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NJ Library Construction Bond Act

On November 7th the residents of New Jersey will vote on the NJ Library Construction Bond Act. The bond, if passed, would provide \$125 million in funding for library construction projects throughout New Jersey.

For more information visit:

<http://njlibrariesbuildcommunities.org>

Youth Services Forum, Monday, October 23, 2017 - Deadline to register October 13

The Annual Youth Services Forum: Libraries Evolve, is a day of hot topics and issues in library services to children and young adults, sponsored by The NJ State Library, The New Jersey Library Association and New Jersey Association of School Librarians. The Forum is Monday, October 23, 2017 at the Monmouth County Library - Headquarters, Manalapan from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm.

[To see the program descriptions and register, go to NJLA's website.](#)

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ALA Grant Opportunities

Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant

The ALSC Summer Reading Program Grant is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries by providing \$3,000 in financial assistance, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development. Applications, Signature forms, and itemized budgets are due by November 15, 2017.

[Read more...](#)

Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award

This \$4,000 award was established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, in honor of Maureen Hayes, to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding an author/illustrator visit to a library. Applications and Signature form, and itemized budget are due by November 15, 2017.

[Read more...](#)

NJ Statewide Network for Cultural Competence 2017 Annual Conference

The NJ Statewide Network of Cultural Competence (NJSNCC), in partnership with NJSL, is offering its 6th Annual Conference, "Improving Health and Mental Health Literacy in Diverse Communities: Why Partnerships Matter" on Tues., Dec. 5, 2017, 8am-4pm at The Holiday Inn National Convention Center (399 Monmouth Street) in East Windsor, N.J. Registration fee is \$55.00 until October 1st, \$65 after October 1st. Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Please visit [this site to register](#).

Please also see the [conference brochure](#) for further details.

NJSL In The News

The Futures Conference, organized and hosted by the NJ State Library, was featured in [American Libraries Magazine's Latest Library Links](#). (*Click on the link that reads "New Jersey State Library, Sept. 28", located under the social icons for the full story.*)

The State Library was also featured as a Member Spotlight in the [NJ Volunteers Organizations Active in Disaster newsletter](#) for its disaster and preparedness resources

and training.

Research Your Past During National Family History Month

NJSL is hosting a series of events to celebrate National Family History month, and showcase the wealth of genealogy resources available at the State Library.

[Read more...](#)

[Check out our Genealogy Research Guide here...](#)

Public Library Directors' Summit - Registration Deadline Oct. 17

The State Library, with LibraryLinkNJ, is sponsoring the second Public Library Directors' Summit on Tuesday, October 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor. This one-day event will provide experienced public library directors with best practices and the latest developments in the areas of library law and other public library topics. The summit will feature programs on library law by Michael Cerone, facilities management by Michael Gannon, and a library technology infrastructure update by Carson Block.

[Learn more & register here...](#)

Teen Read Week - Oct. 8 - 14

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

[Read more...](#)

Registration for the 4th Annual NJ Makers Day (March 9-10, 2018) is now open

From Doug Baldwin, President, New Jersey Makers Day:

Registration for the 4th Annual NJ Makers Day (March 9-10, 2018) is now officially open! The online form to register as an official site location can be found here: <http://njmakersday.org/index.php/registration/>

Last year, NJ Makers Day drew more than 85,000+ participants statewide at more than 300 locations in all 21 NJ counties. Now in our 4th year, we once again look forward to working together with all of you to provide hands on making, STE(A)M, and learning experience for all ages in communities across out state! Check out the updated NJ Makers Day website here: <http://njmakersday.org>

Additionally, to coincide with the opening of 2018 registration. We are excited to also announce our **NJ Makers Day Mini Grants!** For information about our mini-grants, including the application, you can visit <http://njmakersday.org/index.php/mini-grants>.

Please note: Only grant applications from sites officially registered for NJ Makers Day BEFORE the early-bird deadline of Friday, November 3 will be considered.

MentorNJ In-Person Networking Event

Join us for a day that is dedicated exclusively to networking and celebrating the profession, **Friday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at the Monroe Township Library (*Middlesex County). Registration is limited.

[Read more...](#)

ALSC Now Accepting Applications for Strengthening Communities Through Libraries Minigrants

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) will award twelve \$5,000 Strengthening Communities Through Libraries minigrants to members in public libraries and develop supplemental resources that will be made widely available to support the out-of-school time programming of libraries and other community organizations. Proposals should include programming that strengthens community opportunities for STEAM learning during school breaks. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 20, 2017.**

[Read the full press release...](#)

[Access the application here...](#)

Libraries & Autism Grant

The "Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services and More" grant is sponsored by *Libraries and Autism: We're Connected*. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded. All programs or services proposed must benefit people with autism or their families, directly or indirectly. Funds may be used to hire a trainer to present a workshop, to buy program materials, to pay for staff, etc. **Deadline is Dec. 1.**

[Read more...](#)

Funding for English Literacy Programs

Vernon Library Supplies has announced a grant opportunity to support programs designed "to help new immigrants achieve English literacy and proficiency." Libraries and other non-profit organizations may request up to \$5,000. **The application deadline is October 31, 2017.** Awards will start to be distributed on December 1, 2017.

[Read more...](#)

NJ Association of School Librarians Conference Nov. 16 & 17 - Registration Now Open

NJASL's annual conference will be held at the Ocean Place Spa & Resort, Long Branch. Check out the "Top 10 Reasons to Attend NJASL Fall Conference" and learn more about registration on the [conference website](#).

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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