



TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Report from the Advisory Council on Libraries

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

The Advisory Council on Libraries will give an update to the Cultural Education Committee on various issues and activities involving libraries in New York State.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information. 8 NYCRR 3.12 (3) establishes an advisory council on libraries to serve as an advisory body “with which the officers of the department may consult regarding any matters involving institutions in the University or registered in the department.” The advisory council on libraries consists of twelve members.

Background Information

The committee will receive a briefing on planning activities for the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the State Library. In addition, presentations will be given on three successful library programs happening now. The committee will receive an update on broadband implementation and expansion in public libraries across the state. Staff from the Fayetteville Public Library and Upstate Medical will present on a joint project to help school-age children learn about good practices and habits for keeping their pets healthy. Those practices and habits translate to good health practices and habits for the children who care for their pets. Staff from the Rochester International School will inform the committee about their “makerspace” and other projects that support student achievement.

The advisory committee will conclude with an update of their recommendations for library programs and policy that were previously presented to the board through the council’s 2020 Vision report.