

# NJSL DIRECT

Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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## State Library Updates

### NJSL Presents Events - June

Our NJSL Presents Webinars are free and open to anyone interested in attending. Registration is required in advance and [all webinars are recorded and posted to our YouTube page](#) afterward. You can also [check out event recaps on our blog](#)! Here's what we have coming up in June, feel free to share within your communities.



- [Beyond the Ladybugs](#) - June 2nd @ noon
- [Genealogy of a Patriot: The Stories of Benjamin Flynn and Oliver Cromwell](#) - June 9th @ noon
- [Leading Across the Generations: Building Effective Multi-Generational Team](#) - June 12th @ noon
- [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK – The Princeton Fugitive Slave: The Trials of James Collins Johnson](#) - June 24th @ noon
- [The Battle of Monmouth Courthouse: The Last Great Revolutionary War Battle in the North](#) - June 30th @ noon

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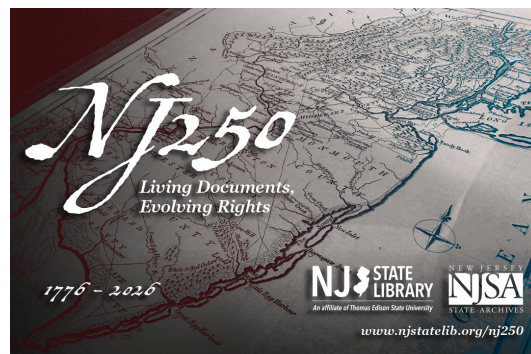
### New Jersey State Library Youth Services Survey

This short survey is designed to get a better understanding of what topics or trainings are of interest to youth services library staff members in public libraries. [Click to fill out the Youth Services Survey from the New Jersey State Library](#). If you have any questions, contact [Sharon Rawlins](#), Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library.

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### NJ250 Digital Exhibit Flyer & New Newsletter

As the nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the New Jersey State Library, in partnership with the New Jersey State Archives, has launched an ongoing digital exhibit: [“NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights 1776-2026.”](#) Each month, new content showcases unique stories, documents, and historical trends that reflect the evolving rights and experiences of New Jersey residents under each constitution.



Please join us in sharing this valuable historical resource with your communities and audiences. [Click here to download the NJ250 Digital Exhibit Flyer.](#)

Want to receive new content updates directly to your inbox? [Sign up for the NJ250 Newsletter!](#)

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## The New Jersey Interlibrary Loan Survey Is Still Open

The New Jersey State Library, with the support of Interlibrary Loan Focus Group members, is collecting information on usage of JerseyCat, the statewide interlibrary loan program, and other resource-sharing solutions. We ask that you take a moment to complete this brief survey to help us develop a better picture of resource sharing among New Jersey libraries. We are seeking responses from representatives of all types of libraries, whether or not the library is an active participant in JerseyCat.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

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## Last Chance to Apply for the Money Smart for Life Award

Has your library recently hosted a financial literacy program? There's still time to apply for the Money Smart for Life Award! [Learn more and submit an application here.](#)



**Money Smart for Life**  
NJ STATE LIBRARY

The deadline for this application is **June 5, 2026.**

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## Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth

Our latest marketing blog, "Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth," explores how New Jersey libraries can partner with local creators, teachers, historians, and book lovers to expand their reach in authentic, low-cost ways.

[Click here to read.](#)

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## News From Around The State

### LLNJ Spring Membership Meeting 2026

All LibraryLinkNJ (LLNJ) member library staff are invited to attend their virtual Spring Membership Meeting, Thursday, June 18th at 2:30 p.m. to learn more about programs and services, recent accomplishments, and future plans. **You don't need to be a Voting Representative to attend, but you must register as space is limited.** [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



### NJLA+NJASL 2027 Conference Proposals

The 2027 NJLA Conference will take place February 17–19 at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. Take this opportunity to lead a session, share your knowledge, or host a meet-up. Pre-conference workshops run from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17. Conference programs take place Thursday, February 18, and/or Friday, February 19.

Choose from a standard 50-minute session, a committee or group meet-up, or a membership table.



- Pre-conference proposals: **Deadline July 10** [[Pre-Conference Proposal Form](#)]
- Conference proposals: **Deadline September 25** [[Conference Proposal Form](#)]

## Professional Development Opportunities

Visit the State Library's [CE Training webpage](#) for a variety of Continuing Education training opportunities for New Jersey librarians, library support staff, and trustees.

[On-Demand Training Portal](#) in the LibraryLinkNJ LearningSpace and [a list of training programs](#) currently being offered.

[Professional Development Links](#) and [Webinars and Other Training Events](#) from the NJLA Professional Development Committee.

Check out the upcoming LYRASIS CE opportunities on their [calendar here](#).

[Click here for a monthly national list](#) of CE and Professional Development opportunities.

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## Library Marketing Resources

If your library is looking for marketing tips, best practices and inspiration, [check out our Marketing Blog](#) updated monthly. Here's our most recent blog posts:

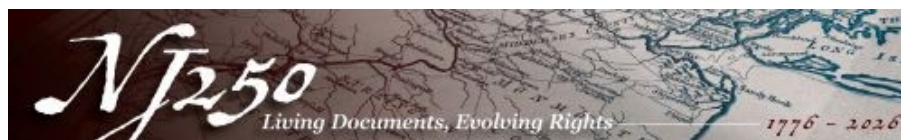
- [How to Use Canva Templates for Library Social Posts](#)
- [How to Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)
- [A Guide to YouTube Shorts for Libraries](#)

Download sharable social media graphics and videos from the [Statewide Digital Marketing Campaign](#).

Also, you can [download marketing resources from State Library Vendors & Partners](#).

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*NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights - New Jersey Through Three Constitutions*  
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