



# Town Hall FY 19 Meeting

**Wednesday, March 26, 2019  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

***Welcome and please stand by –  
we will begin shortly!***

**Ranjna Das, Executive Board President  
Kathy Schalk-Greene, Executive Director**



# Today's Agenda

- Board Decision for Staffing Structure FY19
- FY19 Funding Legislation Update
- Meetings: State Library
- Q&A/Wrap-Up



# **Mantra for this Year**

Plan for the best

Prepare for the worst

Leave no stone unturned

# LLNJ Executive Board: Feb. 7

- Services
  - Delivery
  - Limited Professional Development and Continuing Education for NJ library staff
  - Innovation Projects only with Outside funding



# **The reality of a decade of flat funding:**

- Reassessing our initiatives and capabilities
- Paring down the staffing and office structure
- Developing innovative ideas for outside funding partnerships



# **The reality of a decade of flat funding:**

- Continuing our record of fiscal responsibility and being careful stewards of taxpayer dollars
- Continuing as an nimble organization dedicated to maximizing opportunities for member libraries


# LLNJ Executive Board: March 21

- Curtailed funding for the current fiscal year means staff position terminations are finalized

# What does this really mean?

- The Board has terminated two full-time positions:
  - Program Coordinator & Social Media Manager, Sophie Brookover (effective April 30)
  - Assistant Director, Joanne Roukens (effective June 30)



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- We deeply regret the loss of these valuable staff members, but the lack of adequate New Jersey Library Network funding has left us no choice.



# Which staff positions continue?

- Executive Director
- IT Online Project Manager & Program Coordinator
- Business Manager
- Member Services
- Clerical Assistant (part-time)

# Delivery Update

- Delivery administered by LLNJ through June 2019 (per LLNJ/NJSL contract)
- LLNJ has renewed delivery contract with TForce/Final Mile through December 31, 2019

# Delivery Update

- LLNJ anticipates continuing contract with NJSL for FY20 (July 2019 - June 2020)
- NJSL requested continued cost share for delivery for FY20
- LLNJ Delivery Task Force will work with on cost share

# LLNJ Membership Meeting

- Scheduled for:
  - Wednesday, June 5 (*new date*)  
Monroe Township Public Library  
(Middlesex County)
  - Voting representatives will vote on FY20 strategic initiatives, budget and Board slate
  - No online voting

# Legislative Action Update

- Introduced bill A4815 and S3395 for \$750,000 for NJ Library Network for FY19
- NJ Library Network funds LLNJ delivery

# Thank You for Your Advocacy

- After the Governor's Budget message on March 5 all attention turned to the FY20 budget considerations
- LLNJ supports bills for increased Per Capita State Aid for Public Libraries: A3801 and S2668

# Meetings with NJ State Library

- Ongoing meetings
- Practical aspects of continuation
- Exploration of potential office space





# **Time for Questions**

# Norms for Communication

- Respectful to all
- Use the chat box (we'll read questions aloud)
- To hear from many, we'll observe a one-question limit per person in the first round of Q&A
- FAQ:  
<http://librarylinknj.org/support/FAQ>



**Be an advocate for LibraryLinkNJ!**

**Tell us your LLNJ impact story!**

**<http://librarylinknj.org/support>**



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