

**CHAPTER 21**

**STATE LIBRARY AID AND GRANTS**

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Subchapter 11, Public Library Project Grant Program, was adopted as new rules by R.2001 d.154, effective May 21, 2001. See: 33 N.J.R. 633(a), 33 N.J.R. 1620(a).

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#### SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### 15:21-1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the library grant programs available from State funds and to establish general rules for the application process.

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See: 27 N.J.R. 620(a), 27 N.J.R. 2202(a).

##### 15:21-1.2 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.

“Access” means accessibility of materials on site or online, interlibrary loan of materials, citation/location of materials on databases and cataloging of materials.

“Associate librarian” means a person who holds an associate educational media specialist certificate in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-13.15.

“Association library” means a library established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A:1-1 et seq. and receiving public funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:54-35.

“Audio-visual” means communications resources which rely on a device for transmission, reproduction, or enlargement to be effectively utilized or understood. Also included are other non-print resources such as art works and objects.

“Branch library” means an auxiliary public library (county or municipal) which has all of the following, but which is administered from a central unit:

1. Separate quarters from the central unit;
2. A permanent basic collection of library materials;
3. A permanent paid staff; and
4. A regular schedule for opening to the public.

“Central library” means the main library building of a municipality, county or other type of public library or those facilities which house the administrative headquarters of a public library system, including system-wide services provided from a single location.

“Collection” means library materials in any format.

“Collection development” means activities relating to the development of a library collection, including but not limited to the determination and coordination of selection policies, assessment of needs of users and potential users, collection use studies, collection evaluation, identification of collection needs, selection of materials, planning for resource sharing,