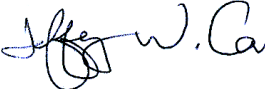THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Developing new leaders in libraries

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

The State Library is coordinating New York State's participation in ILEAD USA, a nationwide grant-funded project to develop leadership in libraries. The project is funded by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For Information. Education Law section 269 directs the department provide advice, assistance or instruction on the practice, organization and administration of libraries across the state.

Background Information

The State Library is partnering with the Illinois State Library, the New York Library Association and the Mid-York Library System, in the multi-state nationwide ILEAD USA (Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover) program. ILEAD is designed to increase the leadership, collaboration and technology skills of library and library system staff from all types of institutions.

ILEAD participants work in teams to address an identified statewide, regional or local community need and develop a product, which is shared via the web. Each team can be up to five members and can consist of either a single library type or a variety of library types from either a local, regional or statewide area.

New York State's eight ILEAD teams will focus on the following library-related issues:

Team #1: NAME: Docless Cult: Composed of State Library staff
Project: Will address the statewide need for increasing participation of smaller cultural institutions in statewide digitization efforts

Team #2: NAME: Sharing the Empire State's History: Composed of State Library staff
Project: Will address the statewide need for expanding access to State Library special collections through the use of social media

Team #3: NAME: Hear All About It: Composed of State Library staff
Project: Will address the need to expand awareness of the State's Talking Book and Braille Library services

Team #4: NAME: Collaborative Trustee: Composed of public library system staff statewide
Project: Will address the need for standardized, collaborative public library trustee training

Team #5: NAME: 50 Shades of Awesome: Composed of Mid-York LS staff and public library staff from the Utica area
Project: Will explore how library websites can be made more accessible through apps and mobile devices

Team #6: NAME: Virtual Libraries: Composed of school library staff in the Onondaga Courtland Madison BOCES service area
Project: Will develop a plan for delivering library services to Tech High Schools

Team #7: NAME: Premier Learning: Composed of school library system directors statewide
Project: Developing a digital platform for the *Empire State Information Fluency Curriculum*

Team #8: NAME: Mobile Collaboratory: Composed of librarians from public, school and academic institutions in the Red Hook area, including Bard College
Project: Will plan and develop a mobile Makerspace lab