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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

Information Literacy Train-the-Trainer Workshop

If you're interested in helping colleagues better understand information literacy, please join Linda Braun and Ang Coxen for an all-day information literacy Train-the-Trainer session on **Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Monroe Public Library**. Please register by February 26th, so that we can have an accurate count of attendees. We hope to see you there. Contact [Jen Nelson](#) with any questions or if you are unable to use the link provided.

[Register here](#)

Additional Information Literacy Training Opportunities

Webinar Series

Registration is now open for the next round of Pillars of Information Literacy training sessions, taking place on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Click each session to register and reserve your spot.

- [Pillar 1: Information Need](#), April 8th
- [Pillar 2: Information Identification and Evaluation](#), April 15th
- [Pillar 3: Information Use](#), April 22nd
- [Pillar 4: Information Creation and Distribution](#), April 29th

If you are interested in hearing about how the Summer and Fall 2025 Pillars of Information Literacy sessions went, check out this recent [wrap-up article](#).

Learning Modules

LibraryLinkNJ, in partnership with the New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Department of Education, has released the final module of the five-part

New Jersey Interlibrary Loan Survey

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

Money Smart For Life - NJSL's Financial Literacy Initiative

The State Library recently hosted a series of financial literacy professional development webinars for NJ libraries. Webinar recordings and presentation slides are available on the [NJSL website](#).

Tell us about your financial literacy events!

During Financial Literacy Month in April 2026, all New Jersey public libraries are encouraged to showcase their financial education programs, events, and collections. An [interest form](#) is available for you to share your upcoming events and programs for NJSL to promote through a shared calendar and on social media. You can also provide speaker and website details if you want to recommend financial literacy resources for other libraries.

[Check out this video](#) to learn more about the Money Smart for Life initiative and how your library can get involved. If you have questions, contact Andrea Levandowski (alevandowski@njstatelib.org) or Sharon Rawlins (srawlins@njstatelib.org).

Library Content Brainstorm for 2026

Need fresh content ideas? Our latest marketing blog is packed with creative ideas you can use right away. Building on last month's look at 2026 marketing trends, we turn those big-picture predictions into practical content your library can post. If you're planning your calendar or looking for inspiration, this is a great place to start. [Click to read.](#)

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 February, feel free to share within your communities.

- [Introduction to Finding Grants](#) - February 26th @ noon
 - [Thomas Edison State University Degree Information Session](#) - March 3rd @ noon
 - [Mary Climbs In: The Journeys of Bruce Springsteen's Women Fans](#) - March 11th @ noon
 - ["Know Your Rights" Part 3 – Disability and Places of Public Accommodations](#) - March 18th @ 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:

- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)
- [A Guide to YouTube Shorts for Libraries](#)
- [Five Free Library Content Ideas You Can Post This Week](#)
- [The Secret to Social Media Hooks](#)
- [Refresh Your Library's Approach to Email Marketing](#)

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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