Libraries lead in social infrastructure

The Delaware library community asks for your <u>support</u> of the **Build America's Libraries Act (H.R. 1581/S. 127)** to fund public library construction.

A bipartisan bill that would provide funding to construct and modernize public libraries in under served communities, including an estimated $22 million for libraries in Delaware.

We ask you to co-sponsor this important bill today!

Community Need

With the passage of this bill, facilities like **Harrington Public Library**, which resides in a former funeral home, could move to a state-of-the-art building with outdoor space to better serve its community. Additionally, solar panels will make it energy efficient. The new library was postponed due to a costly sewage problem and the seemingly insurmountable hurdle of securing the matching funds.

The funds available through this bill would enable the Harrington library and other communities needing updated libraries, including Newark, North Wilmington, Selbyville, Rehoboth, and Smyrna to be funded.

Community Benefit

Over the past year, libraries have offered virtual programming that replicates the indoor experience, such as:

- Curbside Pickups/Drop Off
- Virtual Story Times
- Expanded eBook Options
- Loanable Chromebooks & Mi-Fi

- Printing to Go
- Parking Lot Wi-Fi
- Food Distribution (Parking Lot)
- COVID-19 Testing (Parking Lot)

Curbside Pickup & Drop Off

LIBRARY

FREE WIFI

Right from your **Delaware Public Library** Parking Lot!

Delaware Libraries Outdoor Spaces

In response to COVID-19, strategic planning of Outdoor Library Spaces statewide has just been completed. DE Libraries are first in the nation to have plans that, with funding, could enable them to offer many library services outside, maximizing the use of space outside the library.

Planning documents are available at **libraries.delaware.gov/planning-future**

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THANK YOU for recognizing the value of libraries
in your communities and for your continued funding of library services!