



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Addabbo Appointed to New Bi-Partisan Senate Select Committee on Libraries

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Queens, NY, (Date), 2012: State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D-Queens) has been appointed to serve on a new, bipartisan Senate Select Committee on Libraries to explore how New York can better support and provide assistance to the more than 7,000 libraries that are located throughout every region of the Empire State.

“Here in the Borough of Queens, where we are served by a truly top-notch local library system, the importance of libraries is clear and cannot be overstated,” said Senator Addabbo. “They are places to check out books, do homework, surf the Internet, search for jobs, take advantage of innovative programming serving many different interests and groups of people, and much, much more. I am delighted to join this special committee and work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to provide New York’s libraries with the support they need to prosper and continue their vital role in our society.”

Senator Addabbo noted that he is also a member of the Senate Committee on Education, and that his appointment to the special panel on

libraries will complement his efforts to improve learning opportunities for all New Yorkers.

“Our libraries are truly democratic institutions – serving people of all ages, backgrounds, and incomes – and they seek to provide everyone with an equal opportunity to gain knowledge and more easily participate in a society that is becoming more technology-driven every day,” said Senator Addabbo. “Libraries make unique contributions to our neighborhoods and to our overall economy, and deserve special attention from the New York State Senate.”

The first meeting of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries will be held in Albany on March 5th, and is expected to focus on public library funding issues.