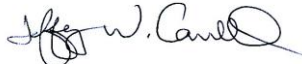





TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 
SUBJECT: Update on Library Construction Program
DATE: September 9, 2015
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

An update for members of the committee on current projects that have received funding under the \$14 million library construction program.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For Information. Education Law, section 273-a provides state support for library construction projects statewide.

Background Information

The 2014-15 enacted budget provided \$14 million in capital funds to support public library construction projects. Libraries could apply for a construction award that could fund up to 75 percent of a project. The minimum award was \$2,500 (for a total project cost of \$5,000 with matching funds from the library). The Department awarded 182 grants to public libraries and public library systems throughout New York State for a wide variety of projects. A complete listing of all of the awards is available on the State Library's web site at: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construc/14m_pls15.htm.

The awards provide funding for the following categories:

\$3.5 Million - Energy Conservation	\$0.84 Million – Building Expansion
\$5.18 Million - Renovation and Rehab	\$0.56 Million – New Construction
\$0.14 Million – Site Acquisition	\$1.26 Million – Safety
	\$2.52 Million – Accessibility

Staff will highlight some projects and report on the overall impact of the program.