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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

State Librarian's Update - November 2025

Please take a moment to read the [November 2025 New Jersey State Library update](#).

Attend Non-Federal Funding Streams Webinar

The Office of Senator Andy Kim is hosting a free webinar, '[Non-Federal Funding Streams for Non-Profits](#),' on **Friday, November 14, from 12–1 PM**. NJ State Library's own Business & U.S. Documents Librarian Leigh Clark will be one of the featured speakers. Leigh will join representatives from Senator Kim's Office, the NJ Center for Nonprofits, and the Council of NJ Grantmakers to discuss how to navigate funding gaps, identify alternative funding sources, and strengthen your organization's grant strategy. [Register to attend](#).

Join the Community of Practice (CoP) to Discuss Teaching Information Literacy in New Jersey

Anyone who works with youth in school, public, or academic libraries is invited to register to join the NJ State Library-sponsored monthly virtual Community of Practice (CoP) meetups. These sessions offer an opportunity to connect with colleagues, share ideas, and explore strategies to strengthen information literacy programming for youth. The [CoP meetups](#) will be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning **December 9th, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams.

Research Ready: Resources for Supporting Teens

- Two Sessions Left

The NJ State Library is sponsoring a five-part series of one-hour virtual sessions to equip librarians with the essential tools and strategies to support teens' skills in conducting academic research. Register for the last two sessions below.

- [Researching with Open Data & Government Sources](#) - November 18th at 11:00 a.m.
 - [Researching with AI Tools](#) - December 2nd at 11:00 a.m.
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English Language Learners in New Jersey Libraries

The State Library is compiling information to better understand how New Jersey Public Libraries provide English as a Second Language (ESL) programs and support. This research will help us gauge the needs of New Jersey communities, learn about current partnerships with outside agencies, and potentially develop new programs and services at the state level. Your response is important in creating a clearer picture of the state of ESL training, tutoring, and other services in NJ libraries. [Please fill out this brief survey](#) by **November 28th**, regardless of whether your library offers ESL programs or classes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michael Maziekien (mmaziekien@njstatelib.org) or Andrea Levandowski (alevandowski@njstatelib.org).

NJAC 15:21 and NJAC 15:22 Revised Regulations Finalized

The [November 3rd NJ Register](#) includes the full text of revised regulations NJAC 15:21 and NJAC 15:22. Thank you to everyone who participated in the process or provided feedback over the last two years.

Teaching Information Literacy Webinar Series

Register now for the final session of the five-part *Pillars of Information Literacy in New Jersey* webinar series.

Session 5: [AI](#) - Dec. 2nd, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If you missed any of the first four sessions, the recordings are available on [the NJSL website](#).

Information Literacy Training Modules

LibraryLinkNJ, in partnership with the New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Department of Education, has released the first three modules of a five-part learning series, *Information Literacy: A Guide for New Jersey Communities*

- [Module One: “What is Information Literacy?”](#)
- [Module Two: “How Do I Determine What Information I Need?”](#)
- [Module Three: “How Do I Identify and Evaluate Information?”](#)

These modules are part of New Jersey’s statewide initiative to integrate information literacy into K–12 education, and are designed to enable educators, families, and community leaders to work together in building strong information literacy skills. [Learn more about this initiative.](#)

News From Around the State

New Fact Sheets for Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan and Venezuelan (CHNV) Parolees in New Jersey

The Office of New Americans (ONA) has created new materials for community wide awareness and distribution.

Below please find a new fact sheet, Information for the Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan (CHNV) Parolees in New Jersey, available in English, Haitian Creole, and Spanish.

- [English Fact Sheet](#)
- [Haitian Creole Fact Sheet](#)
- [Spanish Fact Sheet](#)

The ONA website features new Know Your Rights resources, including multilingual Posters and Graphics. You can download the posters to print or post the graphics on your social media. Please visit the ONA website at NewAmericans.nj.gov as updates become available.

Leadership Lab: Preparation & Exploration for Aspiring Leaders

LibraryLinkNJ and Work Wise Labs are excited to offer [Leadership Lab](#) - a training series for New Jersey library staff in any position seeking to prepare for a leadership role.

- Sessions will take place on January 13 (in person), January 27 (virtual), and February 11 (virtual).
- The cost of attendance, inclusive of all 3 sessions, is \$200 per person.
- Registration for this series is first-come, first-served, opens on **Monday, November 10th at 8 a.m.**, and is limited to 35 individuals.

Questions? Contact Darby Malvey: darby@librarylinknj.org, 732-752-7720 x 105

Apply Now for EDI-NJ Institutional Assessment Pilot Project

EDI-NJ is excited to launch the EDI-NJ Institutional Assessment Pilot Program, a statewide initiative helping New Jersey libraries deepen their equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) practices through structured assessment, reflection, and action. Ten libraries across New Jersey will be invited to participate free of cost in a collaborative pilot designed to test, refine, and apply the EDI-NJ Institutional Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Assessment Tool.

IMPORTANT: Please review the project details and timeline outlined on [the project information page](#) before completing the [application form](#).

Applications submitted by the **Priority Review Deadline (November 20, 2025)** will receive early review, and selected libraries will be notified between November 21 and 24, 2025. Questions? Contact edi@librarylinknj.org.

National Opportunities

Free Educational Materials for 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

[Vibrant Emotional Health](#) is sharing free [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) educational materials with libraries across the country.

The 988 Lifeline is a national network of crisis contact centers that connects people with skilled, compassionate crisis counselors 24/7, offering support for anyone in suicidal crisis or struggling with mental health challenges, emotional distress, or substance misuse.

Libraries [can request a free package](#) containing 3 full-size flyers, 3 half-size flyers, 10 postcards, 10 bookmarks, and 10 stickers to help spread awareness of this vital resource to patrons.

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 November, feel free to share within your communities.

- [Introduction to Medicare](#) - November 12th @ noon
 - [Resume Writing 101](#) - November 18th @ noon
 - [Let's Talk Diabetes: Prediabetes, Type 1, and Type 2 Explained](#) - November 20th @ 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:

- [The Secret to Social Media Hooks](#)
- [Refresh Your Library's Approach to Email Marketing](#)
- [How to Create Better Hyperlinks for Accessibility](#)
- [Spotify Playlists for Library Programs](#)
- [Learn More About the New Instagram Edits App](#)

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

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



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