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Senator Toby Ann Stavisky enjoys reading to elementary school students through a Virtual Story Time with the Queens Public Library

Senator Stavisky: I enjoyed reading to the young kids earlier this week, albeit through Zoom. The Queens Public Library is doing a fantastic job in finding creative ways to engage and educate our children while respecting the COVID-19 health concerns facing our community.

Earlier this week Senator Toby Ann Stavisky joined the Queens Public Library for a virtual story time with children twelve years old and younger. Senator Stavisky chose to read “Grace for President” by Kelly DiPucchio. The story is about an ambitious young girl who, upon finding out there has never been a woman President, sets her sights on the Oval Office by running for class president.

“There are many reasons why I love this book. As the first woman from Queens County elected to the State Senate, I understand the challenges women face in running for elected office,” says Senator Stavisky. “I also believe this book paints with a broader brush, encouraging any youngster to strive for their goals and dreams, no matter what gender, color or creed they may be. Additionally, ‘Grace for President’ does a great job in providing an introductory look into our political process, while teaching children about various American political institutions.”

Senator Stavisky received this book from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University as part of their "Teach a Girl to Lead" reading series, which encourages women legislators to help inspire young girls to become leaders.