

## CHAPTER 22

## LIBRARY NETWORK SERVICES

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 70, Library Network Services, was readopted as R.1989 d.572, effective October 17, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 1940(a), 21 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 70, Library Network Services, was readopted as R.1994 d.444, effective August 5, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 2184(b), 26 N.J.R. 3708(a).

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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 regions and regional library cooperatives 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 regional as well as 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.

## 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 regional 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 library boards of trustees shall be considered lay representatives.

“Library materials” means print and nonprint items.

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

“Library region” means a multi-county area designated by the State Librarian as the geographic area within which libraries may establish a regional library cooperative.

“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.

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

“Regional library cooperative” means a membership organization of libraries and library-related agencies within a library region organized as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A:1-1 et seq. which has agreed to provide and receive cooperative service and which has been designated a regional library cooperative by the State Librarian.

“Residents” means persons residing, employed, attending school, or who own property in the library region.

“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”.

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

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

Deleted “Citation and location services”.

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

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

### 15:22-1.3 Designation of library regions

(a) The State Librarian, with the approval of Thomas Edison State College, shall designate no more than seven library regions within the State. No county shall be divided among two or more library regions. The library regions shall be established on the basis of, but not limited to, the following considerations:

1. Population;
2. Population density;
3. Number and types of libraries and library-related agencies;
4. Information resources;
5. Marketing and transportation patterns;
6. Contiguity of municipalities.

(b) The State Librarian shall review the designated library regions at least every five years and make revisions if appropriate.

(c) Voting members of a regional library cooperative located within the same county may request that the county be transferred to a different library region when a majority of the members in that county vote for such a transfer.

(d) If a request for a transfer from one library region to another has been denied, the appeals and hearing process as specified in N.J.A.C. 15:22-1.18 shall be followed.

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