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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

State Librarian's Update - April

Please take a moment to read the [April 2026 New Jersey State Library update](#).

Upcoming JerseyClicks Webinars

[JerseyClicks.org](#) is a statewide electronic resources program offered by the New Jersey State Library, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the New Jersey Library Network. Below, find two training webinars for JerseyClicks resources taking place in April 2026. Learn more and register for the webinars below, or [click here for additional training opportunities](#).

- [Creating Resumes with Gale Presents: Peterson's Test and Career Prep](#) - April 22nd, 2 p.m.
 - [K-12 Student Research with EBSCO Explora](#) - April 28th, 2 p.m.
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Reimagining Information Literacy: A National Forum

Registration is now open for [Reimagining Information Literacy: A National Forum](#) which is scheduled to take place virtually on **July 14 and July 15, 2026**. Visit the website to review the agenda, learn about the speakers, and register. The Forum, funded in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, features a wide array of conversations and presentations designed to give participants a chance to think through what "Information literacy" means today, and how we can best help learners of all ages develop core skills. Please contact [Jen Nelson](#) with questions or for additional information.

Money Smart for Life Award

Is your library hosting a financial literacy program? Apply for the new Money Smart for Life Award! This award recognizes libraries that coordinate programs that support financial literacy education for community members of all ages. Funding is available to fund approximately 10 awards at \$1,000 each. Programs must be held between July 1, 2025, and May 15, 2026. [Submit an application](#) to nominate your library's financial literacy program.

News From Around The State

New Jersey Human Services Fully Reopens Child Care Assistance Program

The New Jersey Department of Human Services has fully reopened the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), restoring access to all eligible families seeking child care assistance. CCAP provides child care assistance to income-eligible parents who are working, attending school, or participating in job training, ensuring support is available to families who need help affording child care. Please encourage your patrons to visit ChildCareNJ.gov to learn more. When ready to apply, families will be directed to the State's secure online application system, [MyNJHelps](#), to complete and submit their application. Families can also connect with their local [Child Care Resource and Referral \(CCR&R\) agencies](#) for guidance and support in accessing affordable child care options.

National Opportunities

News Literacy Tool for High School Students

[Project Look Sharp](#) is partnering with AllSides.com to develop a unique news literacy tool for use with high school students. They will stipend 10 teams across the country, made up of a high school librarian and a classroom teacher, to pilot and help shape this new resource. [Click here for information about the pilot](#) and how to apply.

NJSL Presents Events

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 April, feel free to share within your communities.

- [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - The First Indonesians in the Tri-State Area: A Hidden History of Migration & Survival](#) - April 21st @ noon
- [Importance of Estate Planning: Preparing for the Inevitable](#) - April 28th @ noon
- [First-Time Homebuyer Information Session](#) - April 30th @ noon

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.

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 Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)
- [A Guide to YouTube Shorts for Libraries](#)
- [Five Free Library Content Ideas You Can Post This Week](#)

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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