TO: Cultural Education Committee
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion


Reason(s) for Consideration

The Committee received the report made by the Advisory Council on Libraries at its April 2012 meeting and directed staff to analyze the report and its recommendations.

Proposed Handling

State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Bernard Margolis will review the priority outcomes and strategic areas reflected in the report and present proposed strategies for analysis of the report’s recommendations and development of a statewide vision for libraries.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Regents adopt the proposed model for analysis of the report and development of a statewide plan for library services.
Creating the Future:  
A 2020 Vision Plan for Library Service in New York State

Review and Analysis Plan  
2012 to 2013

PRIORITY OUTCOMES AND STRATEGIC AREAS:

- **Priority Outcome 1 – ACCESS** - All New Yorkers will have improved access to library resources that advance and enhance their personal, educational and working lives.
  - Strategic ACCESS areas:
    - E-resources and digital collections 24/7
    - Highly skilled library leaders and staff
    - Conveniently located, accessible buildings equipped with the latest public access technologies, high-speed broadband and space for civic engagement and learning.
    - Comprehensive collections, for today and for future generations

- **Priority Outcome 2 – LIFELONG LEARNING** - New Yorkers will benefit from libraries that are community learning spaces offering high-quality lifelong learning, literacy, and knowledge creation opportunities that enhance civic engagement and economic vitality.
  - Strategic LIFELONG LEARNING areas:
    - Early education and family literacy programs
    - Information/digital literacy for college and career readiness
    - Knowledge creation and dissemination

- **Priority Outcome 3 – STATEWIDE IMPACT** - All New Yorkers will benefit from statewide library programs and services that effectively leverage private and public funding through collaboration and partnerships, maximizing value and building capacity.
  - Strategic STATEWIDE IMPACT areas:
    - Collaborative, networked statewide library services infrastructure
    - Statewide programs and services that enable shared services and build local capacity
    - Productive partnerships that maximize value and impact

PROJECTED TIMELINE:

- July - December 2012 – Confirm the priority outcomes and strategic areas with stakeholders and identify key partners and initial actions.
- January - June 2013 – Work with stakeholders to develop recommendations for short-term legislative, regulatory, program or other changes or leadership responsibility for specific actions.
- July - December 2013 – Work with stakeholders to develop recommendations for long-term legislative, regulatory or program changes.