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Fast Facts: Delivery

Statewide Library Delivery is an excellent example of shared services among state and local government agencies. This service provides cost-effective and efficient distribution of popular library materials, putting shared resources directly into the hands of New Jersey residents.

LibraryLinkNJ works with the New Jersey State Library and over 400 libraries throughout the state on delivery, positively affecting the lives of New Jersey residents.

This snapshot of the value of Statewide Library Delivery highlights its excellent return on the investment of taxpayer dollars:

• Items delivered July 2016 - June 2017:

5 million

Value of items delivered (at average cost of \$20/item):

\$100 million

• Number of libraries receiving delivery in every county of the state:

Over 400

| Participating Libraries By Type: | |
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| Public libraries | 271 |
| School libraries | 80 |
| Academic libraries | 47 |
| Special libraries | 7 |
| Library-related agencies | 3 |

The cost of delivery services has increased by 45% heading into FY19. With the Cost-Share Team of the LibraryLinkNJ Delivery Task Force, we will be developing a plan for a more equitable and sustainable model of paying for it, which will take effect in January 2019.

About Us

LibraryLinkNJ, The New Jersey Library Cooperative, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our 2,600+ member organizations are the public, school, academic, and special libraries of the State of New Jersey. Our services are funded by the New Jersey State Library, which is responsible for the coordination, promotion, and funding of the New Jersey Library Network.

Heading into Fiscal Year 2019 on July 1, 2018, LibraryLinkNJ's existence is threatened by a budget crisis. If we can't close the current budget gap of \$370,000, the Executive Board will ask the membership to approve the dissolution of the Cooperative by June 30, 2019.

Want to help us continue to serve New Jersey's library ecosystem? Great!

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