

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. Library Legislation Day
 - a. Josh will give you an update on Leg Day in his report.
 - b. Library advocacy does not start and end with Leg Day. Our representatives need to be reminded that during these very trying economic times, it is more crucial than ever to maintain visibility. Our services are extremely important to those seeking jobs, students, and the public in general. Keep the exchange of information going and continue to remind our legislators that library services are valuable in good economic times. In rough economic times the services they offer are vital to those in poor socio-economic conditions. The demand for library services is on the rise, and this is not the time for libraries to be forced to cut these services due to inadequate funding.
 - c. Think of creative ways to keep libraries and the many community services they offer in the public eye.
2. Continue our interaction with member library boards, whenever possible.
 - a. Continue to let them know we are there to help them.
 - b. Remind them of the educational and training opportunities that the System offers.
3. NYSALB Trustee Institute will be on May 1st and 2nd in Syracuse, NY at the Renaissance Hotel. Additional information is available at www.nysalb.org. The 2005 Trustee Handbook is also available at that site. If you want to join NYSALB's electronic discussion group, start a discussion or send a question to other trustees, send an email to nysalb@www.watpa.org.