

NJSL DIRECT

Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries
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State Library Updates

NJSL Presents May 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. Here's what we have coming up in May, feel free to share within your communities.

- [Virtual Author Talk - Japanese American Experiences at Seabrook Farms, 1944-1947](#) - May 7th @ noon
- [Retirement Planning for PERS & TPAF Members – State Employees](#) - May 9th @ 1 p.m.
- [Financial Side of College Graduation](#) - May 15th @ noon
- [Overcoming Imposter Syndrome and Embracing Your Innate Power Within the Workplace](#) - May 21st @ noon
- [The Time to Hear is Here™](#) - May 23rd @ noon

NJSL Sessions at 2024 NJLA Conference

We're looking forward to this year's NJLA Conference **May 29th to 31st** in Atlantic City. [Click here to see the workshops and presentations](#) that will be led by New Jersey State Library staff!

E-Resources Survey

All New Jersey library personnel are invited to participate in an E-Resources Survey concerning the [JerseyClicks](#) suite of databases, available to all New Jersey residents. Your feedback is important to the New Jersey State Library, as we consider the needs of the library community in selecting future statewide resources. Please respond by **May 13, 2024**. Thank you! [Click here to take survey](#).

JerseyClicks May Training Sessions

This May, brush up on databases offered through JerseyClicks! The below sessions are being offered at 2pm on the following dates:

- Gale Presents: Peterson's Test and Career Prep: Basic Skills and ESL Resources - **May 7th**
- ProQuest Presents: Searching for International Content in HeritageQuest Online - **May 21st**

[Click to learn more and register](#)

13th Annual NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center Golf Classic

The NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is hosting its 13th Annual TBBC Golf Classic, which will be held on **Tuesday, June 18th** at Makefield Highlands Golf Club in Yardley, PA. [Click here to reserve your spot now](#).

News from Around the State

USCIS Announces Open Application Period for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it will begin accepting applications for its [FY24 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program](#). USCIS will offer up to \$10 million in funding for organizations who help prepare immigrants for naturalization and who promote civic integration.

Applications are due by Friday, June 21, 2024.

USCIS will be holding an informational webinar on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm** to provide an overview of the grant program and respond to questions about the application requirements and process. [Click here to register.](#)

NJ Statewide EDI Initiative Group (EDI-NJ) Meeting

Join us in this coalition of NJ's library organizations to tackle EDI issues in our state's libraries. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9th**. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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.

[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](#) 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:

- [Marketing Your Library on YouTube](#)
- [Five Tips for Managing Your Library's Social Media](#)
- [How to Increase Instagram Engagement](#)
- [Avoid These Video Marketing Mistakes!](#)

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

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

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