

The governor wants to cut
funding for libraries by \$25 million...

CLOSED DUE TO BUDGET CUTS

...Assemblyman Michael Montesano
won't stand for that!



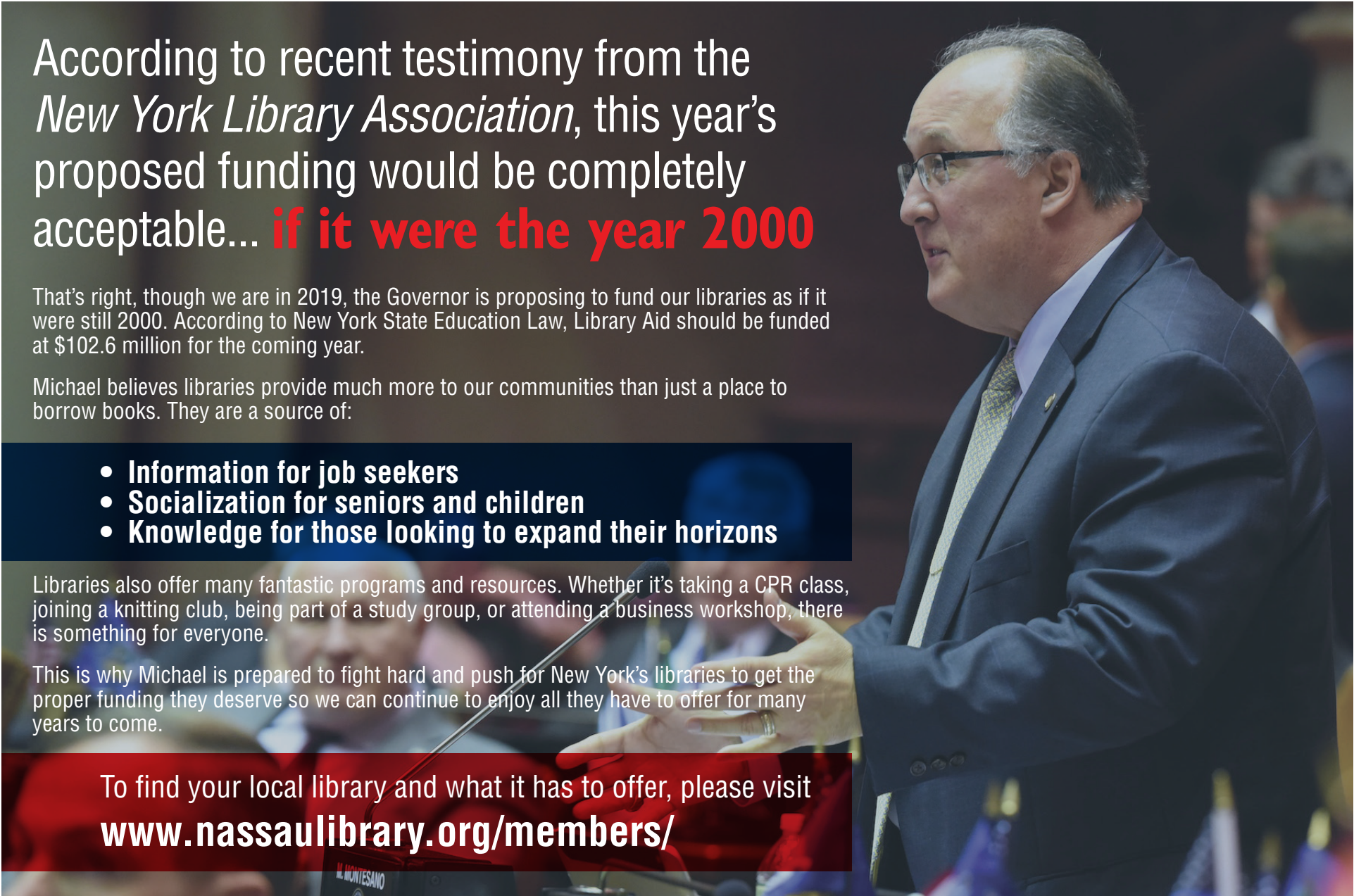
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Last year, Gov. Cuomo proposed a **\$4 million cut** to New York's Library Aid.

Michael Montesano **successfully fought to restore the \$4 million and even acquired a \$1 million increase in funding, bringing total Library Aid to \$96.6 million.**

Michael also obtained **\$34 million for the State Library Construction Program**, which funds much needed infrastructure improvements in libraries statewide.

This year, the governor
is proposing to cut
\$25 million from our
libraries, which
Michael plans to **STOP!**

A large background image of Michael Montesano, a man with glasses and a dark suit, speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking into a microphone. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in the room.

According to recent testimony from the *New York Library Association*, this year's proposed funding would be completely acceptable... **if it were the year 2000**

That's right, though we are in 2019, the Governor is proposing to fund our libraries as if it were still 2000. According to New York State Education Law, Library Aid should be funded at \$102.6 million for the coming year.

Michael believes libraries provide much more to our communities than just a place to borrow books. They are a source of:

- **Information for job seekers**
- **Socialization for seniors and children**
- **Knowledge for those looking to expand their horizons**

Libraries also offer many fantastic programs and resources. Whether it's taking a CPR class, joining a knitting club, being part of a study group, or attending a business workshop, there is something for everyone.

This is why Michael is prepared to fight hard and push for New York's libraries to get the proper funding they deserve so we can continue to enjoy all they have to offer for many years to come.

To find your local library and what it has to offer, please visit
www.nassaulibrary.org/members/



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