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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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Upcoming NJSL Events

May 11 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Build a Better Library Website Boot Camp - Now Available

The New Jersey State Library is pleased to announce the launch of the Build a Better Library Website Boot Camp, an online course designed to help libraries improve the overall look and function of their websites. The online training program provides library staff with self-guided instruction, tools, and support to improve the user experience and design of their websites. It is now available through WebJunction's course catalog for free to enrollees, including librarians and library workers, as well as museum and archive staff.

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Webinar: Pandemics, Epidemics, and Infestations

The New Jersey State Library is please to present this FREE webinar on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Join Don Byrne, CEO of Metrix411, as he reviews recommendations in the Librarian's Disaster Preparedness Toolkit [appendix](#) on pandemics.

Download the event flyer [here](#).

Register [here](#).

ARPA Funds Available for New Jersey Libraries

In addition to the \$3.9 million in ARPA funds allocated from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the New Jersey State Library to be spent under the framework of New Jersey's 5-Year Library Services and Technology Act Plan, millions more dollars will be awarded to New Jersey's humanities and arts agencies, school districts, counties, and municipalities for further distribution.

[Learn more...](#)

MentorNJ Mega Meet-up

Join MentorNJ for their NJ-LIB Mega Awards & Networking Event on **Friday, May 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This Mega Meet-up is an opportunity to network with your colleagues and celebrate contributions to NJ communities in this pandemic era. This is an opportunity to

New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center

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recognize the resilience and adaptability NJ libraries have displayed, and their commitment to their communities, and its impact.

[Learn more & register...](#)

Training, Grants & Other Opportunitites

Zoom Webinars

Zoom is offering webinars for their customers. The first three are listed below:

- **May 12th at 10am:** *Zoom Integrations, Chat and Phone* [Click to Register](#)
- **June 10th at 10am:** *Zoom Rooms* [Click to Register](#)

ALA COVID Library Relief Fund

The American Library Association has announced ALA COVID Library Relief Fund. Grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 will assist public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and US Territories that are experiencing substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has impacted their ability to serve their community, especially traditionally underserved populations. Grants are to help support library operations, including but not limited to staff time, collections, technology, equipment. Grants are to re-establish, sustain, amplify, or create new needed services, to underserved target audience(s).

Deadline: May 20, 2021.

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Youth Literacy Grants

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.

Deadline: May 20, 2021.

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Opportunities from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Starting on April 1, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will be kicking off a series of ten virtual grant workshops for those who wish to learn about NEH grant opportunities, deadlines, and application information. They will be hosting a targeted workshop for Archives and Libraries on May 20.

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