

# MVLS Impact Statement DRAFT

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The Mohawk Valley Library System saves taxpayer's money by delivering services, vision and expertise to public libraries and communities in the Mohawk Valley. MVLS services allow member public libraries to meet the needs over 135,000 active library users, providing free education, low-cost recreation and economic development in our four county service area. Community members visited their public libraries 1.5 million times in 2014, borrowing more than 1.6 million library items. Over 205,000 computer sessions were facilitated and over 68,000 attended classes and events. These library activities promote community engagement, foster civic responsibility and enhance overall quality of life in our communities.

MVLS engenders efficiency and collaboration in public libraries by providing opportunities for libraries to share resources, provide services and innovate with technology. Virtually all books and other library materials are shared among libraries in the four counties through the system's integrated computer system and delivery service. In 2014 more than 200,000 items were accessed through this collaborative service. All 14 libraries participate in the shared computer services which provide network security and administration, full computer support and cooperative purchasing. More than 700 library leaders attended MVLS continuing education sessions, and more than 25,000 consultation contacts provided libraries with expertise in meeting service, administrative and technology challenges. This menu of services saves member libraries more than \$500,000 each year, and provides the public with a degree and quality of library service that would not be possible without this collaboration.

## **MVLS Mission Statement**

The Mohawk Valley Library System educates, empowers and supports public libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties, helping libraries enrich their communities.