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NJ Legislature Approves Initial Round of Library Construction Projects

The New Jersey State Library is pleased to announce that proposed projects for the first round of funding from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act have been approved by the State Legislature. New Jersey voters approved the issuance of \$125 million in state bonds to fund critical improvements to public libraries in 2017. The long awaited initial grant round will distribute \$87.5 million among 38 awardees from 16 counties across the state. [Read more here.](#)

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The team at the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University created the [NJCN Job Seeker Community](#), a FREE online community designed to connect job seekers with other job seekers, as well as volunteer coaches. The NJCN Job Seeker Community creates another access point for individuals to connect with other people, events, and information to help them during this tumultuous economic time. Please share this resource with job seekers in your community. [Learn more here](#). If you have any questions, contact Andrea Levandowski at alevandowski@njstatelib.org.

Support Available for CARES Act Products

SimplyE: For assistance, click [here](#). If you belong to a computer consortia, please check with the director first to ensure that your consortia will be utilizing this product.

Capira Curbside: [Sign up for Capira Curbside service here](#). Sahar Dampier at the State Library will verify completed forms and forward the information to OCLC. OCLC will then contact you to activate your account. For assistance after this point, email support@capiratech.com.

Zoom: To sign up for a Zoom Enterprise account, contact Sahar at sdampier@njstatelib.org. If you need support after that point, contact Zoom [here](#). This is chatbot-only support. If your need is greater than what can be achieved using that service, contact Sahar.

Baker and Taylor: For assistance with their ebook collection, email tech.support@baker-taylor.com.

Join an Open Discussion About the Challenges to Transitioning Libraries Online

The New Jersey State Library, in collaboration with the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University, will host a series of open discussions about the challenges libraries have faced in transitioning operations to a virtual environment. We will also review all the innovative ways local libraries have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please join us on **Dec. 4, 2020** from 1:00-2:30pm to share your experiences, ask questions, and discuss how we can work together to meet the challenges

ahead. [Register here](#). If you have questions, please contact Andrea Levandowski at alevandowski@njstatelib.org.

Important Update: Heritage Quest and Ancestry Availability

Heritage Quest is still available via remote access to public library cardholders in New Jersey. However, access to Ancestry is only available remotely to State Library cardholders through **Dec. 31, 2020**. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Attend the Library Journal's Virtual Design Institute

Join us on **Nov. 18, 2020** for this free, all-day virtual event. Whether you're a librarian, board member, trustee, or local official looking to revamp your space or plan for future design projects, you'll find ideas, information, and inspiration--no matter your budget! This event will feature noted architects and vendors in library design who'll address design trends, spotlight case studies, and answer pressing questions from the field. Topics will include retooling physical space for staff and patron safety, innovating to address social and racial equity and inclusion, funding new and renovated buildings in a down economy, and more. Throughout the day, you can engage with presenters in live and pre-recorded webcast sessions. You can also attend architect-led breakouts featuring design challenges submitted by your counterparts and visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall where you can sign up for one-on-one chats with sponsors in their booths and learn more about service and product offerings. A comprehensive selection of sponsors' resources will be available to attendees to "take home," and the event will be available for on-demand viewing for three months following its live broadcast. [Register here](#).

ALA Examines How Libraries Help Small Businesses Adapt to COVID-19 Challenges

ALA and the Libraries Build Business initiative released a white paper called [Open to Change: Libraries Catalyze Small Business Adaption to COVID-19](#). This paper was developed to capture some of the innovative ways that small businesses and entrepreneurs are pivoting amidst the challenges and new opportunities wrought by COVID-19. The paper also considers how libraries can respond to these emerging needs in their local small business communities. [Learn more about the white paper here](#).

Upcoming Capira Curbside Training and Q&A Sessions

Join us biweekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays to learn more about Capira Curbside and receive answers to your important questions. The next session is on **Nov. 17, 2020 at 3 p.m.** Log in [here](#), join by video system at 1734674115@oclc.webex.com, or call 1-877-668-4490. The access code is 173 467 4115, and the password is 3enZuxaMg92. If you have questions, email Sahar Dampier at sdampier@njstatelib.org.

MentorNJ Webinar Series: Delivering Effective

Customer Service While Keeping Library Staff and Patrons Safe in the New Normal

Join us on **Nov. 17, 2020** for Keeping Library Staff and Patrons Protected in a Pandemic. In this 90-minute session, we will discuss what tools and skills we need to use as libraries continue to re-open their doors to provide skillful and dedicated service to patrons. Join us again on **Nov. 19, 2020** for Library Customer Service in the New Normal. In this 90-minute webinar session, we'll answer questions about how to provide true service excellence. [Learn more here.](#)

Learn More About Zoom Through Our Free Webinars

The State Library will host two free webinars featuring Zoom experts who will teach the library community how to maximize the software's benefits. Join us on **Nov. 18, 2020** from 11-11:45 a.m. [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Sahar Dampier at sdampier@njstatelib.org.

GRANTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITES

Apply for the Women's Suffrage & Beyond Program Award

New Jersey Council for the Humanities is accepting applications for its Women's Suffrage & Beyond Program Award. Nonprofit and governmental organizations in New Jersey may apply for a \$500 award to support work to commemorate and interrogate the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women's suffrage in 1920 and its legacy one hundred years later. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds have been expended. [Learn more here.](#)

Enter to Win the Young Adult Library Services Association Great Books Giveaway Competition

The Young Adult Library Services Association is accepting applications for its Great Books Giveaway Competition. Each year, for review and nomination purposes, the YALSA office receives approximately 3,000 newly published books, videos, CDs and audiocassettes (materials that have been targeted primarily towards young adults) from producers and publishers. YALSA and the cooperating publishers are offering one year's worth of review materials as a contribution to up to three libraries in need through the Great Books Giveaway Competition. The application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**. [Learn more here.](#)

Apply for the Baker & Taylor/Young Adult Library Services Association Collection Development Grant

YALSA is also accepting applications for the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Collection Development Grant program. The program awards \$1,000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults

ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually. The application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

Apply for the Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant

The Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant, awarded through ALA/YALSA, aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy. Examples of literacy include, but are not limited to, digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural. Applicants must work for and with youth (ages 10-19) in a library setting. Library settings include public, university, community college, school, and special. The grant award is \$1,000, and the application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

Apply for the Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant

The American Library Association is accepting applications for a new grant opportunity, Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries. This initiative seeks to provide community engagement resources and opportunities specific to the needs of library workers serving small and rural communities. Grant awards will include \$3,000 to support costs related to applicants' proposed community engagement projects and professional development consisting of the "LTC: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries" asynchronous e-course and facilitation guide. This opportunity is open to all types of libraries serving small and/or rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. Apply by **Dec. 2, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

New Guidelines for the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Program Available

Guidelines are now available for the next round of the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program. The NEA Big Read annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read book. Selected organizations receive a grant, access to online training resources, and opportunities, digital resources, and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement. The application deadline is **Jan. 27, 2021**. [Learn more here](#).

Apply for the American Dream Literacy Initiative

The American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation invite public libraries to apply for grants to expand services for adult English language learners or adults in need of basic education and workforce development. Up to 16 grants of \$5,000 each will be awarded. Public libraries are eligible if they serve adult English language learners and are located within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center, or corporate office. Applications close **Jan. 29, 2021**. [Read more here](#).

Apply for a Spectrum Scholarship

Applications for 2021 Spectrum Scholarships are now open through the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse. The Spectrum Scholarship Program actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA. Please share this information with future or current BIPOC MLS/MLIS students, and email spectrum@ala.org with questions. Applications close **March 1, 2021**. [Read more here](#).

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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