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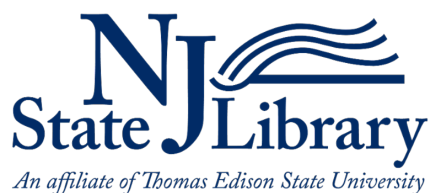
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NJSL News and Events

7th Annual Multicultural Program Award Application Open

The State Library is accepting applications for the 7th Annual Multicultural Program Award. The award is given to libraries that have conducted an exemplary program or program series that fosters the understanding of multiculturalism through sustainable community partnerships. The winning libraries will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and statewide promotion as a model program. They will be honored during the 2020 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. The [application](#) deadline is March 6, 2020. The winning libraries will be notified by March 27, 2020.

Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards Application Open

The State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the 2020 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. The application deadline is March 6, 2020. Please review the [guidelines](#) and complete and submit the [application](#). If you have questions, contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, at srawlins@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

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Grant Opportunities and More

Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant Application Open

Applications are open for the 2020 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. Three grants will be awarded: two recipients will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant, which provides support to libraries that would like to expand their existing graphic novel services and programs, and one recipient will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant, which provides support to a library for the initiation of a graphic novel service or program. Each winning library will receive a grant award of \$4,000 to support initiatives that align with the objective of the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. [Applications](#) are due Feb. 9, 2020.

Innovations in Reading Application Open

Applications for the National Book Foundation's Innovations in Reading Prize are now open. The prize awards \$10,000 to an individual or organization that has developed an innovative project that creates and sustains a lifelong love of reading in the community they serve. In addition, the Foundation recognizes up to four projects to receive the designation of honorable mention. [Applications](#) are due Feb. 13, 2020.

Mini Grants for Digital Skills Programs Application Open

The American Library Association is accepting applications for mini-grants for digital skills programs. School, tribal, public, and academic libraries are eligible for \$700 mini-grants to design and implement programs using Google's Applied Digital Skills resources. Up to 290 eligible libraries will be selected to deliver at least 4 sessions throughout the programming they develop (e.g., drop in, multiple sessions, a spring break camp, or weekend workshop) that prepares learners of all ages to use technology tools. The [application](#) is due Feb. 14, 2020.

Reference and User Services Association Award Application Open

Nominations are open for the Reference and User Services Association Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Library Services. RUSA presents a citation and \$1,500

award to a library or library system for developing an imaginative and unique resource to meet patrons' reference needs. The [application](#) is due Feb. 15, 2020.

Incubation Grant Application Open

From February 1, 2020 to February 15, 2020, applicants may submit Intent to Apply forms to the New Jersey Council for the Humanities as the first step in applying for an Incubation Grant or an Action Grant. Incubation Grants support humanities projects that are in development. Action Grants support the implementation of new projects or expand existing programs. Project funding can range from \$2,000 to \$20,000 for either Incubation or Action Grants. Learn more [here](#).

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Application Open

The application process is open for grant funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. [Applications](#) for their Adult Literacy, Family Literacy, and Summer Reading grant opportunities are due on Feb. 20, 2020.

Miss Rumphius Award Application Open

The New Jersey Center for the Book seeks nominations for its 2020 Miss Rumphius Award. Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's book, Miss Rumphius, winner of the National Book Award in 1983, this award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are exemplary in spreading ideas about literacy. The deadline for submitting nominations is Feb. 17, 2020. Please submit your nomination to Carol Phillips at carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com. If you have any questions, contact Carol or visit the [NJCFB](#) website.

Game On! Grant Application Open

The American Library Association Games and Gaming Round Table has unveiled a new annual grant program to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their communities. Through the new Game On! grants, \$500 will be awarded, either as one grant of \$500 or two grants of \$250. ALA members currently employed at a public, school, academic, or special library in the US or Canada are eligible to apply. Libraries must illustrate a plan for a sustainable gaming program created with the funds as well as financial need and institutional support for the program. The online application is open now through March 1. Learn more [here](#).

EBSCO Solar Grant Application Open

EBSCO Solar is now accepting applications for \$100,000 grants for libraries looking to fund a library solar project to offset electricity costs. All academic, school and public libraries that are current EBSCO customers are eligible to apply for the 2020 EBSCO Solar grant program. The [application](#) deadline is April 30, 2020.

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the team in NJSL's Office of Communications, Marketing & Outreach.

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