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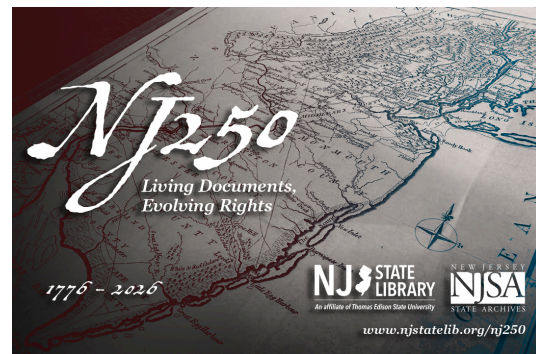
Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

May 26, 2026

State Library Updates

NJ250 Digital Exhibit Flyer & New Newsletter

As the nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the New Jersey State Library, in partnership with the New Jersey State Archives, has launched an ongoing digital exhibit: [“NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights 1776-2026.”](#) Each month, new content showcases unique stories, documents, and historical trends that reflect the evolving rights and experiences of New Jersey residents under each constitution.



Please join us in sharing this valuable historical resource with your communities and audiences. [Click here to download the NJ250 Digital Exhibit Flyer.](#)

Want to receive new content updates directly to your inbox? [Sign up for the NJ250 Newsletter!](#)

The New Jersey Interlibrary Loan Survey Is Still Open

The New Jersey State Library, with the support of Interlibrary Loan Focus Group members, is collecting information on usage of JerseyCat, the statewide interlibrary loan program, and other resource-sharing solutions. We ask that you take a moment to complete this brief survey to help us develop a better picture of resource sharing among New Jersey libraries. We are seeking responses from representatives of all types of libraries, whether or not the library is an active participant in JerseyCat.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center Quarterly Highlights

The NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center sends out a quarterly newsletter that includes staff announcements, program or equipment updates, frequently asked questions, and book recommendations. This newsletter is designed with accessibility in mind and offered as an audio or a print version. If you'd like to receive this newsletter, [click here to subscribe](#).

Click here to [explore the Spring 2026 Edition](#).

Last Chance to Apply for the Money Smart for Life Award

Has your library recently hosted a financial literacy program? There's still time to apply for the Money Smart for Life Award! [Learn more and submit an application here](#). The deadline for this application is **June 5, 2026**.

Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth

Our latest marketing blog, "Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth," explores how New Jersey libraries can partner with local creators, teachers, historians, and book lovers to expand their reach in authentic, low-cost ways. [Click here to read](#).

News From Around The State

NJLA+NJASL 2027 Conference Proposals

The 2027 NJLA Conference will take place February 17–19 at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. Take this opportunity to lead a session, share your knowledge, or host a meet-up. Pre-conference workshops run from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17. Conference programs take place Thursday, February 18, and/or Friday, February 19.

Choose from a standard 50-minute session, a committee or group meet-up, or a membership table.



- Pre-conference proposals: **Deadline July 10** [[Pre-Conference Proposal Form](#)]
- Conference proposals: **Deadline September 25** [[Conference Proposal Form](#)]

Youth & Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

LibraryLinkNJ invites staff in any position from any library type to register for this valuable, free training course. Training courses will be taught by certified Mental Health First Aid instructors. Seats are limited. Register early.

- [Youth Training](#) - June 11th, 9 am - 1:30 pm
 - [Adult Training](#) - July 17th, 9 am - 2:30 pm
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National Opportunities

NJ Librarian Honored with ALA's I Love My Librarian Award

Congratulations to Christine Szeluga, Library Media Specialist at Cranford High School in Cranford, NJ, on being selected as one of ten recipients nationwide for the prestigious I Love My Librarian Award by the American Library Association. Read more about Christine and the other honorees [here](#).



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 May, feel free to share within your communities.

- [Financial Side of College Graduation](#) - May 27th @ noon
 - [Cancer Information Session](#) - May 29th @ noon
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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:

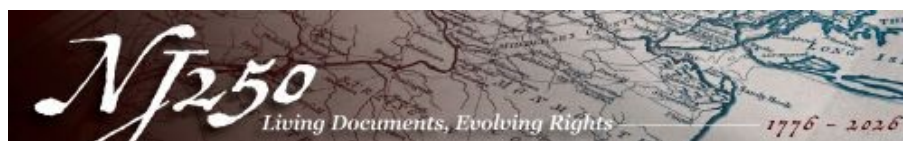
- [How to Use Canva Templates for Library Social Posts](#)
- [How to Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)
- [A Guide to YouTube Shorts for Libraries](#)

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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