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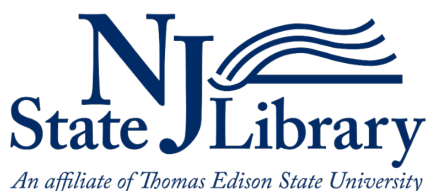
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April 13, 2020

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The 2020 NJLibsGrowBiz Summit is Now Free and Online

The [NJLibsGrowBiz Summit](#) is the only event solely focused on the role of New Jersey libraries in community economic development. This full-day summit will feature a keynote from Ginny Sterpka from Creative Startups exploring how libraries can maximize networks to help entrepreneurs and their business community. Other sessions will cover topics including business law reference, the Grow with Google initiative, and entrepreneur needs. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to network with representatives from NJ business groups. Attendance is limited to 75 participants. Registration will close **April 28, 2020**.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

JerseyConnect

JerseyConnect provides the technology backbone for over 350 libraries in the state. The JerseyConnect team is fully operational during this time and available to provide remote service to member libraries.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.jerseyconnect.net/>.

Tell Us Your Story! How Is Your Library Serving Patrons Remotely?

Although the physical doors of libraries across the state have been ordered to be closed, NJ libraries remain committed to serving their communities. We would like to take this opportunity to gather inspiring stories about how NJ libraries are navigating these uncertain and unprecedented times, and coming up

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with creative ways to serve patrons remotely. Send an email to marketing@njstatelib.org and tell us how your library is making a difference in your community despite the challenges the coronavirus pandemic has posed.

MentorNJ Online Meet-ups for Everyone

MentorNJ is offering a series of online meet-ups beginning April 6th through April 30th. We are all working on ways to continue to provide services while libraries remain closed. How are we coping in this new situation? This is an opportunity to come together to network, figure out what approaches work, and how to take care of ourselves and our patrons during this challenging time. We all have a lot to learn from each other. Learn more [here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OCLC's Community Engagement Award Application Open

OCLC is accepting applications from public libraries for its Community Engagement Awards. Tell OCLC about a current project, or one completed within the past year, that impacts and extends your public library's reach by engaging with your community. OCLC will offer three \$5,000 awards. The [application](#) deadline is **April 30, 2020**.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine Grant - Application Deadline Extended

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, invites applications for grant funding in support of health information outreach and programming projects. Network member organizations in Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are eligible to apply. Available grants include the Health Information Outreach Award, Data Award, and Professional Development Award. The [application](#) deadline has been extended to **April 30, 2020**. Read more [here](#).

AARP Community Challenge Grant - Application Deadline Extended

The application period for the 2020 AARP Community Challenge has been extended to **May 15, 2020**. The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. [Applications](#) are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology ("smart cities"), civic engagement and more.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Youth Literacy Grant Application Open

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students who 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. The [application](#) deadline is **May 21, 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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