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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries
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State Library Updates

State Librarian's Update - June 2025

Please take a moment to read the June 2025 New Jersey State Library [update](#).

Update on Statewide Databases

Access to JerseyClicks electronic resources, available through the New Jersey State Library at www.jerseyclicks.org, has been extended through **September 30, 2025**. Throughout this three-month extension, New Jersey residents will maintain access to all resources from Data Axle, EBSCO, Gale and HeritageQuest databases selected for the July 2022- June 2025 contract period. Decisions related to the open Request for Quotations process for the 2025-2028 contract period are currently delayed, due to uncertainty around federal and state budgets. An update will be provided when further information becomes available.

Freedom to Read Act Policies: Time for your Feedback

The draft policies and procedures that the State Librarian, in consultation with the New Jersey Library Association developed are available for public review and

comment. The documents are posted on the [NJSL website](#), your feedback is requested by **July 31, 2025**.

Please contact Jen Brenner (jbrenner@njstatelib.org) or Jen Nelson (jnelson@njstatelib.org) for further information or assistance.

REV250 Grant Award Recipients Announced

The State Library is proud to announce the awardees of its *REV 250: Examining the Semiquincentennial through a Jersey Lens* grant program. Selected projects span a wide range of initiatives, including digitization of historic newspapers, interactive exhibits, oral history archives, educational programming, and more. These efforts aim to ensure that New Jersey's Semiquincentennial celebration is inclusive, inspiring, and representative of the diverse communities that have shaped the state's identity.

[View the full list and descriptions of grant-awarded projects.](#)

News from Around the State

Legislating Access: CT, NJ, and the eBook State Law Victory

This will be a special co-branded event bringing together the [eBook Study Group](#) and the [Copyright First Responders](#) national network for an eBook Law & Policy update on library eBooks access and state-level strategies on June 12th at 4 pm. This Zoom call is designed for librarians, legal professionals, policymakers, lawyers, and eBook and library advocates who are working to ensure fair and sustainable access to digital materials. [Read more and register.](#)

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

Do you have patrons who need help with a high balance on their utility bills? The Home Energy Assistance Program helps very low-income residents with their heating and cooling bills, and makes provisions for emergency services and emergency fuel assistance within the Home Energy Assistance Program.

[Learn more here.](#)

Resource Guide from the NJ Dept. of State

The New Jersey Department of State has provided a comprehensive information guide that outlines its various information sources and resources available to NJ residents. [Click here](#) to learn more about the divisions and agencies of the Department, as well as helpful links to additional information. Please share within your communities.

Upcoming NJSL Presents Events

- [Researching Your Pre-May 1848 New Jersey Ancestors](#) - June 11th @ noon
 - [Virtual Author Talk - Abolition and the Underground Railroad in South Jersey](#) - June 19th @ noon
 - [The Talking Book and Braille Center: Resources and Services for the Print Disabled](#) - June 24th @ noon
 - [Understanding Posttraumatic Stress Disorder](#) - June 27 @ 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 [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:

- [Grab Patrons' Attention With These Videos](#)
- [Understanding the Algorithm](#)
- [Have Hashtags Gone Out of Style?](#)
- [Look Out for These Social Media Trends in 2025](#)
- [Inclusive Marketing 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 [here](#).

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