

Libraries Reinvented: Having Your Say

An invitation to young people to participate in creating the future of New Jersey's school libraries

The [New Jersey State Library](#) with [LibraryLinkNJ](#) (LLNJ), The New Jersey Library Cooperative, is initiating a long-term plan for the future of all types of NJ libraries and we'd like your help in engaging young people as active participants in this process.

We want to know:

- What young people love about school libraries
- What they don't like about them and
- What they would suggest to make school libraries places they would be eager to use.

Please help us encourage student participation in ***Libraries Reinvented: Having Your Say***, a branch of the strategic planning process dedicated to gathering the opinions of young people about their school libraries. Here's how you can help:

For students, participation can be as simple as answering a few survey questions (link below), or as detailed as an individual submission in any medium that offers their ideas about the future of school libraries. If your program curriculum allows for a class project to capture students' ideas, we would also welcome this larger-scale submission. (*We would like your ideas as well, and will be posting a survey shortly on our interactive mind map.*)

All contributions will be showcased online via our LLNJ Strategic Planning mind map:

<http://www.mindmeister.com/237766551/llnj-strategic-planning-process> and incorporated into our strategic planning process. *If projects include photos of students, please be sure to obtain the necessary permission to post online.*

Timeframe: Deadline for the submission of projects is March 31, 2013. Please email submissions, questions or comments to planning@librarylinknj.org. Thank you for joining us in creating the future of libraries in New Jersey!

Message for students:

Please help us reinvent libraries for the future.

Librarians in New Jersey are creating a plan for the future of libraries in our state. We want to know what you love about your school library, what you don't like about it and what would make it a place where you would love to spend time, both physically and virtually.

We've created a project called ***Libraries Reinvented: Having Your Say*** and invite you to contribute your ideas in any medium: writing (interviews, articles, poems), visual art, music, video...anything you can capture and we can post on our project mind map at <http://www.mindmeister.com/237766551/llnj-strategic-planning-process>

You can also contribute by taking a short survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LLNJLibrariesReinvented>

Thank you!

The LibraryLinkNJ Strategic Planning Team