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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

State Librarian's Update - June

Please take a moment to read the [June 2026 New Jersey State Library update](#).

Visit the NJ State Library to Tour the New NJ250 In-Person Exhibit This July

Are you interested in learning more about how New Jersey played a pivotal role in the creation of our nation? If so, the New Jersey State Library's brand new in-person NJ250 exhibit should be on your list of must-see attractions this July! This will be an extension of our



[NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights](#)

digital exhibit. Step back in time and walk through each constitutional era in New Jersey, featuring rare historical documents, interesting fast facts, and the unique stories that shaped both our state and nation. You won't want to miss this interactive display and tour to commemorate the semiquincentennial! The exhibit will be on view on the New Jersey State Library's 4th floor, and can be toured on July 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th, twice daily at 11 am and 1:30 pm.

[Learn more about the in-person exhibit here.](#)

TBBC Patron Testimonial Videos

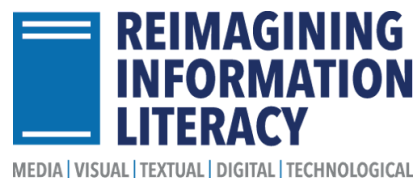
People love the Talking Book and Braille Center! TBBC staff visited the National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey Annual State Convention to ask our patrons why they love TBBC. Check out our latest videos to hear

Everything Ebooks: Digital Licensing in Libraries

Join us on Wednesday, June 10th, at 7 pm for a discussion on Ebooks. The shifting landscape of digital content licensing (ebooks and digital audiobooks) is a complex and critical topic for libraries. NJSL's Shared Services Project Specialist Michael Maziekien will present on common licensing terms, long-term publishing trends, challenges and solutions, pending legislation, alternative licensing models, and statewide collections. [Register here](#).

Register for "Reimagining Information Literacy" Free Virtual National Forum

Since 2023, the New Jersey State Library has been working on "Teaching Information Literacy," an IMLS-funded project that is supporting the state's implementation of K-12 student information literacy learning standards.



As part of our efforts to inform, educate, and engage people, we are holding a free virtual National Forum on **July 14-15, 2026**. Called Reimagining Information Literacy, speakers and panelists from across the country will explore a variety of aspects of information literacy, going beyond New Jersey's approach.

We will be joined by speakers such as Crosby Kemper, former director of IMLS; Chris Coward of the University of Washington; and Beth Simone Noveck, New Jersey's Chief Artificial Intelligence Strategist and a professor at Northeastern University.

[Click here to learn more and register](#).

New Jersey State Library Youth Services Survey

This short survey is designed to get a better understanding of what topics or trainings are of interest to youth services library staff members in public libraries. [Click to fill out the Youth Services Survey from the New Jersey State Library](#). If you have any questions, contact [Sharon Rawlins](#), Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library.

NJ250 Digital Exhibit May Recap

We continue to celebrate 250 years since the Revolution, focusing on New Jersey's role in this historical time period through our [digital NJ250 exhibit](#). Here's what we launched in May:

- [John Adams and his connection to New Jersey](#)

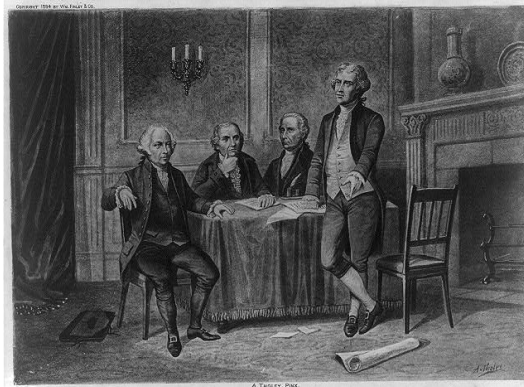
Did you know that founding father John Adams once made Trenton the capital of the United States?

- [A Study in Taxes Versus Religion – Everson v. Ewing Board of Education](#)

A landmark case exploring public funding and religious schools.

- [Segregation as Custom – Hedgepeth v. Trenton Board of Education](#)

A pivotal New Jersey case that helped lay the groundwork for school desegregation.



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TRADERS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

Stay tuned, as we continue to debut new content monthly! Please join us in sharing this valuable historical resource with your communities. [Click here to download the NJ250 Digital Exhibit Flyer.](#)

Want to receive new content updates directly to your inbox? [Sign up for the NJ250 Newsletter!](#)

News From Around The State

Participate in the Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ) 2027 Public Input Survey

As New Jersey's designated Protection and Advocacy system for people with disabilities, Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ) is federally required to conduct a Public Input Survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather information and opinions that will help their organization's leadership set 2027 priorities, goals, and objectives for the protection & advocacy of individuals with disabilities. [Click here to take survey.](#)



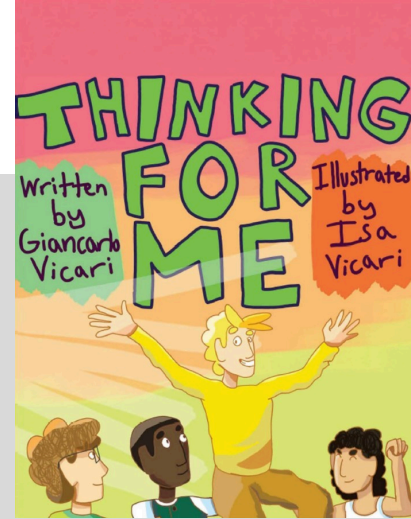
ADVANCING JUSTICE. ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSION.

NJ Youth Ambassador Creates "Thinking for Me" Comic

Giancarlo Vicari, Youth Ambassador from New Jersey, created a comic called "Thinking for Me" about turning 18 and talking to your parents about alternatives to guardianship. The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities helped make Giancarlo's comic into a 5-minute audio story narrated by Giancarlo and his friends. This audio story is a great resource for NJ public libraries to share with patrons interested in learning more about supported decision-making and alternatives to guardianship!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

[Download the comic here.](#)



LLNJ Spring Membership Meeting 2026

All LibraryLinkNJ (LLNJ) member library staff are invited to attend their virtual Spring Membership Meeting, **Thursday, June 18th at 2:30 p.m.** to learn more about programs and services, recent accomplishments, and future plans. **You don't need to be a Voting Representative to attend, but you must register as space is limited.** [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



National Opportunities

Participate in the National Games & Libraries Project (NGLP) Games-based Library Services Survey

The [Wisconsin State Library Agency](#) and the [Washington State Library](#) (in partnership with many others) are officially kicking off the first-ever nationwide survey of Games-based Library Services – a key component of their [National Games & Libraries Project](#), funded by an [Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant for Libraries](#).



The survey will result in a “snapshot” of Games-based Library Services [GBLS] being offered nationwide throughout multitype libraries: public, school, academic, special, state libraries & consortia HQs, etc. Please help contribute to this research by filling out the survey and sharing it with library colleagues and relevant networks. The survey will remain open until Mid-July.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

Network of the National Library of Medicine Scholarship

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) is offering a scholarship to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference taking place September 16–19, 2026, in Montgomery, AL. NNLM would love to see New Jersey applicants for this opportunity.



[Click here to learn more and apply](#) by **June 15th, 2026.**

NJSL Presents Events

Our NJSL Presents Webinars are free and open to anyone interested in attending. Registration is required in advance and [all webinars are recorded and posted to our YouTube page](#) afterward. You can also [check out event recaps on our blog](#)! Here's what we have coming up in June, feel free to share within your communities.



- [Genealogy of a Patriot: The Stories of Benjamin Flynn and Oliver Cromwell](#) - June 9th @ noon
 - [Leading Across the Generations: Building Effective Multi-Generational Team](#) - June 12th @ noon
 - [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK – The Princeton Fugitive Slave: The Trials of James Collins Johnson](#) - June 24th @ noon
 - [The Battle of Monmouth Courthouse: The Last Great Revolutionary War Battle in the North](#) - June 30th @ noon
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Professional Development Opportunities

Visit the State Library's [CE Training webpage](#) for a variety of Continuing Education training opportunities for New Jersey librarians, library support staff, and trustees.

[On-Demand Training Portal](#) in the LibraryLinkNJ LearningSpace and [a list of training programs](#) currently being offered.

[Professional Development Links](#) and [Webinars and Other Training Events](#) from the NJLA Professional Development Committee.

Check out the upcoming LYRASIS CE opportunities on their [calendar here](#).

[Click here for a monthly national list](#) of CE and Professional Development opportunities.

Library Marketing Resources

If your library is looking for marketing tips, best practices and inspiration, [check out our Marketing Blog](#) updated monthly. Here's our most recent blog posts:

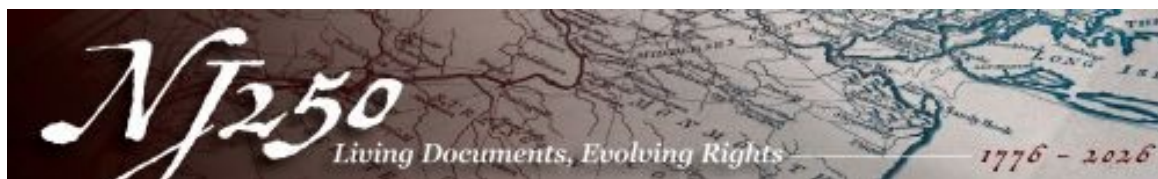
- [Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth](#)
- [How to Use Canva Templates for Library Social Posts](#)
- [How to Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)

Download sharable social media graphics and videos from the [Statewide Digital Marketing Campaign](#).

Also, you can [download marketing resources from State Library Vendors & Partners](#).

Connecting people with information through libraries.

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NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights - New Jersey Through Three Constitutions
<https://www.njstatelib.org/nj250>

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