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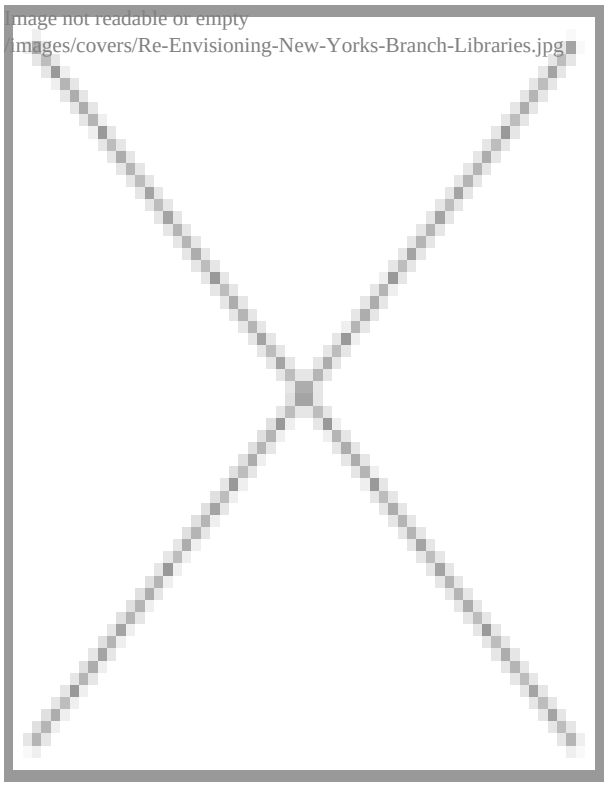
De Blasio's time to lead on libraries

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Giles is the co-author of Re-Envisioning New York's Branch Libraries, a Center for an Urban Future report published in September which documents the extensive infrastructure needs of the city's branch libraries and provides first-of-its-kind blueprint for repairing, modernizing and expanding branches throughout the five boroughs.



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