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# **Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Requests More Mobile Book Service For Hunters Point**

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LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris asked the Queens Public Library to increase mobile book services for residents of Hunters Point. While area residents still wait for the completion of a new library in their neighborhood.

“Hunters Point is a thriving vibrant neighborhood with young families who need library services,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I ask the Queens Public Library to accommodate this need while we await the completion of the long-anticipated Hunters Point Library.”

“The Hunters Point community is eager for public library service to launch in the community. As we wait for the completion of Hunters Point Library, an additional day of mobile library service would provide greater access to library materials, especially to children who attend school nearby,” said **Meghan Cirrito, President, Friends of the Court Square Library**.

Hunters Point has been awaiting completion of a new library building for many years. One of the fastest-growing neighborhoods in New York, it is home to young families with school-aged children and schools including PS/IS 78 and Hunters Point Middle School.

Senator Gianaris’ full letter appears below:

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Dennis Walcott

President, Queens Public Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard

Jamaica, New York 11432

Dear President Walcott,

I am writing on behalf of my Hunters Point neighbors. With summer upon us and the Hunters Point library construction still in progress, the youth in our community are in need of greater access to library services over the coming months. That is why I am requesting an additional day of mobile book service in the Hunters Point community.

The young people served by the yet-to-be-opened library would benefit tremendously from additional mobile book service while we wait for the library to open. With more access to books and library materials, we can work to prevent the “summer slide” and find new ways to engage young people in the world of reading.

I appreciate your attention to this request and look forward to finding new ways to collaborate and serve the people of western Queens.

Sincerely,

Senator Michael Gianaris

Deputy Majority Leader