



SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Colleagues and Friends,

The Suffolk County Library Association has issued nearly a dozen statements, updates, and letters to our membership, and our state and federal representatives. The aim was to inform the reader of the potential implications of funding cuts and the impact it can have on towns, villages, and hamlets throughout Long Island and the rest of NYS. Each letter urged politicians to defend us, our industry, and the communities we serve. Each statement urged our members and their support networks to write to our representatives and echo the sentiment that *libraries are not luxuries -- they are lifelines*. We thank all you for the support, encouragement, and enthusiasm that you have shown us as we continue to fulfill our obligation to support, educate and advocate for our members, their libraries, and our communities.

While we still ask that you, your friends, family, and colleagues contact your NYS representative and demand they [increase state funding for libraries](#), we are reaching out to share that, because of the overwhelming support and member feedback, SCLA has decided to widen its advocacy efforts writing a Letter to the Editor of various local publications. We are happy to report that The East End Beacon is the first publication thus far to issue our letter to the public. Click [here](#) to read it!

Thank you for your time and attention.

On Behalf of The Suffolk County Library Association Board,

Anthony Giansante
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