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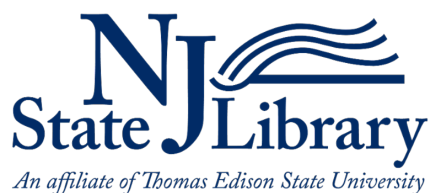
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April 27, 2020

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Stay Connected with NJSL on Social Media!



Connect with the NJSL Social Media Task Force!

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State Library Offers Free Access to READsquared

The State Library is now offering free access to [READsquared](#), an online reading program solution. This powerful application offers customization and configuration of CSLP-themed summer reading programs and other reading and learning programs, as well as readers' advisory tools for all ages and all reading levels. [Learn more here.](#)

Within the next few days, we will send public library directors an email with a link where you can register for access. The email will also include dates for online training for staff to customize READsquared for your library. For more information on the statewide Summer Reading Program, please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, at srawlins@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640.

Visit the State Library's Virtual Autism Resource Fair

April is Autism Awareness Month, so the State Library coordinated a Virtual Autism Resource Fair to spread the word about the organizations and resources available to members of the Autism community. The list of organizations include Autism NJ, Autism Speaks, and Parents of Autistic Children. Information from featured organizations provides links to fact sheets, webinars, current research, resources addressing COVID-19 and autism, as well as items for families about education, health-care, therapy, and

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more. Please share the [Virtual Autism Resource Fair](#) with your family, friends, schools, libraries, and any other person or group that can benefit from this information.

Updates from TBBC

Check out TBBC's weekly highlight newsletter [here](#).

Emergency Digital Collecting Toolkit Available

The Emergency Digital Collecting Toolkit, created by the University of Virginia and funded by the LYRASIS Catalyst Grant Program, is helping libraries, archives, museums, and cultural institutions respond to the COVID-19 crisis. This toolkit provides resources and instructions on implementing digital collecting strategies before, during, and after rapidly-evolving social events and/or community crises. [Learn more about the toolkit here](#). LYRASIS also regularly offers webinars on the toolkit, such as "Introduction to Emergency Digital Collecting." [Learn more here](#).

HelpNJNow Volunteer Portal

The [HelpNJNow](#) volunteer portal is open and over 800 volunteers have already answered the call to help New Jersey's organizations and agencies battle the Covid-19 pandemic. This partnership between New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and the Governor's Office of Volunteerism harnesses the awesome power of volunteers to meet current needs, while maintaining the commitment to our overall State strategy of shelter in place. The systems paramount objective is the health and safety of volunteers, and the beneficiaries of their service.

Please share the volunteer portal site widely with your networks:
<https://helpnjnow.communityos.org>

Heritage Emergency's COVID-19 Resource Hub

The Heritage Emergency National Task Force, co-sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Smithsonian Institution, is a [partnership](#) of 42 national service organizations (including ALA) and federal agencies. HENTF has compiled relevant COVID-19 resources from its members and other stakeholders. [Learn more here](#).

Scholarship to Attend Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference

The State Library will award a \$1,000 scholarship for one New Jersey public librarian to attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference from September 30th to October 3rd in Wichita, Kansas. Priority will be given to first-time ARSL Conference attendees, ARSL members, and a public library service community population of 10,000 or less. Applications are due by **4 p.m. on May 18, 2020**. To apply, use this [application template](#), which includes more information, or create your own document following the same outline. Submit your application to NJ State Library Grants Manager Eileen Morales at emorales@njstatelib.org. For questions, call (609) 278-2640 ext. 105. Conference information can be found on the [ARSL website](#).

2020 NJLibsGrowBiz Summit - Registration Closes Tomorrow

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. She will explore 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 closes **April 28, 2020**. [Learn more and register here](#).

PLA's Insurance Education and Outreach Initiative

Through the Public Library Association's second annual ["Libraries Connecting You to Coverage" initiative](#), libraries can access a suite of turnkey resources to start or increase efforts to educate and build awareness of health insurance coverage options, especially with the evolving workforce landscape. With the outbreak of COVID-19, many patrons may experience job cuts and layoffs, and many uninsured people in our communities may be wondering if they can now enroll in a health insurance plan.

Libraries can ACT NOW with premade social media and communications assets for health insurance and health literacy:

- [Covid-19](#)
- Coverage options, including [Medicaid](#) or [Special Enrollment Period](#)
- [Using your health insurance](#)
- [Preventive care](#)
- [Social media-friendly assets](#)
- [Radio ad scripts](#)
- [Spanish-language assets](#)

MentorNJ Online Meet-ups for Everyone

MentorNJ is offering a series of online meet-ups from 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, identify effective coping strategies, and learn 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

National Endowment for the Humanities CARES Act Grant Application Open

The National Endowment for the Humanities invites applications from eligible organizations seeking support for at-risk humanities positions and short-term projects that have been impacted by the coronavirus. NEH will award grants to museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, independent research institutions, professional organizations, colleges and universities, and other cultural organizations across the country to help these entities continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operations due to the pandemic. The [application](#) deadline is **May 11, 2020**.

OCLC's Community Engagement Award Application - Deadline Extended

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 **May 31, 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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