



A-4815

Save LibraryLinkNJ

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Please Call Your Legislators Today!

Over the last 30 years, LibraryLinkNJ has been proud to provide you with a variety of services, from delivering books and materials to training library staff. It has been our honor to work with and serve all of you in this capacity.

LibraryLinkNJ is now in danger of imminent closure. We currently face a budget deficit of \$370,000. This deficit has occurred due to a variety of factors beyond our control. The cost of providing our services has increased substantially, while our state funding was cut dramatically after the Great Recession of 2008, and has remained flat ever since.

We have done everything in our power to make up this funding deficit, but our reserves have now been depleted. If we are unable to secure additional funding, we will begin the process of closing in early 2019, permanently shutting down in June. **We want to remain open.** Not just because of our personal involvement and investment in the vibrancy of library services in New Jersey, but because we recognize the undue burden this closure would place on you and the taxpayers of your community.

So we're asking for your help! Assemblymen Bob Andrzejczak (District 1) and R. Bruce Land (District 1) have just introduced a bill in the New Jersey Assembly that would provide enough funding to preserve full services via LibraryLinkNJ through the end of the current fiscal year. The bill, A-4815, must now make its way through the legislative process by January 31 if we are to save this vital organization.

We are asking that you, your family, and your friends email or call your legislators to let them know you support A-4815, and that you would like them to support it, as well. You can find your legislators by clicking on this link and selecting your town from the list:

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/selectmun.asp>

Please contact your State Senator and both of your representatives in the General Assembly. Once you locate them on the website, click "Contact Your Legislator(s)" to email them and express your support for A-4815.

The clock is ticking. Every minute we move forward without securing this funding is a minute we inch closer to permanently shutting down. We are incredibly grateful to have worked for and with you, and we thank you for your support. We hope you will work with us to save LibraryLinkNJ today!



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