



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

# Ritchie, Library Groups Meet To Discuss Ways To Strengthen Local Libraries

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State Senator Patty Ritchie met recently with members of the North Country Library System and Northern New York Library Network to discuss ways to work together in an effort to strengthen libraries and expand the resources they provide to patrons.

Earlier this week, Senator Ritchie was named Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Libraries, which she has served on since 2012.

A strong supporter of libraries, Senator Ritchie advocated for a \$9 million boost in funding for libraries in the most recent state budget. In addition, she recently announced \$137,000 in special funding for 32 libraries in Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties and two library networks—the North Country Library System and the Northern New York Library Network—that serve local communities.