



**New Jersey State Library's
Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future
June 4, 2007**

Norma Blake, State Librarian, has instituted a "Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future" to continue the groundbreaking work begun by the Mid-Atlantic Library Futures Conference. The State Library recognizes that it is imperative to have input from the people who are shaping the future of New Jersey's libraries.

This is an open invitation to anyone currently working in a New Jersey library who has an interest in the future of libraries to apply for a possible appointment to the Task Force. The Task Force will comprise members from different types of libraries and from different job titles. Applications will be reviewed by a panel selected by the State Librarian and appointments made following the review process. The goal of the Task Force will be to make recommendations about how libraries can respond in the future to the information received at the conference and the challenges presented. How can local libraries and the State Library respond to projected demographic changes, growing diversity, an aging population, and technological advances?

We expect that this task force will require a short-term commitment. It is expected that the task force will meet once a month for six months, beginning September 2007, culminating in a report to the State Librarian by March 2008. The report will be presented at the April 2008 NJLA Conference.

If you are interested in serving on this panel, please complete page two of this application and return it by Aug 15, 2007 to:

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**You may fax the application to: 609-633-3963.
Contact Peggy Cadigan with any questions. 609-292-4161, pcadigan@njstatelib.org**

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Name:
Library:
Position at Library:
Address:
Telephone Number:
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Signature of Supervisor supporting your participation as a panel member and authorizing release time for you to attend the meetings.

Signature of Supervisor

Date

Print Supervisor's Name

Name one innovative idea for New Jersey's libraries and describe how to transform this idea from vision into reality. Use 500 words or less.