

# The Impact of Libraries on Lifelong Learning & Education



## LIFELONG LEARNING & EDUCATION INFORMATION

Libraries provide support across all realms of learning, “from cradle to grave.” Library collections and programs focus on infant, toddler, and preschool literacy, K-12 and higher education library services, professional and workforce development, as well as lifelong self-directed learning. Ongoing learning throughout the lifespan has become more critical than ever as Delaware and the United States compete in global markets.

### K – 12 Education

#### Action Items

- Support a full-time certified Librarian in every school
- Support UDLib/SEARCH databases
- Support annual line-item funding for collections

### Higher Education

#### Action Items

- Support Public/Academic Library databases
- Support annual line-item funding for collections
- Support the Delaware Library Catalog funding through the Department of State
- Become active and engaged in your local school district, attend PTA meetings and support the library efforts in the District schools.
- Continue to support your local, County, and State library Friends groups and those affiliated with Higher Education

### Workforce and Professional Development

#### Action Items

- Sponsor statewide campaign to encourage adults to obtain their GED or high school diploma.
- Provide assistance and financial aid to adults wanting to continue their post secondary studies or training programs.
- Implement career pathways for adults that combine academic and vocational skills training for entry into critical need jobs.
- Develop an interagency agreement that permits sharing of information to reduce duplication of effort, ensure seamless delivery of services, and guarantee accountability.
- Expand the Interagency Council on Adult Literacy membership to include business representatives and develop a plan that coordinates educational attainment with the job market and economic development.

### Lifelong Learning

#### Action Item

- Increase collaboration among libraries, community organizations, and the public in building library collections and in design and delivery of library programs to achieve individual, community, and statewide desired outcomes.