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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

NJSL Presents July 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 July, feel free to share within your communities.



- [Social Security and Retirement](#) - July 9th @ noon
- [William Livingston: Governor, General, Signer of the Constitution](#) - July 15th @ noon
- [Medicare 101](#) - July 21st @ noon
- [Gentle Yoga](#) - July 23rd @ noon

The NJ State Library and LibraryLinkNJ Join Forces with the NJ AI Hub to Launch the NJ AI Library Learning Network

The NJ AI Library Learning Network is a new initiative that will help libraries bring practical AI learning and workforce skills to communities across the state. Library staff from five public libraries will receive advanced AI literacy training and, in turn, will offer free community workshops focused on the practical, ethical, and accessible use of AI. Participating libraries include the Jersey City Free Public Library, Mercer County Library System, Somerset County Library System of New Jersey, Camden County Library System, and Burlington County Library System. [Click here to view the press release](#) and learn more about this exciting partnership!

Snapshot View of the New Jersey State Library Teaching Information Literacy Pilot

The New Jersey State Library worked with the American Institutes of Research (AIR) to create a set of K-12 learning activities on information literacy for educators, as part of its IMLS Teaching Information Literacy grant. Participating school library media specialists and classroom teachers piloted the learning activities in their classrooms between January and March 2026. [Check out this snapshot](#) of the experiences, highlights, and challenges they faced, along with recommendations for next steps from AIR.

Money Smart for Life 2026 Award Recipients Announced

Congratulations to the recipients of the Money Smart for Life 2026 Award! This award program was designed to recognize libraries coordinating programs that support financial literacy education for community members of any age. Join us in celebrating these award recipients and the important work they are doing to empower their communities through financial education.

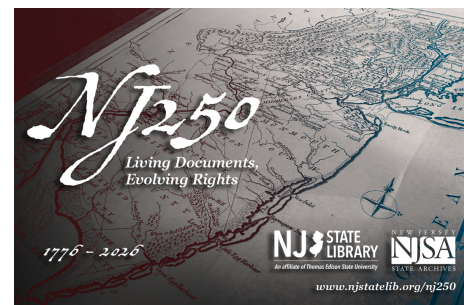


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[Click here to see the full list.](#)

Visit the NJ State Library to Tour the New NJ250 In-Person Exhibit Before It's Gone!

Don't miss your chance to visit the New Jersey State Library's [brand new in-person NJ250 exhibit](#)! Step back in time and walk through each constitutional era in New Jersey, featuring rare historical documents, interesting fast facts, and the unique stories that shaped both our state and nation. The exhibit will be on view on the New Jersey State Library's 4th floor, and can be toured on **July 6th, 7th, and 8th, twice daily at 11 am and 1:30 pm.**

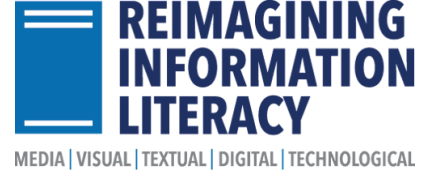


[Read the full press release](#) about the NJ250 Digital and In-person Exhibits.

Last Call to Register for "Reimagining Information Literacy" Free Virtual National Forum

Since 2023, the New Jersey State Library has been working on "Teaching Information Literacy," an IMLS-funded project that is supporting the state's

implementation of K-12 student information literacy learning standards.



As part of our efforts to inform, educate, and engage people, we are holding a free virtual National Forum on **July 14-15, 2026**. Called Reimagining Information Literacy, speakers and panelists from across the country will explore a variety of aspects of information literacy, going beyond New Jersey's approach.

[Click here to learn more, view the list of speakers, agenda, and register!](#)

News From Around The State

NJ Statewide Resources to Help Your Patrons Stay Cool During Extreme Heat

As temperatures continue to climb in the summer months, utilize the many resources provided by New Jersey State offices to keep your patrons cool and safe.



- [Click here to find Cooling Centers in your area.](#)
 - [NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Heat Hub of NJ](#) provides professional resources on heat safety and preparedness.
 - [NJ Department of Health](#) has information about heat-related illnesses with downloadable posters that list safety tips.
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Call for Presenters: LLNJ Fall Virtual Conference on Collections

LibraryLinkNJ's sixth annual one-day virtual "[Collections Conference](#)" is scheduled for **Thursday, October 22, 2026!**

What do you have to share about library collections? Whether it's a how-to on starting a successful library-of-things, a deep-dive into the world of e-material budgets, or a presentation of your research into inclusive print collections - there just may be a spot for you as a presenter! Fill out and submit the [call for proposals form](#) no later than **Tuesday, August 18th** to be considered!



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:

- [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](#)
- [How to Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)

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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