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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

June 21, 2021

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grant Opportunity for NJ Public Libraries

NJSL is allocating \$1,800,000 for competitive grants to public libraries. Approximately 50 to 75 grants will be awarded. Two levels of funding will be available: Mini-Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Major grants will range from \$25,001 to \$100,000.

View the grant solicitation package [here](#).

The New Jersey State Library's **ARPA Application Portal** is now open and accepting applications:
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Summer Reading List Twitter Contest

State Librarian Jen Nelson is building her summer reading list, and she needs your help!

- To submit your book suggestions to Jen, first make sure you're following [@NJSL_JNelson](#) on Twitter.
- Tweet Jen a picture of the book cover and use the hashtag #SummerReading.
- Post your book covers by July 1.

Jen will make her selections and share her list just in time for the July 4th weekend. Let's help her curate an epic summer reading book list!

Emergency Connectivity Fund Program Application Window Will Open June 29, 2021

The [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) Program will provide up to \$7.17 billion in support to schools and libraries for the purchase of laptop and tablet computers, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connectivity during the COVID-19 pandemic for use by students, school staff, and library patrons who would otherwise lack connected devices and/or broadband connections sufficient to fully engage in remote learning.

The FCC and USAC will open the **first Emergency Connectivity Fund Program application filing window**



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on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at noon ET, which will fund equipment and services for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. The first application filing window will be open for 45 days, during which applicants will be able to submit requests for funding for purchases to be made between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Click [here](#) to apply.

In addition, the ALA released the [ECF Solutions Toolkit](#) to help libraries navigate opportunities to apply for the Emergency Connectivity Fund.

Register for an Emergency Connectivity Fund Program overview training:

- **Wednesday, June 23 @ 3:00 p.m. ET:** Emergency Connectivity Fund Overview for Potential Applicants – [Register](#)

Training, Grants & Other Opportunitites

NJ Council for the Humanities Response Grants

New Jersey Council for the Humanities has launched a new cycle of its COVID-19 Response Grants program to provide support for New Jersey humanities organizations and programs. **General Operating Support grants (\$5,000-\$20,000)** are available to nonprofit organizations that have a mission rooted in the public humanities, an organizational budget greater than \$50,000, and at least one full-time staff person (or one FTE). **Program Support grants (\$2,000-\$20,000)** are available for nonprofit and governmental organizations who undertake humanities programs, whether or not their organization's primary mission is based in the humanities. **COVID-19 Response Grants will have multiple deadlines throughout the summer and into the early fall.**

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Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize

Nominations may be submitted for the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize. Developed in partnership between the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*, the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the November issue of *Library Journal* and online. Honorable mentions may also be named. **Deadline: July 19, 2021.**

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NASA @ My Library

Public and tribal libraries are invited to apply for NASA@ My Library, a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) education initiative that will increase and enhance STEAM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underrepresented in STEAM education. Sixty public and tribal libraries in the U.S. will be selected through a competitive application process to become NASA@ My Library Partners. NASA@ My Library Partners will receive training and resources to implement NASA events and programming, access to a university subject matter expert (SME) to support patron engagement, and a \$1,600 programming stipend to purchase materials for NASA STEAM activities and/or support presentations by local NASA-funded SMEs. **Application deadline: July 21, 2021.**

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