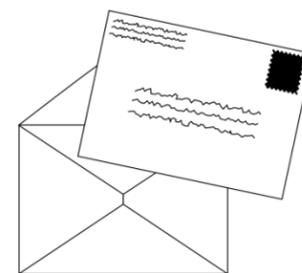


SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING

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I SUPPORT MY LIBRARY AND MY LIBRARY SUPPORTS ME....

An old fashioned letter writing campaign I supporting Libraries

Whether you use a public, school, academic, hospital, research or other library, the fact is that Libraries are the **best** places for guiding you to the most credible and useful information! They are also places where **anyone** can visit (physically or virtually) and enjoy the pleasure of reading and learning.

In effect, libraries are both treasures and tools, shared by everyone – but not everyone knows this. **Don't take your library for granted!**

The most effective game changer for library funding is when government officials, *who control library funding*, receive personal letters from constituents, describing ways their library is important to them. **So now we are asking YOU to write that letter – right here, right now!**

Here's what you can do:

1. Select a sheet of paper, envelope and, pen or pencil from the Letter Box
2. Please include your full address at the bottom particularly if you want a response.
3. Then, after your salutation ("*Dear Senator X*" or *Dear Assembly Member Y*"), simply write out, in your own words, **WHY YOU NEED YOUR LIBRARY or SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!** You can be brief or not. Like this (this is just a sample not real people):

August 2, 2018

Dear Senator Smith,

I am writing to tell you I need my library because it is a place I can go to see what is happening in the community and because I can get books, videos, and music all for free and that align with my interests.

Thank you,

Betty Brown

54 Davis Street

Buffalo, NY 14221

If you feel "stuck," here are some "prompts" to help you:

- I support my library because my library supports my reading interests
- I support my library because it provides child storytime
- I need my library because it is the place I like to go to do my homework
- I need my library because I can read/download the latest books for free
- I need my library because it is where my "XYZ" group regularly meets
- I need my library because it is where I can use the Internet
- I need my library because it is a place where I can get help finding what I need for... (*finding a job*), (*researching needed information*), (*to complete a home project*), (*with help from a librarian*), and so on
- I need my library because it is somewhere I can take my grandchildren
- I need my library because....

4. Remember to write the name and address of the Senator/Assembly Member on the outside of the envelope, like this:

*Betty Brown
54 Davis Street
Buffalo NY 14221*

*Senator Sam Smith
456 Central Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14444*

5. "Post" your letter in the "Mailbox" next to the Letter Box and we'll make sure it gets to the right person!!!

That's it! We will be collecting your letters until December 30, 2018. Your library needs you and, thanks you!!