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First: What About Delivery?

Statewide Delivery will
continue through June 2019



**New Jersey Library Network
was established in 1980s**



It has always been flat funded



The housing bubble burst in 2008



Strategic decision to use reserves to fund services that support the mission:

We connect all New Jersey's libraries to each other and the resources they need to serve their communities.



Triple-Whammy in FY19

1. Flat-funded since FY11
2. FY19 commits *all* available reserves to provide service
3. Delivery costs increased by 45% in FY19 to true market value

Board considered income

1. Cost-share employee benefits
2. Use all reserves
3. Cost-share library delivery

Board considered 3 options

1. Sustainable funding → *Aspirational*
Identified \$370,000 gap
2. Provide only delivery → *One service*
3. Use reserves → *Dissolve Nonprofit*
Continues delivery through June 2019
Continues CE & MentorNJ to March

State Library's Response


- Immediately identified \$85,000 as a one-time supplement to LibraryLinkNJ funds for FY19 + an additional \$8,060 in shared expenses = \$93,060
- Is working with LibraryLinkNJ to find long-term solutions to provide service



FY 19 Budget Assumptions



What's Next



Time for Questions for LibraryLinkNJ



Norms for Communication

- Respectful to all
- Forum for to ask the hard, complex questions and get up-to-date answers
- Use the microphone
- Introduce yourself and your library/ and affiliation
- In order to hear from many, we'll observe a one-question limit per person in the first round of Q&A