



Dear Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Quinn, and Council Member Rodriguez,

I am very worried that the library services I depend on would be severely curtailed if the proposed funding cuts are not restored.

Libraries are lifelines. On Staten Island, a refugee fulfilled his dreams by learning to read and write at the St. George Library Center. In the Bronx, a teenager got off the streets and found her future at Mott Haven Library. And in Manhattan, an immigrant father is learning English at Seward Park Library, determined to make a better life for his family. There are millions of stories like these, including mine.

Please remember that especially in these hard times, neighborhood libraries like mine keep New Yorkers afloat. Our local librarians do so much for so many—helping jobless people get back on their feet, providing free computer access to my friends and neighbors who rely on it, providing safe and productive spaces and programs for our kids and teens, and so much more.

The New York Public Library would lose tens of millions of dollars under the proposed budget, suffering the worst cuts in its history. Thousands of career and computer classes, ESOL services, and programs for children and seniors would disappear. Hundreds of staff members would lose their jobs.

Bottom line: our libraries are the root of countless essential services that keep our neighborhoods strong. Together, with the Brooklyn Public Library and Queens Library, we need your support.

Please restore funding to libraries.

Sincerely,

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