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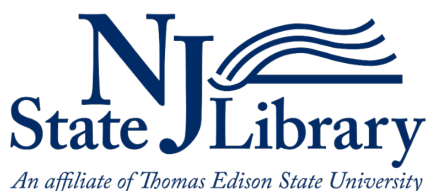
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## NJSL DIRECT

*Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries*



*March 23, 2020*

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## COVID-19 Updates

### All NJ Libraries Closed by Executive Order

Beginning March 20, all municipal, county, and State public libraries, and all libraries and computer labs at public and private colleges and universities were indefinitely closed to members of the public. [Read more here.](#)

The New Jersey State Library is adhering to these restrictions and is closed for walk-in service until further notice. We will continue to remain operational providing remote services. At this time, library services are available by phone, email, or by accessing our many online collections and resources through our website. Our Library Development Bureau and IT Department are fully staffed and will continue to provide service to the libraries in the state. [Learn more here...](#)

### Library Construction Bond Act - Application Deadline Extended

The State Library, in consultation with the governor's office, has extended the deadline for submission during the first round of Library Construction Bond Act applications by 60 days to June 5, 2020. To alleviate the burden on libraries that are already under strain from the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak, we must afford applicants this benefit during an extremely difficult period. As a result, it will not be possible, as originally anticipated, to submit a list of approved projects to the legislature in fiscal year 2020. The State Library expects, but can make no assurances, that the list will be submitted to the legislature in mid-September. All libraries must

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inform the companies they are working with about the change in timeline. Please continue to check our [website](#) for updates.

## Library Delivery Suspension

LibraryLinkNJ has suspended all deliveries effective March 17, 2020. Please visit [LibraryLinkNJ](#) for further information. Libraries that are closing should use their vacation settings to reflect that. Libraries that remain open can still receive ILLs from out of state libraries (those that remain open) by mail. Libraries who had scheduled trainings will be notified that all trainings have been postponed.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Librarians at the New Jersey State Library have created a resource guide:

<https://libguides.njstatelib.org/covid2019>

## General Announcements

### Census 2020 is Now Available!

Census 2020 is now available online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov)! Remember: The most accurate response is a self response and an early response helps to ensure that no one will come knocking on your community members' doors starting in May. Please note, with respect to COVID-19, Census 2020 is moving ahead according to plan. The Census Bureau will continue to follow the guidance of federal, state, and local health authorities. Learn more about the census below.

- See visuals of our Census 2020 mailings [here](#).
- Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to complete the questionnaire with or without a code.
- Take a look at the [Mail Contact Strategies Viewer](#) -- if your census tracts are in green, then your area will receive the invitation to respond and the paper questionnaire in the first mailing.
- See print guides in 59 languages [here](#).
- As of March 20th, you will be able to Census Self-Response Rates [here](#).

## Webinar - Libraries Stepping Up! Serving the Needs of

## Communities in Crisis

Library 2.0 is hosting a webinar, *Libraries Stepping Up! Serving the Needs of Communities in Crisis*, on March 26, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sessions include "Self Care During a Crisis", "Serving Patrons in a Crisis", and much more. Register and learn more [here](#).

## Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants Application Open

Applications are open for the 2020 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants. A Mini-Grant is an award of up to \$500 that the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation gives to eligible organizations to provide creative, innovative programs that support or extend the Common Core Standards in education. Programs may serve children from preschool to grade 12. Both public libraries and public schools are eligible to apply. The [application](#) deadline is March 31, 2020.

## OCLC's Community Engagement Award Application Open

OCLC is accepting applications from public libraries for its Community Engagement Awards. Tell OCLC about a current project, or one completed within the past year, that impacts and extends your public library's reach by engaging with your community. OCLC will make three \$5,000 awards. The [application](#) deadline is April 30, 2020.

## National Network of Libraries of Medicine Grant - Application Deadline Extended

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, invites applications for grant funding in support of health information outreach and programming projects. Network member organizations in Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are eligible to apply. Available grants include the Health Information Outreach Award, Data Award, and Professional Development Award. The [application](#) deadline has been extended to April 30, 2020. Read more [here](#).

## Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Youth Literacy Grant Application Open

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs. The [application](#) deadline is May 21, 2020.

**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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