

## **NJASL Position Statement Library Construction Bond Ballot Question**



During the November 7, 2017 general election, there will be a ballot question which will ask voters if they approve the Library Construction Bond Act, the first-ever statewide public question concerning public libraries in New Jersey.

The New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) **supports** this ballot question and New Jersey public libraries in their desire to better serve our communities. The New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act would authorize the state to issue \$125 million in bonds to finance grants for capital projects at public libraries. The bill would provide grant awards of 50% of the cost of the project, with the other 50% funding coming from the local governing body, private funding or a combination of local and private funds. The grants would allow public libraries, many which are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and which may also have outdated facilities to either update or build new facilities to better support their communities.

**Ballot Question:**

[https://ballotpedia.org/New\\_Jersey\\_Bonds\\_for\\_Public\\_Libraries\\_Measure\\_\(2017\)](https://ballotpedia.org/New_Jersey_Bonds_for_Public_Libraries_Measure_(2017))

**Official Ballot Question:**

<http://nj.gov/state/elections/2017-results/2017-official-public-question-pq-english.pdf>

**For More Information:** [New Jersey Libraries Build Communities](#)