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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

NJ250 Digital Exhibit: State History through Three Constitutions

As the nation marks 250 years since the Revolution, to honor NJ's journey, the New Jersey State Library and New Jersey State Archives have unveiled a new digital exhibit examining the three distinct constitutional eras that shape our state's identity. Our collection of digital exhibits invites you to discover several chapters of New Jersey's extraordinary story. We hope you will gain a deeper appreciation for how our state's constitutions have evolved and why those changes matter. We encourage you to explore our rich collections that preserve this state's remarkable history. Check it out here: www.njstatelib.org/nj250.

We've released the first three exhibits. Check back monthly for more content!

- **1776 Constitutional Era:** [War and Civilian Conflict in New Jersey, 1776 and beyond](#)
- **1844 Constitutional Era:** [A Teacher and the First Woman Attorney in New Jersey Fight for Women's Suffrage](#)
- **1947 Constitutional Era:** [How One NJ School District Tackled Desegregation – Booker v. Plainfield Board of Education](#)

Introducing TBBC's New Audiobook Player, the DA2

The DA2 is the newest talking book player from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), and it is now available to eligible TBBC patrons. This next-generation device offers several major upgrades. Learn more about the new device and how your eligible patrons can request to receive one. [Read more.](#)

Money Smart for Life - Statewide Calendar of Events

April is Financial Literacy Month, and libraries across New Jersey are offering events on money skills for patrons of all ages! Check out our current calendar of library programs on the Money Smart of Life webpage:

www.njstatelib.org/moneysmart

If your library is hosting a program or event during Financial Literacy Month in April, there is still time to add it to our calendar. [Complete the interest form here](#).

Libraries providing financial literacy programs can apply for the new Money Smart for Life Award! This award recognizes libraries that coordinate programs that support financial literacy education for community members of all ages. [Submit an application](#) to nominate your library's financial literacy program.

Information Literacy Training Opportunities

Registration is still open for the next round of Pillars of Information Literacy training sessions, taking place on **Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. until 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

Also, if you haven't already had a chance to review the five-part learning series, *Information Literacy: A Guide for New Jersey Communities*, you can [access all five learning modules here](#).

News From Around the State

LibraryLinkNJ "¿Cómo Se Dice?" Series On Demand

Visit LibraryLinkNJ's LearningSpace On-Demand Training Portal to access their brand-new series of recorded "¿Cómo Se Dice?" lessons. No registration is required; simply visit LearningSpace and complete the lessons at your own pace! The first of 4 modules is available now:

- [¿Cómo Se Dice? On-Demand Module - Circulation](#)

These lessons – brought to you by Spanish speakers and New Jersey library staffers Luisa Martucci and Yesenia Lopez with support from New Jersey librarian Cynthia Hutzel – are designed to help library staff understand and practice basic Spanish language skills for the library setting.

Want to take it a step further? Join on March 26, 2026 from 11am to 12pm for live Spanish language practice! [Click here for details and to register.](#)

Questions? Contact [Darby Malvey](#).

National Opportunities

Why Public Libraries Matter

Public libraries continue to play a vital role as community hubs, providing free access to technology, information, and essential services. A recent article from PolicyMap highlights how libraries are using data to better understand and respond to local needs, from bridging the digital divide to supporting workforce development. As libraries evolve, demonstrating their impact has never been more important. [Read the article.](#)

Social Security App Coming Soon!

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is launching a mobile app that users will be able to download to their personal device in order to access their [my Social Security](#) account. Users age 18 and older may access their annual Social Security Statement that shows how much they've contributed to Social Security and what they may expect to receive when they retire or if they become disabled. It's also the account through which you may apply online for retirement and disability benefits and manage your benefits if you're already receiving Social Security. Stay tuned for further details to share with patrons as the app becomes available.

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, feel free to share within your communities.

- [Healthy Living for your Mind and Body](#) - March 25th @ noon
 - [Introduction to Proposal Writing](#) - April 1st @ noon
 - [The Delaware River: An Immigrant History](#) - April 9th @ 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:

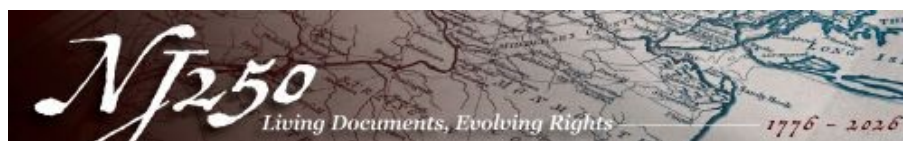
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)
- [A Guide to YouTube Shorts for Libraries](#)
- [Five Free Library Content Ideas You Can Post This Week](#)
- [The Secret to Social Media Hooks](#)

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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