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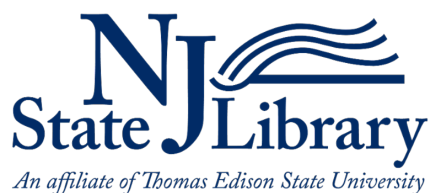
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NJSL News and Events

Learn About Displaced Homemaker Programs

This webinar, which will be held on March 24, 2020, will explain the Displaced Homemaker Programs available to New Jersey residents. The Displaced Homemaker Programs assist individuals with obtaining short term education certificates, employment opportunities, computer technology updates, resume writing, and career counseling with a goal of reaching economic self-sufficiency. Libraries serve individuals who may be displaced homemakers and have an opportunity to connect them to resources that could greatly benefit them. Partnering with local Displaced Homemaker Programs also provides an opportunity for libraries to extend services, offer new programs, or promote relevant services and events. [Learn more here](#) and [register here](#).

Attend the Resource Development and Grant Writing Basics Workshop

The State Library, in partnership with Brittany Campese of Vision Driven Consulting, will host a workshop to teach the basics of resource development, fundraising, and grant writing. The workshop will be held on April 27, 2020 at the Cherry Hill Public Library and on April 28, 2020 at the

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Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library. [Learn more and register here.](#)

NJLibsGrowsBiz Summit Registration Open

The NJLibsGrowBiz Summit will be held on April 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. This event will focus on strengthening business services and outreach in libraries across New Jersey. Attendees will also have an opportunity to network with representatives from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, UCEDC, and New Jersey Department of Taxation. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Grant Opportunities and More

Free Professional Development Tools for Small and Rural Communities

The American Library Association released a set of free professional development materials to help library workers in small and rural communities develop the facilitation skills they need to thrive in the 21st-century library. Offered through Libraries Transforming Communities: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries, the materials are designed to help library workers prepare for and lead discussions and overcome common challenges that arise when people gather to speak in groups. [Learn more here.](#)

Attend a Community Asset Mapping Workshop

The NJ Cultural Alliance for Response will host a half-day workshop, "Who Are The People In Your Neighborhood? Community Asset Mapping". This workshop will focus on identifying community assets and resources and will also show how they can be harnessed to meet community needs and to strengthen the community as a whole. The workshop will take place on March 3, 2020 at the Morris Museum and on March 4, 2020 at the Monmouth County Library. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Attend the Camden County Small Business Resources Workshop

The New Jersey State Library has been participating in events for small business owners and entrepreneurs sponsored by the NJ Economic Development Authority and Business

Action Center. The next event will be held on March 11, 2020 at the James J. Florio Center for Public Service in Camden, NJ. [Learn more and register here.](#)

New Jersey Historical Commission Project Grant Guidelines Available

The goal of the grant program is to engage diverse audiences in the active exploration, enjoyment, interpretation, understanding, and preservation of New Jersey history. Project grants are available to both individuals and organizations. Applicants can request up to \$25,000 in support of their project. Intent to apply forms are due March 11, 2020. [Learn more here.](#)

Human Genetics Film Kits Available

Public libraries may apply to receive a Human Genetics Film Kit from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Human Genetics Film Kits contain a curated selection of materials, including a set of four DVD films on topics related to human genetics, designed to support public libraries in raising scientific literacy and awareness of precision medicine. Through attending screenings of the films and participating in wraparound discussions, library patrons will learn about human genetics and the advance of precision medicine. Due to the limited number of film kits, priority will be given to members of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. To participate, selected public libraries must host at least one film screening and post-screening discussion or activity within twelve months of receipt of the kit. The [application](#) deadline is March 16, 2020 for first consideration.

Attend a Disaster Preparedness Workshop

The NJ Cultural Alliance for Response will host a workshop, "NJCAR Workshops in Disaster Preparedness for Cultural Institutions". This workshop will teach attendees about the disaster planning process and explore contents of a disaster plan, business continuity issues, and information about resources to help with planning in order to protect people and property. The workshop will be held on March 18, 2020 at the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Offices and on March 19, 2020 at the Tuckerton Seaport. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Lift Every Voice Grant Application Deadline Extended

The Library of America is accepting applications for its Lift Every Voice grant program. The principal objective of Lift Every Voice is to engage participants in a multifaceted exploration of the African American poetic tradition, the perspectives it offers on American history and the struggle for racial justice, and the universality of its portrait of the personal experiences of African Americans over three centuries. Lift Every Voice offers \$1,200 grants to 50 libraries, museums, and nonprofit cultural institutions to host a minimum of two public programs, at least one of which must be a discussion/reading group moderated by a scholar of African American literature designed to draw out and explore the project themes. The [application](#) deadline is March 20, 2020.

John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award Application Open

Applications are open for the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award. The award honors outstanding library public relations, whether a summer reading program, a year-long centennial celebration, fundraising for a new college library, an awareness campaign or an innovative partnership in the community. In recognition of their achievement, award winners receive a cash prize from the H.W. Wilson Foundation. An application must be a public relations/strategic communication program that occurred entirely during 2019, the 2018-2019 academic year, or a multi-year project completed in 2019. The [application](#) deadline is March 27, 2020.

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.

Believe in Reading Grant Application Opens April 1st

Believe in Reading supports the efforts of nonprofit organizations that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages from around the world. Believe in Reading awards grants to existing and provably successful literacy programs. Believe in Reading will consider funding programs that serve any age or aspect of supporting reading and literacy, including adult literacy or English as a second language projects. See their [grant guidelines](#) for eligibility requirements and funding priorities.

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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