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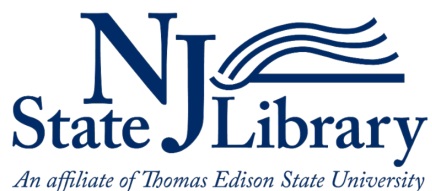
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*Weekly News Updates for NJ Public Libraries*



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The New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and the New Jersey Association of School Libraries, are joining forces to launch **Libraries = Success**, an initiative geared toward encouraging 6th grade students across the state to sign up for a library card through their local public library. The initiative will launch September 2019, during Library Card Sign-up Month.

The goal is to build a bridge between the School District and their local community library, and connect the school librarian with the public librarian.

If your public or school library is interested in being selected to participate, [please complete this brief survey](#).

To learn more about the initiative, visit: <https://www.njstatelib.org/librarycard/>

**Makerspace Training, Collaboration and Hiring (MaTCH) Pilot Competition**

The U.S. Small Business Administration is accepting submissions for the Makerspace Training, Collaboration and Hiring (MaTCH) Pilot Competition. The MaTCH Pilot Competition seeks to address the job skills and placement gap faced by U.S. businesses by providing funding to create or expand programs within existing makerspaces that offer job-specific and soft skills training. The SBA will award up to \$1 million in total prizes to fund winning program proposals. **Deadline: July 8, 2019.** [Learn more...](#)

**Sharon Rawlins Named 2019 NJLA Librarian of the Year**

NJSL's Youth Services Consultant, Sharon Rawlins,

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has been named the 2019 Librarian of the Year by the New Jersey Library Association! Please join us in congratulating Sharon on this outstanding statewide recognition.

View some photos from the awards ceremony [here](#).

Also, you can view an [article](#) we posted on the NJSL website detailing Sharon's extensive resume.

## NJSL Recognizes Libraries for Multicultural Programming & Best Practices in Early Literacy

State Librarian Mary Chute honored six NJ libraries during a breakfast at the New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference, on May 31. Three libraries were recognized for conducting outstanding multicultural programs to engage cultural and ethnic communities in meaningful and effective partnerships. Additionally, three libraries were recognized for conducting outstanding early literacy programs on behalf of their youngest library users and their families. Each library received a \$1000 award.

[Multicultural Programming Award Winners.](#)

[Best Practices in Early Literacy Award Winners.](#)

## NJ Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development Honored at NJLA Conference

The New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development (LWD) was honored with a 2019 Library Champion Award during the annual NJLA Conference awards ceremony which took place on Thursday, May 30. This award is given annually in recognition of an exceptional contribution to a New Jersey library, group of libraries, or to a New Jersey Library community. The State Library nominated LWD for the award, based on a long-standing partnership to provide workforce and literacy training across the state through NJ public libraries.

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## NJSL's Edith Beckett Honored with 2019 NJALA Recognition Award

NJSL's Technical Services Unit Supervisor, Edith Beckett, has been honored with a 2019 Recognition Award from the New Jersey Association of Library Assistants (NJALA). The

Recognition Award is given each year to a dedicated librarian who encourages and supports participation in career development or activities for library assistants in New Jersey.

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## Recordings at Risk grant program

Grant funds support the preservation of rare and unique audio, audiovisual, and other time-based media of high scholarly value through digital reformatting. Awards range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. **Applications are due July 9.**

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## NEA Art Works Program

Application information is available for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Art Works program. Through project-based funding, NEA supports public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life. Project disciplines include Literature, Folk & Traditional Arts, and Music, among others. Matching grants range in amounts from \$10,000 to \$100,000. **Deadline: July 11, 2019.**

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## ALA Great Stories Club

Applications are now being accepted for the next round of ALA's Great Stories Club Series on Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation. The theme for this round is "Growing Up Brave on the Margins: Courage and Coming of Age." **Deadline: July 15, 2019**

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## Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the program supports projects in libraries, archives, museums and historical organizations that strengthen efforts to extend the life of their materials, and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials, from works that provide basic information quickly, to tools that synthesize and codify knowledge of a subject for in-depth investigation. **Applications are due July 16, 2019.**

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**As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team.**

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