



### The Registration of Public and Association Libraries in New York



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# Public and Association Libraries in New York

- 757 libraries with about 1100 locations
- More libraries than any other state

Many Librari<u>es</u>

**Broad Reach** 

Critically Important

- Serve more than 19 million New Yorkers
- Collect more than \$1.2 billion in local tax revenue
  - Critically important part of New York's education infrastructure
- Ensure all New Yorkers have access to lifelong learning opportunities.



# Legal Structures of Libraries

#### Association Library

 Private corporation established by members of an association

#### Municipal Library

- Established by a city, town or village.
  - Trustees are appointed by municipality.
- Municipality is responsible for securing adequate funding.

#### School District Public Library

- Established by residents of a school district.
- District residents vote to elect trustees and approve funding
- Independent of school district.

#### Special Legislative District Public Library

- Created by special act of legislation and a local vote.
- Serves unique boundaries.



## Incorporation by Charter

Defines a library's governance structure Establishes the library as an educational corporation

Defines a library's service area





Allows a library to operate and is required by CR 90.1 and CR 90.2



Requires demonstrated compliance with Minimum Standards for Public Libraries



Allows a library to accept local and state public funds

Brings public and association libraries under NYSED's regulatory umbrella

Library Registration



# Standards for Registration of Public and Association Libraries (CR 90.2)

Written bylaws	Long-range plan	Written policies	Budget
Evaluation of services	of Meets required open hours	Adequate facility	Public programs
Online circulatior system	Website	Paid library director	Annual staff training
Partnerships			



## Maintaining Registration

- Compliance with Minimum Standards for Public Libraries
- Submission of Annual Report for Public Libraries

Requirements

#### Failure to Maintain Registration

- Loss of State funding
- Loss of ability to collect local public funding

- Removal of trustees for failure to uphold duties
- Loss or suspension of charter

Possible Actions by Regents



# Thank you



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