

OUR MISSION :

TO AMPLIFY, STRENGTHEN, AND PROGRESS THE FUTURES OF NEW YORK CITY'S THREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS THROUGH COMMUNITY-LED ORGANIZING, ACTION, AND INCREASED FUNDING.

OUR CORE VALUES :

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- **LIBRARIES ARE RADICAL**
 - To pursue education and critical thought is a radical act.
 - Public libraries are thus inherently political spaces: they provide resources for people of all ages, backgrounds, and ways of life.
- **COMMONS ARE A MODEL FOR THE FUTURE**
 - Public libraries are a model for the power of the public commons to build the emancipatory and liberatory futures our communities deserve.
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WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON :

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HOW DO WE WORK ?

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