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NYC LIBRARY BUDGET 101

How it works and how
YOU can help!



Program to Eliminate the Gap (PEG)

Libraries can still get cuts even after the budget is passed. The City Charter **requires** NYC to have a balanced budget, so the mayor reevaluates revenue and expenses several times a year. He then releases new "Financial Plans" in:

November | January | April

These plans can be voted down by the City Council, but rarely are. The Mayor can change the budget several times a year.

PEG? More like UGH, am I right?

What can I do?

Easy → Hard

- Get a Library Card!
- Check out some books
- Sign an e-petition
- Send your city councilmember a postcard
- Call your council member
- Join a library friends group!
- Attend a rally
- Testify at a hearing
- Organize your neighbors

Public Libraries in NYC

There are 3 library systems serving NYC. Each is an independent non-profit chartered by the State Education Department and governed by a Board of Trustees.

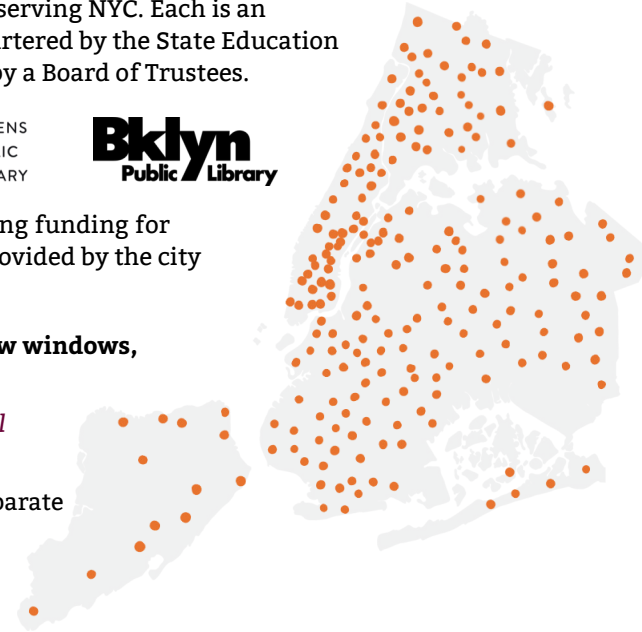


The vast majority of operating funding for library services in NYC is provided by the city in the annual budget.

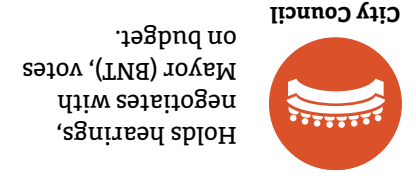
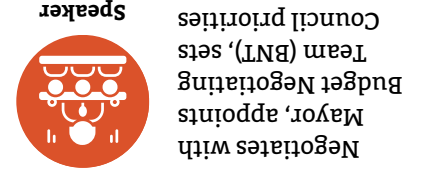
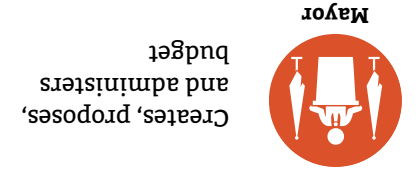
Why can my library get new windows, but not be open more?

Operating Funding v Capital Funding!

Capital funding is totally separate from operating funding and CAN'T legally be used for salaries and books!



Who does what?



What Happens When?

Jan Mayor releases the Preliminary Budget
Feb City Council and organizations analyze the Preliminary Budget
Mar Council holds hearings on Preliminary Budget
Apr Council releases Preliminary Budget report
National Library Week!
Mayor releases Executive Budget
May Council holds Executive Budget hearings
Budget negotiations begin
Mayor and Speaker come to a budget agreement
Jun Council holds vote on budget by midnight 6/30