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FACT SHEET

The NJ State Library serves the people of New Jersey by providing and supporting high quality library and information services through the sharing of services and resources statewide.

The New Jersey State Library has three bureaus:

State Library Information Center – The Center is a research library serving New Jersey State government employees, staff and students of Thomas Edison State College and any person who possesses proof of N.J. residency, employment in N.J. or students attending a New Jersey college. Its collections include more than 2 million items, online and in other formats. Special collections include law, New Jersey history, genealogy, Jerseyana, and grant information for non-profits. www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk

The Library for the Blind and Handicapped (LBH) offers to eligible residents Braille, talking books, large print books and descriptive videos. It has more than 76,000 book titles and 156 periodicals in one or more formats; machines to be loaned free of charge for playing recorded materials; an active children's program; resource materials on blindness and deafness; services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, assistive technology loaned from the N.J. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, audio access to four Spanish and over 230 newspapers by touch-tone telephone through the NFB-NEWSLINE service, a Spanish language outreach program; and a radio reading and Internet streaming service of newspapers read on the air. For more information contact [1-800-792-8322](tel:1-800-792-8322) or by TTY at [1-877-882-5593](tel:1-877-882-5593) or at www.njlhb.org

The Library Development Bureau leads New Jersey's libraries by: promoting and ensuring equal access to information and library services to all New Jersey residents; directing nearly \$20 million annually in the form of federal and state aid and grant programs to N.J.'s libraries; coordinating resource sharing through the N.J. Library Network; contracting for statewide services; initiating solutions to the increasingly complex problems facing libraries; coordinating statewide youth services and programs; creating new partnerships to support libraries; and helping to foster a literate, productive and competitive New Jersey. www.njstatelib.org/LDB

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The New Jersey State Library supports the following statewide services:

- ▶ **Statewide databases** available through the State Library or public libraries. include Custom Newspapers - Allowing viewing of current and archived editions of *The Bergen Record*, *New York Times*, *The Star Ledger*, and *the Washington Post*); EBSCOHOST - Age appropriate full-text databases offering access to over 1 million articles, charts, historical documents, and more; Facts on File - Providing up-to-the-minute events, issues, statistics and people in the news and INFORME – Spanish language magazine database. www.njstatelib.org/Electronic_Resources/
- ▶ **JerseyCat**, a statewide virtual catalog and interlibrary loan system. The first statewide electronic interlibrary loan system in the nation allows New Jersey's residents to search and request books, DVDs and CDs and other items found in over 500 libraries in New Jersey. The URL is www.jerseycat.org
- ▶ **JerseyConnect** offers high speed, redundant internet services to library customers statewide. It assists libraries with e-mail and website hosting and technology helpdesk services.
- ▶ **Q and A NJ**, is a 24/7 information resource that uses the Internet to connect an individual with a librarian. In real-time chat the librarian answers questions or puts the individual in touch with the best internet sites available. Q and A NJ, www.qandanj.org, provides chat-room reference services.
- ▶ **JerseyClicks**. Over 30 full-text databases accessing thousands of scholarly journals, popular magazines, newspapers and reference books are available to all New Jersey residents from their home, office or local library. Information found on JerseyClicks is safe, reliable and not freely available on the Internet. Visit www.jerseyclicks.org to get answers for your informational needs.
- ▶ **New Jersey Knowledge Initiative (NJKI)** supports N.J. economic development by providing the state's entrepreneurs, small business owners, researchers and students free, convenient access to twelve high-end science, technology, medicine, and business databases. Public and academic librarians statewide provide KI search assistance and reference service to businesses. Visit www.njki.org for more information.