

Thanks to per capita state aid, New Jersey public libraries provide more than just books. They provide residents with 21st century resources and technology, assist job seekers and create opportunities for small businesses.

This costs \$0.41 per person.



Imagine what libraries could do with \$1.20 per person.

What is it?

Funding the state per capita library aid program at \$10.5 million would substantially benefit public library users. The devastating cuts to library funding in 2010 have never been restored, and funding has remained flat for the last eight years as more people are using their libraries.

State aid helps to keep the lights on and doors open in public libraries. It provides much needed assistance to libraries so they are able to support their communities by helping people seek employment, grow their small business, learn computer skills, and offer a place for children to learn outside of the classroom.

A3801 has been introduced to provide increased funding for the state per capita aid program. We need additional legislative sponsors to support this critical legislation.

Why support it?

- Increase resources for small business owners and entrepreneurs.
- Provide more training and internet access for the unemployed.
- Act as an important place for young adults after school.
- Strengthen services for New Americans and English as a Second Language community members.
- Continue to be a critical access point for eGovernment resources.
- Further develop as critical community centers during emergencies.
- Library services usage remains strong; there were 43 million visits in 2015.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE SPONSORS FOR ASSEMBLY BILL A3801 AND SENATE BILL S2668



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