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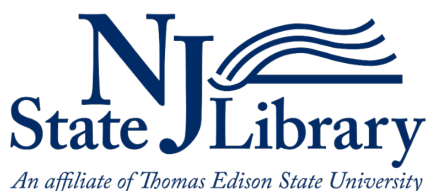
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The State Library's Guide for Reopening Public Libraries

The New Jersey State Library assembled a list of tools and resources to help guide your decisions when planning your library's reopening. The decisions before you will be difficult, so we wanted to ensure you have everything you need to make the most informed choices. Read our list of recommendations and start planning [here](#).

2020 NJLibsGrowBiz Virtual Summit Recordings Available

Session recordings of the 2020 NJLibsGrowBiz Virtual Summit are available online. The event, held on April 30, 2020, hosted speakers who discussed resources, services, and partnerships of value to libraries serving their business communities. Recordings, handouts, and slides are available [here](#).

Updates from TBBC

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

Social Security Specialists Want to Join Your Next Webinar

Public affairs specialists from the Social Security Administration are available to participate in your library's next webinar. They can offer your patrons valuable information on issues such as social security retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, as well as

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when and how to enroll in traditional Medicare, Parts A (Hospital) and B (Medical). Specialists can also address specific concerns about how unemployment benefits might affect Social Security and Supplemental Security Income. Contact Everett M. Lo at everett.lo@ssa.gov if you have questions.

2020 New Jersey State Library Award Winners Announced

See the winners [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](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Freedom to Read Foundation's Banned Books Week Grants Available

Applications are being accepted for the Freedom to Read Foundation Banned Books Week Grants offered through the Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund. Each year, FTRF distributes grants to non-profit organizations to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Week celebration (Sep. 27 to Oct. 3, 2020). Staff at all types of libraries, schools, universities, and community organizations are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded at two levels, \$1,000 and \$2,500. The [application](#) deadline is **May 31, 2020**.

Libraries Lead with Digital Skills Grant Available

Libraries Lead with Digital Skills is an initiative of ALA and PLA, sponsored by Google, to ensure that public libraries across the nation receive ongoing access to free tools and resources to help everyone across America grow their skills, careers, and businesses. This funding program is open to any library that needs support for virtual library programming, so you can continue supporting job seekers and small businesses in your community. To apply, explain how your library is assisting job seekers and empowering small business owners with digital skills and select one of the Grow with Google resources to integrate into a new or existing outreach or virtual service. Apply by **June 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

National Endowment of the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Program Applications Open

Applications are available for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program supports projects in libraries, archives, museums and historical organizations that strengthen efforts to extend the life of such materials as books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects, and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials from works that provide basic information quickly to tools that synthesize and codify knowledge of a subject for in-depth investigation. [Applications](#) are due **July 15, 2020**.

STAR Net STEAM Equity Project Call for Notice of Intent

The Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning, the American Library Association, Twin Cities PBS, Institute for Learning Innovation, and Education Development Center are seeking 12 creative librarians/library workers to lead their library's participation in a project at the intersection of transforming library services, gender equity, and cultural inclusion, STEAM learning and positive youth development. Public libraries in rural communities are eligible and libraries that serve significant Latino populations are strongly encouraged to apply. Selected libraries will receive \$15,000 to participate in professional development activities, support community partnerships, and purchase materials as they customize STEAM learning experiences for their communities. Participating libraries will commit to a project term from Winter 2020 - Summer 2024. Interested library workers are invited to complete a Notice of Intent by **July 20, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

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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