Virtual Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Welcome and please stand by – we will begin shortly!

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Today’s Agenda

- Monthly Town Hall meetings scheduled
- PowerPoint Overview
- Q&A
- Wrap-Up and What You Can Do?
Plan for the best …
Prepare for the worst
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
- Use the chat box (we’ll read your questions aloud)
- In order to hear from many, we’ll observe a one-question limit per person in the first round of Q&A
How you can be involved:

- Survey
- Advocacy support form
- Tell us your LLNJ impact story