

Reopening Libraries



THE ROLES OF LIBRARIES DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC

- DIGITAL EQUITY
- COMMUNITY RESILIENCE
- ADOPTING ACCESSIBLE SERVICE MODELS









ROLE OF THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY







- Advance the digital equity priorities established in the Outline for Collaborative Change
- Distribute CARES Act and ARPA funding to libraries and cultural organizations.
- Support public libraries' reopening.
- Continue to expand the reach of NYSL services.





ACHIEVING DIGITAL EQUITY IN NEW YORK:

An Outline for Collaborative Change



BACKGROUND







- Disparities Around Income and Race
- Digital Equity and Schools
- Government Efforts to Address Digital Inequity



OUTLINE FOR COLLABORATIVE CHANGE







- State-level prioritization of Digital Inclusion
- Thriving Digital Equity Ecosystems Across the Entire State
- A Shift from Digital Equity to Digital Justice



NEXT STEPS







- June 15 Summit
- Prepare state and partners to make good use of federal Funding
- Continue to nurture partnerships
- Develop a Digital Equity Plan for the Department





THANK YOU!

