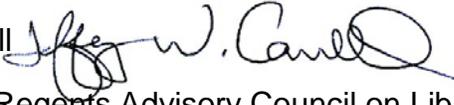




TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 
SUBJECT: Report of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries
DATE: June 10, 2013

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Policy recommendations for library services in New York State from the Advisory Council on Libraries.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Regents Rules 3.2(a)(3) establish the Advisory Council on Libraries to provide consultation to the Department on matters affecting libraries. The Committee will review policy recommendations made by the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries.

Proposed Handling

Staff and members of the Advisory Council will update the committee on activities to date that address the recommendations of the Advisory Council for changes in policy affecting libraries.

Background Information

In April 2010, the Board of Regents challenged the library community to rethink the State's vast array of library services to ensure that they are aligned with modern expectations and the expanded functions needed in today's society, operate with improved efficiency, and are prepared for the future as an essential and vibrant part of the State's educational and international infrastructure. Working through the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, library users, trustees, staff and other stakeholder groups have spoken out with regard to their libraries, offering not only affirmation of the importance of libraries, but also numerous suggestions for progress and models of success.

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