integration of electronic materials. to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Libraries and Education Technology on October 14, 2025.
- ☐ I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- ☐ I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- ☐ I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- ☐ I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- ☐ I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- ☐ I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_