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Ask the Legislator: Asm. Benjie Wimberly Discusses Radical Inclusion

The New Jersey State Library aims to identify and respond to issues affecting our communities, which is why we've been paying close attention to the Black Lives Matter movement. The movement has forced us to reexamine our fraught past, consider new ways to make amends, and create opportunities that provide equity of access to books, programs, and other important resources for all New Jerseyans. This week, we spoke to Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly and asked for his advice about how we can continue to strive for radical inclusion in libraries statewide. [Read more here.](#)

The American Library Association to Award \$2 Million to Small and Rural Libraries

The American Library Association has announced plans to award nearly \$2 million to small and rural libraries in 2020 and 2021 to help them address issues of concern in their communities. Through Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 to tackle

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issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment. The initiative is part of ALA's longtime commitment to preparing library workers for the expanding role of libraries. [Learn more here.](#)

Urban Libraries Council Shares New Leadership Brief: Digital Equity in the Age of COVID-19

The Leadership Brief, informed by the work and expert guidance of ULC's Digital Equity action team, spotlights how the pandemic has both intensified the digital divide and created a window for action by raising the visibility of what it means to be unconnected in our hyper-connected world, especially for our most vulnerable residents. Included in the Leadership Brief are action strategies, key messages, and background information to empower library leaders to take on a more active and intentional role in advancing digital equity. [Read more here.](#)

Attend Digital Inclusion Week Symposium

During Digital Inclusion Week 2020, DIPNJ is looking to bring together individuals from NJ's state and municipal governments, public interest groups, and digital inclusion practitioners to educate participants on the nature and complexity of digital inequity, build a culture of true digital inclusion in the state, and make the case for the creation of a digital inclusion body at the state level. [Learn more here.](#)

The Search Begins for the Next State Librarian

The New Jersey State Library has begun our search for the next State Librarian. We are seeking a dynamic individual with proven leadership qualities to direct and further develop the New Jersey State Library. The successful candidate will be a forward-thinking leader and change agent who can shape and communicate a compelling vision for New Jersey's motivated and engaged library community. In addition, the N.J. State Librarian represents this innovative organization with national and regional library organizations. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Webinars from New Jersey Hope and Healing

Are you struggling with stress and anxiety due to the COVID-19 Pandemic? New Jersey Hope and Healing is here to help. The Mental Health Association of New Jersey, in

collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disaster and Terrorism Branch, offers this Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. The program includes a variety of virtual support and discussion groups that are available to provide emotional support. These groups are for people from all walks of life and address topics such as health care workers, caregivers, teachers, parents, adults, teenagers, Baby Boomers, Spanish-speaking, and many more. [Learn more here.](#)

Webinar - Collections and Facilities: Caring for Your Resources During COVID-19

The challenges of reopening libraries during a pandemic have led to questions about the handling of materials, as well as the management of building operations. From allowing the virus to die naturally, to using disinfectants, to applying UV light or heat treatment--there are many options to consider. At 3 p.m. on **Oct. 8, 2020**, join this webinar to hear how some organizations are implementing policies and procedures around the use of these various treatments and considerations that could inform your own local decisions. You'll also hear an update on REALM testing efforts and the development of project resources. [Register here.](#)

Webinar - Displaced Homemaker Programs in New Jersey

Join us on **Oct. 8, 2020** as we explain the Displaced Homemaker Programs available to New Jersey residents. Displaced homemakers are persons who have lost their jobs as homemakers after a substantial number of years in unpaid labor in the home caring for family members. The Displaced Homemaker programs assist individuals with obtaining short term education certificates, employment opportunities, computer technology updates, resume writing and career counseling with a goal of reaching economic self-sufficiency. [Register here.](#)

Register for the 2020 Virtual Trustee Institute

Join us on **Oct. 17, 2020** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the annual Trustee Institute, hosted by the New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Library Trustee Association. This year's virtual event will feature an introduction from State Librarian Mary Chute and NJ Library Trustee Association President Pat Pavlak. The event will also include discussion topics such as Roles & Responsibilities of Library Trustees, Trends & Topics in Library Security & Safety, Employment Law in the Age of COVID-19, and a tour of the redesigned United for Libraries Virtual Trustee Academy website. The Trustee Institute is open to all Library Board Trustees and their Directors for a \$25.00 per library. [Register here.](#)

GRANTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITES

Nominations Open for IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting nominations for the 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor awarded to libraries and museums for service to their communities. Anyone—an employee, a board member, a volunteer, a member of the public, or a government official—is invited to nominate an institution. Museums and libraries of most disciplines and types are eligible. Regardless of who nominates the library or museum, in order to be considered, the institution must complete the online nomination form by 11:59 p.m. ET on **Nov. 2, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

Apply for the Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant

The American Library Association is accepting applications for a new grant opportunity, Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries. This initiative seeks to provide community engagement resources and opportunities specific to the needs of library workers serving small and rural communities. Grant awards will include \$3,000 to support costs related to applicants' proposed community engagement projects and professional development consisting of the "LTC: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries" asynchronous e-course and facilitation guide. This opportunity is open to all types of libraries serving small and/or rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. Apply by **Dec. 2, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

Apply for a Spectrum Scholarship

Applications for 2021 Spectrum Scholarships are now open through the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse. The Spectrum Scholarship Program actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA. Please share this information with future or current BIPOC MLS/MLIS students, and email spectrum@ala.org with questions. Applications close **March 1, 2021**. [Read 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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