

# NJSL DIRECT

Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

September 8, 2026

## State Library Updates

### State Librarian's Update - September

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

### NJ250 Exhibit: New Tour Dates for September

The New Jersey State Library has existed since 1796, 20 years after our first State Constitution was ratified on July 2, 1776. State Library staff have curated themed collection items that tell a story within each of New Jersey's Constitutional eras. Our collections capture the social, political, and legal conditions of each of the three state Constitutional eras: Revolutionary (1776-1844), Reform (1844-1947), and Modern (1947-Present).

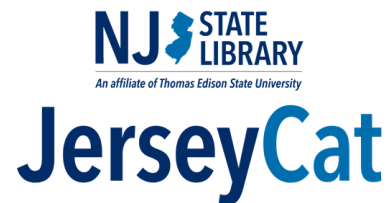


In our in-person exhibit, each of the three display cases represents a state Constitutional era and follows a different theme. Learn more about the documents on display [here](#).

The exhibit is currently on display on the State Library's 4th floor, and guided tours are offered twice monthly. In September, tours will be offered on **Sept. 16th and 30th, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** [Learn more here.](#)

### Call for Reviewers – JerseyCat Procurement Committee

The New Jersey State Library currently seeks volunteers to serve on a JerseyCat Procurement Committee in 2026 and 2027.



JerseyCat, the free statewide interlibrary loan program comprised of services provided by Auto-Graphics, Inc., will be supported by New Jersey Library Network Funding and IMLS funding through June 2027. The JerseyCat Procurement committee will support the selection process for a statewide interlibrary loan vendor. This committee will operate from September 2026 through June 2027. Attendance at up to two virtual meetings per month will be expected.

Responsibilities of Committee Members will include:

- Appointment through June 2027
- Attendance at scheduled meetings
- Analysis of survey data collected in 2026
- Assistance with solicitation and evaluation of responses to the Request for Quotations
- Dissemination of information on Interlibrary Loan

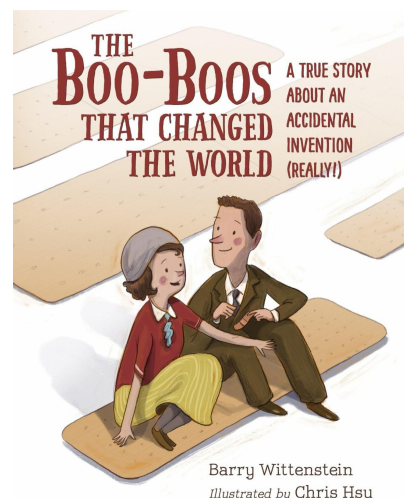
If you are interested in studying, evaluating and shaping the future of resource sharing in New Jersey, please [fill out the survey linked here](#) by **September 25, 2026** to express your interest in an appointment to the JerseyCat Procurement Committee.

## News From Around The State

### Telling America's Story: The Invention of the Band-Aid®, A Virtual Presentation by Children's Author Barry Wittenstein

[The New Jersey Center for the Book](#) invites you to join this free virtual author visit with Wittenstein on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 10 am - 11 am** as he discusses his children's picture book, *The Boo Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!)*.

For America's 250th birthday, the NJ Center for the Book is celebrating books about enterprising and innovative Americans who made a difference, such as New Brunswick's Earle Dickson, inventor of the Band-Aid, and the subject of Wittenstein's book.



Barry Wittenstein  
Illustrated by Chris Hsu

[Click here to register and learn more](#). Note: The event will be recorded if you cannot attend it live. This project was made possible

## NJ Expands Job-Protected Leave for Workers

If you have patrons coming in seeking information about Temporary Disability and Family Leave Insurance, the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights (DCR) and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) have recently announced changes to New Jersey law that will expand job-protected leave for many workers across the state. Changes to state law significantly expand job-protected leave by extending protections to workers receiving benefits through New Jersey's Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) and Family Leave Insurance (FLI) programs, when their leave is not already covered under the New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA) or the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).



Read the full press release [here](#). To learn more about the specific changes to job-protected leave and paid leave benefits, [click here](#). Access the Job-Protected Leave FAQ [here](#).

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## National Opportunities

### ALA's Library Card Sign-Up Month Resources

An initiative of the [American Library Association](#), Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September since 1987 to mark the beginning of the school year, combat illiteracy, and encourage communities everywhere to explore all the offerings that having a library card unlocks.



This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone—no matter your age, background, or goals.

[Visit the Library Card Sign-Up Month page](#) to find social media graphics, sample press releases, merchandise, posters, and ideas for ways your library can join the celebration all month long!

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## 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 September, feel free to share within your communities.



- [The Truth Behind Diets and Healthy Eating](#) - September 9th @ noon
  - [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK – Bergen County Voices from the American Revolution](#) - September 15th @ noon
  - [Library and NJ250 Exhibit Talk](#) - September 16th @ 1:30 p.m.
  - [Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention](#) - September 29th @ noon
  - [Library and NJ250 Exhibit Talk](#) - September 30th @ 1:30 p.m.
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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.

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## 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:

- [Intro to Social Calendar Planning for Libraries](#)
- [How New Jersey Libraries Can Turn Archives Into Engaging Posts](#)
- [Early Marketing: How to Build Excitement for Your Library's Work](#)
- [Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth](#)

- [How to Use Canva Templates for Library Social Posts](#)

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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*NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights - New Jersey Through Three Constitutions*

<https://www.njstatelib.org/nj250>

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