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TO: New Jersey Library Directors
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SUBJECT: Budget Cut

As you may have heard, another \$721,000 was cut from library funding at the state level for this fiscal year, FY2010. Libraries lost \$1.9 million dollars earlier this year, which brings the total loss to \$2.7 million.

Details of the latest cut are as follows:

NJKI:

Loss of \$231,000 from the Knowledge Initiative. We are keeping Business Source Premier until June 30 by using carry forward funds. (NJKI also still includes REF USA and Academic Search Premier.)

Virtual Funding:

Loss of Heritage Quest database on Dec. 31, 2009. (We still have the EBSCO Suite of databases, Gale newspapers, and Informé.)

Jersey Connect, our statewide technology backbone remains intact.

Network Funding:

Loss of 5% to regional library cooperatives -- \$35,151 in SJRLC, \$27,927 in CJRLC, \$43,953 in HRLC and \$42,970 in Infolink.

Loss of 5.2% or \$93,000 of the State Library's funding in reference services and in the library development bureau.*

*In addition to the cuts discussed above for FY2010, there has been a loss of \$443,875 in the State Library's salary line for seven frozen positions and for employee salary cuts in the same budget year.