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From nurses and social workers to librarians and parents of special needs children, hundreds of people, as diverse as the communities they serve, came together at the Holiday Inn National Conference Center, East Windsor, on Dec. 5 to discuss the health and literacy challenges experienced by diverse populations and communities, and initiate networking and collaboration to form better partnerships.

[Read more...](#)**Becoming a Wizard of Recovery**

In six sessions during October and November 2017, the NJ State Library and the NJ Cultural Alliance for Response (NJCAR) presented a series of disaster preparedness training workshops for librarians and others who work at institutions where publications, artifacts, photos or artwork are housed.

[Read more...](#)**Spring 2018 Small Business Workshop Series - Register Your Library by Dec. 18**

Based on feedback from previous workshop sessions, Taxation University has made some changes to the workshops currently offered for certain types of businesses. Whether your library has hosted a session before or plans to provide a workshop for the first time, the new slate of classes will be a draw for small business owners and individuals thinking about starting a business.

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Workshops may be scheduled between March 12, 2018 and May 31, 2018, with start times in the morning, afternoon or evening. Each library may choose up to two sessions per location.

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## Early January Grant Deadlines

Don't miss these three grant opportunities for public libraries which have early January 2018 deadlines: the YALSA/Dollar General Summer Learning Grant, the YALSA/Dollar General Teen Summer Intern Grant, and Round Six of the ALA/Dollar General American Dream Literacy Initiative. The YALSA applications are due on January 1, 2018 and the American Dream application is due January 2, 2018.

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## NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant Competition - Deadline Dec. 19

The NOAA Office of Education has issued a competitive funding opportunity for projects designed to support the education of the public and/or K-12 students so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather events and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience.

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## Dollar General Adult Literacy Grant - Deadline Jan. 2

ALA and the 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 15 grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded.

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## Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant - Jan. 26 Deadline

The American Library Association and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation are now accepting applications for the 2018 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries, which

recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature. **Application deadline is Jan. 26, 2018.**

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## NJLA 2018 Honors & Awards Nominations are now open - Deadline March 19

Nominate your colleagues, inside of the library and out: LIBRARY WORKERS - PRESS - STUDENTS - TRUSTEES - ADVOCATES. **Nominations are open until March 19, 2018.** Winners will be honored on Thursday, May 31 at the NJLA Conference.

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**As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team.**

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