



TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries –
Creating the Future: A 2020 Vision and Plan for Library Service in New York State

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AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Department staff will provide an update on policy recommendations for library services in New York State.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

The Board of Regents has a long history of leadership in providing policy recommendations for library services through a series of Commissions, statewide committees and task forces. Most recently, in April 2012, the Board of Regents accepted the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries policy recommendation report, *Creating the Future: A 2020 Vision and Plan for Library Service in New York State*, which provides sixty recommendations for improving and advancing library services.

The Department has used the Advisory Council's report, as it has used previous Commission and task force reports, as a key resource for developing statewide policies and program priorities. For example, New York's *Federal FY 2018-2022 Library*

Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year Plan, recently approved by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), addresses recommendations in the Advisory Council's 2012 report. Library staff will provide an update on implementation of the Advisory Council's 2012 report and share ideas for developing policy recommendations going forward.