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***MailLit* Proves to be a convenient way for residents to stay plugged in to Library**

(Mullica Hill, NJ) – Almost 400 library users have taken advantage of *MailLit*, the library-by-mail service initiated by the Gloucester County Library System (GCLS) last June. Gloucester County Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney and Freeholder Joe Chila said that the *MailLit* service sends any book, CD, or DVD from the GCLS collection to the library’s registered borrowers at their homes.

Freeholder Director Sweeney said that since *MailLit* was launched on June 16th more than 2,500 items have been delivered to library users via US Mail. “This new program is a great convenience to many residents. Libraries are very important to our residents and with the time constraints many families are facing they are able to make their selections online and receive and return them via the mail,” said Sweeney.

Funded with a grant from the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative, the service is available to holders of cards from GCLS branches and the affiliated libraries in East Greenwich and Newfield.

“*MailLit* has succeeded beyond expectations”, said Freeholder Giuseppe (Joe) Chila. “There has been a lot of positive feedback from library customers. Some say that the program saves them both time and the cost of gas by eliminating the need to make extra trips to the library just to pick up a book or movie they reserved.” Freeholder Chila is the liaison to GCLS.

Borrowers reserving an item in the library’s collection can have it delivered to their closest branch library for pick up. With *MailLit*, GCLS borrowers also have the option of choosing “Mail” at the time he or she places a hold on a title in the library’s collection. Items currently on the shelves at the library system’s five branches in Mullica Hill, Glassboro, Greenwich Township, Logan Township or Swedesboro are mailed to the customer by the end of the next business day after the hold has been placed. Holds can be placed from the library’s online catalog either from home (by visiting www.gcls.org and clicking on “Library Catalog”) or from within a GCLS library. Customers can also call their nearest GCLS branch to place the hold.

MailLit customers can return their materials in the mailing container used to ship the items using the enclosed mailing label. The customer is responsible for return postage. Or they can drop off the items at their nearest library for free.

MailLit is for everyone - adults, teens or children. All types of materials can be requested: fiction and nonfiction books, music CDs, audio books, DVDs and video cassettes, even best-sellers. Titles with a waiting list and items on order from the publisher but not yet received will be provided when they become available.

For more information call the Gloucester County Library's Circulation Department at 856-223-6060 or the MailLit desk at 856-223-6015, or email the library (MailLit@gcls.org).

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