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Continuing Education and Training Opportunities

The Road Back: Libraries to Reopen in Phase Two

[NJSL's Continuing Education Webpage](#)

On May 18th, Governor Murphy announced his road map for reopening New Jersey. The reopening will happen in stages. We are currently in stage one of three. Library reopenings will start during the second stage. Please note, Gov. Murphy didn't mention what criteria he would use to advance or retract stages. More information from the news conference can be found [here](#).

[NJSL's In Person Workshops and Online Training Schedule](#)

[Upcoming Training Opportunities from NN/LM MAR](#)

The State Library's Marketing Blog is Back!

[ReferenceUSA Webinar Schedule](#)

The State Library has been looking for additional ways to help libraries as we prepare to reopen our doors. One way we want to help is by publishing new installments of our marketing blog. Since the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to close our doors in March, we've learned many lessons about how to best communicate with our patrons during a crisis. Each week, we will share some of our tips and tools. Our newest post will guide you in developing a communications plan. [Read more here](#).

[Public Library Director 101 Series](#)

[WebJunction Training](#)

Stay Connected with NJSL on Social Media!



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Legislators and Libraries Announce Survey on Residents' Needs

A new survey seeking the input of New Jersey residents regarding the tools, programs, and services that would be most helpful during New Jersey's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic was

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announced today by Senator Vin Gopal and Assembly Members Eric Houghtaling and Joann Downey. Feedback from the survey, which is sponsored by the New Jersey Community Recovery Committee, will be used to leverage the resources of New Jersey public libraries in order to meet residents' needs and assist struggling families through these unprecedented times. [Read more and complete the survey here.](#)

The State Library's Guide for Reopening Public Libraries

The New Jersey State Library assembled a list of tools and resources to help guide your decisions when planning your library's reopening. The decisions before you will be difficult, so we wanted to ensure you have everything you need to make the most informed choices. Read our list of recommendations and start planning [here](#).

Updates from TBBC

Read TBBC's weekly highlights newsletter [here](#).

Sign Up to Host ReferenceUSA Training for the Public

The State Library is working with ReferenceUSA to offer libraries an opportunity to host or participate in virtual database training for the public. These webinars will be held in lieu of in-person training, which has been suspended for the remainder of 2020. Please fill out [this form](#) to request training for your patrons or join other libraries offering training.

Note: To host a ReferenceUSA webinar by July 31st, please fill out the form by May 26th. However, you can request training for any dates through the end of the year. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Nayomi Torres-Velez at ntorresvelez@njstatelib.org.

ReferenceUSA Training Available for Library Staff

Bill Carlson from InfoGroup will teach two ReferenceUSA training sessions for library staff. These webinars will cover all of the ReferenceUSA modules available in New Jersey along with various features for searching, downloading, and saving results. The dates are:

May 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. - [Register here](#)

June 3, 2020 10:30 a.m. - [Register here](#)

If you have questions, contact Andrea Levandowski at alevandowski@njstatelib.org or Nayomi Torres-Velez at ntorresvelez@njstatelib.org.

GRANT OPPORTUNITES

Libraries Lead with Digital Skills Grant Available

Libraries Lead with Digital Skills is an initiative of ALA and PLA, sponsored by Google, to ensure that public libraries across the nation receive ongoing access to free tools and resources to help everyone across America grow their skills, careers, and businesses. This funding program is open to any library that needs support for virtual library programming, so you can continue supporting job seekers and small businesses in your community. To apply, explain how your library is assisting job seekers and empowering small business owners with digital skills and select one of the Grow with Google resources to integrate into a new or existing outreach or virtual service. Apply by **June 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

IMLS CARES Act Grants Available

[IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries](#) support museums and libraries in addressing their communities' immediate and future needs caused by the pandemic. Projects may focus on preserving jobs, training staff, addressing the digital divide, planning for reopening, or providing technical support and capacity building for digital inclusion and engagement. Applicants are encouraged to prioritize services for high-need communities. [Applications](#) is due on **June 12, 2020**.

National Endowment of the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Program Applications Open

Applications are available for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program supports projects in libraries, archives, museums and historical organizations that strengthen efforts to extend the life of such materials as books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects, and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials from works that provide basic information quickly to tools that synthesize and codify knowledge of a subject for in-depth investigation. [Applications](#) are due **July 15, 2020**.

STAR Net STEAM Equity Project Call for Notice of Intent

The Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning, the American Library Association, Twin Cities PBS, Institute for Learning Innovation, and Education Development Center are seeking 12 creative librarians/library workers to lead their library's participation in a project at the intersection of transforming library services, gender equity, and cultural inclusion, STEAM learning and positive youth development. Public libraries in rural communities are eligible and libraries that serve significant Latino populations are strongly encouraged to apply. Selected libraries will receive \$15,000 to participate in

professional development activities, support community partnerships, and purchase materials as they customize STEAM learning experiences for their communities. Participating libraries will commit to a project term from Winter 2020 - Summer 2024. Interested library workers are invited to complete a Notice of Intent by **July 20, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

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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