

CHAPTER 22
LIBRARY NETWORK SERVICES

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Chapter 22, Library Network Services, was readopted as R.2005 d.227, effective June 15, 2005. See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

Chapter 22, Library Network Services, was readopted as R.2010 d.289, effective November 12, 2010. See: 41 N.J.R. 4190(a), 42 N.J.R. 3070(a).

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Chapter 22, Library Network Services, expired on May 11, 2018, and was adopted as new rules by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15:22-1.1 Scope and purpose

The rules set forth in this chapter provide for the establishment and designation of a library cooperative designed to promote the cooperative use of services and materials of all types of libraries in the State through the provision of library services on a Statewide basis, pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 1983, c. 486 (N.J.S.A. 18A:73-35a et seq.), known as the Library Network Law.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Changes establish Statewide library services.
Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.
See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Substituted "a library cooperative" for "regions and regional library cooperatives", deleted "regional as well as a" preceding "Statewide", and substituted "c. 486" for "c.486".

15:22-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Academic library" means a library within a publicly or privately supported institution of higher education.

"Council of members" means the voting representatives of the members of the library cooperative.

"Institutional library" means a library within an adult or juvenile residential facility or day training center, other than a public school, administered and substantially funded by State, county or municipal funds to carry out health, welfare, educational and correctional programs.

"Interlibrary loan" means a transaction between libraries, a form of resource sharing by which one library's collection is utilized by another library in response to a mediated request for a specific item on behalf of its users. The original or a copy of the item may be provided.

"Lay representative" means a New Jersey resident who is not eligible for a certificate as a professional librarian, associate educational media specialist or educational media specialist and is not in the employ of any New Jersey library or library-related agency defined in this chapter. Members of li-

brary boards of trustees shall be considered lay representatives.

“Library materials” means print and nonprint items.

“Library network” means all libraries in the library cooperative, the State Library, and any other libraries providing services to other libraries.

“Library-related agency” means a county audio-visual aids commission established under N.J.S.A. 18A:51; learning resource center; regional curriculum services unit; or any other nonprofit organization meeting the criteria for membership in the regional library cooperative in accordance with N.J.A.C. 15:22-1.5(b).

“Local library cooperative” means a group of academic libraries, institutional libraries, public libraries, school libraries, special libraries and library-related agencies, or any combination thereof, which is organized as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A:1-1 et seq. to provide cooperative or reciprocal library services.

“Multitype” means libraries of more than one type (academic, institutional, public, school and special) and library-related agencies.

“Public library” means a municipal, county, association, or joint library which receives public funding.

“Reference service” means the response to user needs by either mediated question handling or non-mediated access to information. A mediated reference transaction involves the use, recommendation or instruction in the use of one or more information sources, or referral to such sources elsewhere, by a member of the reference/information staff. A non-mediated reference transaction is the use of resources without the assistance of reference/information staff.

“Residents” means persons residing, employed, attending school, or who own property in New Jersey.

“School district” means an operating school district as listed in the current New Jersey State Department of Education directory. For the purposes of this program, every school (public and nonpublic) located within a district so listed shall be considered a member of the district.

“School library” means a library/media center within any publicly or privately supported elementary or secondary school, or in any post-secondary vocational or technical school.

“Special library” means a library/information center of a business, a professional, scientific, or trade association, a government, hospital or other for-profit or nonprofit institution or organization which provides that organization with information, library materials, and technical bibliographic and research services.

“State contract library” means a library, library-related agency, local library cooperative, or commercial vendor with which the State Library contracts for the purpose of providing library services.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Deleted “area library”, added “citation and location services”, “council of members”, “interlibrary loan”, “library network”, “reference service” and “residents” and amended “lay representative”, “library region”, “library-related agency”, “multitype”, “regional library cooperative” and “State contract library”.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.21, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3911(a), 33 N.J.R. 268(b).

Deleted “Citation and location services”.

Amended by R.2005 d.227, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

In “Reference service”, deleted “on-site” preceding “resources”.

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

In definition “Council of members”, deleted “regional” preceding “library”; in definition “Library network”, substituted “the library cooperative” for “all regional library cooperatives”; deleted definitions “Library region”, “Regional contract library”, and “Regional library cooperative”; and in definition “Residents”, substituted “New Jersey” for “the library region”.

15:22-1.3 (Reserved)

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Editorial changes and correction to N.J.A.C. cite.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2005 d.227, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

In (a), substituted “Thomas Edison State College” for “the Secretary of State” in the introductory paragraph.

Repealed by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Section was “Designation of library regions”.

15:22-1.4 Library cooperative; formation

(a) The State Librarian shall establish and designate the library cooperative.

(b) The established and designated library cooperative shall constitute a council of members and shall be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A:1-1 et seq. The council of members shall organize, elect an executive board, and adopt bylaws within six months.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

(b) and (c) redesignated as (a)1 and 2; new (b).

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Section was “Regional library cooperative; formation”. Rewrote (a); and in (b), deleted “regional” preceding “library”.

15:22-1.5 Library cooperative; organization and membership

(a) All members of the library cooperative are members of the New Jersey library network and shall be eligible to receive and participate in the Statewide services of the network.

(b) To be eligible to become a member of the library cooperative, a library or library-related agency shall have explicit service objectives, a fixed location, and regular hours of service, an organized collection of information and materials accessible for use by its designated clientele, and qualified staff. Its organizational structure shall be identifiable with a legal basis for operation and an established funding pattern. It shall be willing and able to contribute to the appropriate services and programs as determined by the library cooperative and mutually agreed upon.

(c) The board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority for each eligible library and library-related agency that wishes to become a member of the library cooperative shall take official action as specified by the State Librarian to join the library cooperative.

(d) The executive board of the library cooperative shall review each application for membership in the library cooperative and shall take official action by approving or disapproving membership. If an application for membership is disapproved by the executive board, the appeals and hearing process as specified in N.J.A.C. 15:22-1.18 shall be followed.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

(a) repealed and replaced, (c) and (d) repealed, (e) recodified to (c) and new (d) added.

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Section was "Regional library cooperative; organization and membership". Rewrote the section.

15:22-1.6 Voting

(a) Each academic library, institutional library, public library, special library, and each library-related agency that is a member of the library cooperative shall have one vote in the council of members except as specified in (a)1 and 2 below. The voting representative shall be appointed by the board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority of the library or library-related agency.

1. The academic libraries that are members of the library cooperative and are located on a single campus shall have one vote in the council of members. The board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority for the campus shall appoint one voting member to the council of members.

2. The institutional libraries that are members of the library cooperative and that are part of a single institution shall have one vote in the council of members. The board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority

for each institution shall appoint one voting member to the council of members.

(b) The public school libraries that are members of the library cooperative and are located within a single operating public school district shall be considered a single entity and shall have one vote in the council of members. They shall elect one voting representative from among themselves, whose appointment shall be subject to the approval of the chief school administrator and the district board of education.

(c) The private and parochial school libraries that are members of the library cooperative and are located within a single operating public school district shall be considered a single entity and shall have one vote in the council of members. They shall elect one voting representative from among themselves.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Clarification of voting representation, new (a)1 and 2 added.

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Substituted "that" for "which" and "the library" for "a regional library" throughout; and in (a)2, deleted "regional" preceding "library".

15:22-1.7 Duties of council of members

(a) The duties of the council of members of the library cooperative shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and adopt bylaws, which are subject to approval by the State Librarian;
2. Elect members of the executive board;
3. Approve the three-year plan and its annual operating program; and
4. Approve the annual budget.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Reference to "council of members" added and at (a)1 added approval by State Librarian.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.21, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3911(a), 33 N.J.R. 268(b).

In (a)3, substituted "three-year" for "five-year".

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), deleted "regional" preceding "library".

15:22-1.8 Executive board; organization and duties

(a) The executive board shall be composed of a minimum of nine and a maximum of 15 members to include at least:

1. Five members elected by the council of members of the library cooperative: one each from an academic library, an institutional library, a public library, a school library, and a special library. If an institutional representative is not available, that position may be filled by an at-large representative;

2. Two members at large elected by the council of members of the library cooperative;

3. Two lay representatives elected in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the library cooperative; and

4. Additional members, up to a maximum of six, who shall be elected in accordance with bylaws adopted by the council of members of the library cooperative.

(b) The executive board shall be governed by the bylaws adopted by the council of members of the library cooperative and all board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6.

(c) The duties of the executive board shall be to:

1. Hire an executive director and any necessary additional staff, fix their compensation and establish terms and conditions of employment;

2. Develop the three-year plan and submit it to the council of members of the library cooperative for approval;

3. Develop the annual operating program and budget and any revisions to the three-year plan and submit them in writing to the council of members of the library cooperative for approval;

4. Contract with libraries, library-related agencies, local library cooperatives, commercial vendors, or individuals to implement the three-year plan for the library cooperative;

5. Receive and disburse all income;

6. Submit quarterly a written report, either in paper or electronic form, including a financial report to the membership of the library cooperative and to the State Librarian;

7. Submit the three-year plan, the annual update, and the annual budget to the State Librarian for review and approval; and

8. Submit to the State Librarian an annual report, including a program evaluation and financial audit, and any additional reports as the State Librarian may require.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Requirements added that lay representatives be elected and that meetings adhere to Open Public Meetings Act.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.21, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3911(a), 33 N.J.R. 268(b).

In (c)2, 3, 4 and 7, substituted "three-year" for "five-year"; and in (c)6, inserted "either in paper or electronic form".

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Rewrote the section.

15:22-1.9 Executive board; term of office

(a) Members of the first executive board shall be elected for staggered terms of one, two and three years, with terms to be apportioned among the total members. Thereafter, each member of the executive board shall be elected for a term of three years.

(b) No member of the executive board shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Upon serving two consecutive terms, a member of the executive board may serve again only after an interim of at least two years.

(c) Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

At (c) reference to bylaws added and language deleted.

15:22-1.10 Executive director; appointment and duties

(a) The executive director hired by the executive board of the library cooperative shall be eligible for State certification as a professional librarian available through the licensing authority, Thomas Edison State University, or educational media specialist by the State Department of Education.

(b) The duties of the executive director shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Coordinate and administer the activities, programs and services of the library cooperative;

2. Supervise the staff of the library cooperative;

3. Assist in developing the three-year plan for executive board review and council of members' approval;

4. Assist in developing the annual program and budget for review by the executive board and approval of the council of members of the library cooperative;

5. Negotiate all contracts for executive board approval; and

6. Attend meetings of the executive board and of the library cooperative.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Changed title from Regional library coordinator to executive director.

Amended by R.2005 d.227, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2010 d.289, effective December 20, 2010.

See: 41 N.J.R. 4190(a), 42 N.J.R. 3070(a).

In (b)3, substituted "three-year" for "five-year".

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Deleted "regional" preceding "library" throughout; and in (a), substituted "University" for "College".

15:22-1.11 Library cooperative; responsibilities and services

(a) Within one year following establishment and designation as a library cooperative and receipt of an initial appropriation, the library cooperative shall submit for approval by the State Librarian a three-year plan for library cooperative services and annual program and operating budget in support of the plan.

(b) The library cooperative shall submit annually for approval by the State Librarian any revisions to its three-year plan and an annual program and operating budget in support of the plan.

(c) The goals, objectives, programs, and activities specified in a three-year plan for library cooperative services shall provide that:

1. All contracts meet applicable Federal and State rules;
2. The terms and conditions of all contracts be part of and made consistent with the goals, objectives, programs and activities of the plan; and
3. All contract services be provided to member libraries, library-related agencies, and New Jersey residents in accordance with the plan.

(d) In order to provide to every resident of New Jersey full and equal access to the collective library resources of the State, the State Library shall assure that the following services are provided:

1. Information/reference services to supplement those provided by each local library, including interlibrary reference and referral services;
2. Interlibrary loan/document delivery services;
3. Delivery services for library materials including surface and electronic delivery;
4. Technology initiatives designed to maximize interconnectivity of the State's information resources and those seeking to access them;
5. Technical support services for local library staff; and
6. Continuing education for local library staff.

(e) The library cooperative shall include the services listed in (c) above in its three-year plan and specify how the services will be provided. The library cooperative may contract with libraries, library-related agencies, local library cooperatives, commercial vendors, or individuals for the provision of any or all of these services.

(f) The library cooperative may also provide, but not be limited to, the following services:

1. Consultant services;

2. Cooperative and/or coordinated acquisition of library materials and/or subject specialization programs;
3. Reciprocal borrowing between and among member libraries;
4. Staff development and in-service training programs;
5. Access to information databases; and/or
6. Public relations services.

(g) The three-year plan for library cooperative services shall be reviewed and evaluated by the executive board on an annual basis and amended as appropriate to reflect any change approved by the council of members of the library cooperative, and to provide for an annual program and operating budget. Any amended three-year plan and the annual program and budget shall be submitted to the State Librarian for review and approval.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

New (b) added, (b)-(f) recodified as (c)-(g) and added local library cooperatives and individuals as agencies that can be contracted with for services.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.21, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3911(a), 33 N.J.R. 268(b).

In (a), (b), (c), (e), and (g), substituted "three-year" for "five-year"; deleted (c)4; and rewrote (f).

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Section was "Regional library cooperative; responsibilities and services". Rewrote the section.

15:22-1.12 Withdrawal from the library cooperative

Any member may withdraw from the library cooperative when its board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority determines by resolution or other recorded act to withdraw. Notification of intent to withdraw shall be submitted by the board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority to the executive board of the library cooperative, with a copy to the State Librarian. The notice shall be filed on or before April 1 of any year, and withdrawal shall take place on or before June 30 of the ensuing year. Upon discontinuing membership, the member relinquishes its rights to any funds, supplies, materials, equipment, or property held by or belonging to the library cooperative. Upon receipt of such notification and the satisfaction of all obligations by the withdrawing member, the executive board of the library cooperative shall officially note the withdrawal and shall file notice of this action with the State Library.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Reference to the board of governance added.

Amended by R.2005 d.227, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

Substituted "its" for "the" preceding "board of governance" in the first sentence.

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Section was "Withdrawal from regional library cooperative". Rewrote the section.

15:22-1.13 Dissolution of the library cooperative

(a) The library cooperative may submit an application for dissolution to the State Librarian when:

1. The council of members receives a resolution for dissolution from the executive board; or
2. A petition to dissolve is signed by 40 percent of the council of members of the library cooperative; and
3. A majority of the council of members approve the dissolution.

(b) The application shall include a plan providing for the payment of all outstanding debts and describing how the obligations of the library cooperative will be liquidated.

(c) Upon receipt of the application, the State Librarian shall:

1. Determine if the area of service can be allocated to another library cooperative;
2. Determine whether the assets and liabilities of the library cooperative can be assumed and absorbed by another library cooperative;
3. Take into consideration any other factors that relate to the operation and function of the library cooperative.

(d) If the State Librarian determines that the library cooperative must be liquidated and approves the plan for dissolution, the dissolution shall take effect when all the legal and fiscal obligations of the library cooperative have been satisfied.

(e) The duly established and designated library cooperative shall remain in existence until such time as the State Librarian either revokes its designation as the library cooperative as specified in (e)1 below or approves a plan for dissolution of the library cooperative.

1. Revocation of designation as the library cooperative will occur when the appeals and hearing process specified in N.J.A.C. 15:22-1.18 has been completed and the library cooperative's three-year plan, annual revision of the three-year plan, annual program, or annual budget are not approved by the State Librarian due to noncompliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 15:22-1.11.

2. Upon revocation of the designation as the library cooperative the State Librarian will determine whether the assets and liabilities of the library cooperative can be assumed and absorbed by a new library cooperative, and will take into consideration any other factors that relate to the operation and function of the library cooperative.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

At new (e), established power of State Librarian to revoke designation.

Amended by R.2001 d.21, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3911(a), 33 N.J.R. 268(b).

In (e)1, substituted "three-year" for "five-year".

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Section was "Dissolution of regional library cooperative". Rewrote the section.

15:22-1.14 Local library cooperatives

Any group of academic, institutional, public, school, or special libraries or library-related agencies, or any combination thereof, may organize as a nonprofit organization pursuant to the New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act, N.J.S.A. 15A:1-1 et seq., and apply for designation to the library cooperative as a local library cooperative for the provision of cooperative or reciprocal library services among themselves on behalf of their collective library patrons. The local library cooperative may receive Statewide contracts for services.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Established that local library cooperatives are eligible for regional and Statewide contracts and that they are not eligible for membership in a regional cooperative.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Substituted "the library cooperative" for "one or more regional library cooperatives", and rewrote the last sentence.

15:22-1.15 Statewide library services

(a) In order to provide to every resident of New Jersey full and equal access to the collective library resources of the State, the State Library shall assure that the services listed in N.J.A.C. 15:22-1.11(d) are provided. The State Library may contract with libraries, library-related agencies, or commercial vendors to provide any or all of these services on a Statewide basis.

(b) Other services also may be provided Statewide.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Citations corrected.

15:22-1.16 Library network review board

(a) A library network review board, which shall meet at least annually, shall be appointed to advise the State Librarian with respect to:

1. Necessary or desirable Statewide and inter-regional programs or services; and
2. Types of interaction and linkage of the New Jersey Library Network with interstate and national library networks.

(b) Composition of the library network review board shall be as follows:

1. The library cooperative executive board shall appoint up to four members; and

2. The State Librarian may appoint up to four members.

(c) Each member of the library network review board shall serve for a term of two years. No member of the library network review board shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Upon serving two consecutive terms, a member may serve again only after an interim of at least two years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only. Vacancies occurring among the members appointed by the library cooperative shall be filled by the library cooperative. Vacancies occurring among the members appointed by the State Librarian shall be filled by the State Librarian.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Removed language regarding terms of office.

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.21, effective January 16, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3911(a), 33 N.J.R. 268(b).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2005 d.227, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Rewrote (b)1 and (b)2; and in (c), deleted "regional" preceding "library" twice, substituted the first occurrence of "cooperative" for "cooperatives", and deleted "in which the vacancies occurred" from the end of the fifth sentence.

15:22-1.17 Allocation of library network funds

Each year the State Librarian shall determine the amount of the network budget allocation to be expended on Statewide

library services, identify the services to be provided, and expend the amount needed for this purpose.

Amended by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Added new (a), recodified (a) to (b) and section 1.18 recodified as (c), (d), deleted old (c) and (e).

Amended by R.1994 d.444, effective September 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

Amended by R.2005 d.227, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 727(a), 37 N.J.R. 2701(a).

In (c), substituted "State Librarian" for "Secretary of State" in 2.

Amended by R.2010 d.289, effective December 20, 2010.

See: 41 N.J.R. 4190(a), 42 N.J.R. 3070(a).

Deleted (e).

Amended by R.2018 d.176, effective October 1, 2018.

See: 49 N.J.R. 3811(a), 50 N.J.R. 2070(a).

Rewrote the section.

15:22-1.18 Appeals and hearing process

Appeals arising from any action of the State Librarian in administering the rules of this chapter may be requested, and an opportunity given for an informal fair hearing before the State Librarian. In the event of an adverse decision after such an informal hearing, appellants may request a formal hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9, 18A:6-24, and 18A:6-27 and Reorganization Plan No. 002-1996. Such hearings shall be governed by the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (see N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and 52:14F-1 et seq., as implemented by N.J.A.C. 1:1).

Recodified by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

15:22-1.19 (Reserved)

Recodified by R.1989 d.572, effective November 6, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

To section 1.18.