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Senator Valesky Named Member of Senate Select Committee on Libraries

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State Senator David J. Valesky (D-Oneida) was named to a newly-created bipartisan Senate Select Committee on Libraries.

“Libraries are an integral resource in our communities, providing access to books, technology and education to people of all ages,” Senator Valesky said. “I am pleased to serve on this committee, to focus on the specific needs of libraries in Central New York and across the state.”

The 19-member Select Committee may conduct meetings, conferences and public hearings, gather information and make recommendations on library-related legislative proposals.

New York State has 750 public libraries, and that total rises to 7,000 when academic, school and special libraries are included. There are dozens of libraries and several library systems within the 49th Senate district.

Senator Valesky has been a supporter of libraries throughout his service in the Senate. In 2011, he earned an “A” rating from New Yorkers for Better Libraries for his legislative work with respect to libraries.