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Now on another topic, How important would you say public libraries in New York are to our system of educating and providing access to information for all New Yorkers? Would you say public libraries are:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Very important to that system	75%	79%	63%	80%	68%	81%	86%	74%	70%	75%	75%	80%	75%	70%	72%	87%	83%	73%	76%	75%	72%	67%	75%	82%	83%	72%	68%
Somewhat important to that system	19%	16%	30%	15%	24%	15%	12%	21%	22%	21%	19%	14%	18%	25%	22%	10%	14%	21%	18%	20%	22%	20%	22%	13%	11%	23%	27%
Not very important to that system	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	1%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%	1%	5%	3%	3%	4%	10%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Not at all important to that system	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Have you or another member of your household used the resources, that is, the books, DVDs, e-books, computers, or internet connections of a public library in New York in the last six months?																											
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Yes	68%	68%	66%	69%	62%	72%	74%	70%	62%	72%	66%	65%	70%	69%	67%	71%	71%	72%	75%	60%	67%	55%	65%	75%	68%	69%	69%
No	32%	32%	34%	30%	37%	27%	26%	30%	37%	28%	33%	35%	29%	31%	32%	28%	28%	28%	25%	39%	32%	45%	34%	25%	32%	31%	31%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Is the internet connection of a public library in New York State your PRIMARY means of accessing the internet?																											
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Yes	14%	14%	12%	13%	15%	14%	14%	14%	14%	8%	17%	21%	7%	12%	10%	27%	30%	16%	11%	16%	10%	6%	21%	12%	23%	14%	3%
No	85%	85%	88%	86%	84%	86%	86%	85%	85%	92%	83%	77%	93%	88%	90%	72%	69%	83%	89%	83%	90%	94%	78%	87%	76%	85%	97%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
And what about the programs offered at New York State public libraries, have you or another member of your household participated in a program, workshop, seminar or event like a story-time reading at a public library in New York in the last six months?																											
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Yes	36%	33%	35%	40%	27%	43%	37%	38%	33%	42%	34%	33%	38%	37%	36%	39%	40%	45%	35%	32%	33%	31%	39%	36%	38%	38%	33%
No	63%	66%	64%	60%	72%	56%	63%	62%	66%	57%	66%	66%	61%	62%	64%	60%	60%	55%	64%	67%	66%	69%	61%	64%	62%	62%	67%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(If participated in programs) Of the following library programs, which ones have you or another household member participated in over the last six months? [CHOICES ROTATED]																											
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Story time or some other program for young children	53%	44%	62%	57%	49%	55%	47%	56%	58%	52%	54%	53%	47%	59%	56%	49%	61%	60%	63%	39%	55%	45%	62%	45%	55%	41%	64%
Job seeking or some other career building program	28%	34%	15%	34%	27%	29%	35%	27%	24%	26%	29%	44%	27%	15%	19%	53%	33%	37%	31%	19%	18%	26%	34%	30%	41%	28%	14%
Computer or software training	26%	31%	27%	21%	24%	27%	32%	23%	28%	26%	27%	36%	22%	20%	25%	43%	31%	23%	25%	30%	22%	25%	32%	18%	35%	33%	13%
An educational, arts or cultural program	58%	57%	53%	69%	63%	56%	61%	62%	53%	62%	58%	58%	65%	54%	57%	65%	56%	63%	58%	55%	52%	64%	72%	60%	67%	56%	59%
A book club	26%	29%	25%	25%	20%	30%	32%	24%	29%	27%	27%	29%	19%	29%	24%	44%	26%	25%	27%	23%	19%	26%	36%	22%	35%	25%	17%
Vol: Some other program	4%	4%	1%	6%	3%	5%	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%	3%	4%	6%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	6%	0%	4%	5%	6%	2%	7%
Don't know/Refused	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%

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Last year's enacted New York State Budget included \$86.6 million in library system aid. That was an increase of a 1.2 percent from the previous year but still less than the \$102 million mandated in the New York State Education Law. At the same time, state education funding increased last year by 5.3 percent. Which of the following positions on library system aid would you support for the upcoming 2015 New York State Budget? [CHOICES ROTATED]																											
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Keep library system aid unchanged at \$86.6 million	28%	25%	36%	30%	25%	31%	26%	29%	32%	31%	27%	29%	32%	25%	28%	32%	29%	29%	30%	27%	33%	24%	28%	24%	25%	30%	32%
Cut library system aid	5%	3%	8%	8%	9%	3%	1%	3%	10%	5%	6%	3%	6%	7%	6%	0%	4%	10%	4%	4%	6%	11%	4%	2%	5%	5%	4%
Increase library system aid by about as much as last year, around 1 percent	19%	16%	19%	23%	20%	18%	19%	17%	22%	15%	20%	13%	17%	25%	20%	15%	16%	16%	19%	20%	20%	19%	18%	18%	19%	22%	18%
Increase library system aid by the same percentage increase as state education funding receives this year	14%	16%	14%	8%	14%	14%	16%	15%	13%	17%	13%	14%	14%	14%	14%	16%	14%	13%	14%	15%	15%	13%	12%	17%	14%	13%	15%
Increase library system aid by about \$15 million to the level mandated by New York State Education Law	29%	36%	19%	27%	30%	29%	37%	32%	20%	31%	29%	36%	25%	25%	29%	33%	32%	29%	32%	28%	22%	28%	32%	38%	33%	27%	28%
Don't know/Refused	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	2%	7%	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	3%	2%

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Nature of the Sample	
New York State Registered Voters	
Party	
Democrat	46%
Republican	22%
Independent/Other	25%
Region	
NYC	39%
Suburbs	25%
Upstate	36%
Political View	
Liberal	26%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	28%
Union Household	
Yes	28%
No	70%
Religion	
Catholic	34%
Jewish	8%
Protestant	31%
Other	21%
Age	
18 to 34	22%
35 to 54	36%
55 and older	36%
Gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%
Race/Ethnicity	
White	68%
African American/Black	13%
Latino	10%
Income	
Less than \$50,000	28%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	30%
\$100,000 or more	26%