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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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Upcoming NJSL Events

June 17 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[History of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.](#)

June 23 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Virtual Author Talk – A New Jersey State of Mind with Peter Genovese](#)

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grant Opportunity for NJ Public Libraries

NJSL is allocating \$1,800,000 for competitive grants to public libraries. Approximately 50 to 75 grants will be awarded. Two levels of funding will be available: Mini-Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Major grants will range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

The grant solicitation package is now available!

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Access to Brainfuse Extended

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It was previously announced that statewide access to Brainfuse would end on June 15, 2021. Due to the fact that the State Library intends to renew tutoring services for public libraries statewide, Brainfuse has agreed to keep service in New Jersey uninterrupted between June 15 and July 1.

NJSL to host Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's "Pink Table Talk" in Honor of Juneteenth

On June 17th, 12 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., join members of the Epsilon Upsilon Omega Chapter based in Trenton, NJ for a round table discussion on the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Learn more about AKA on a national level and local chapter level. [Learn more...](#)

New Jersey Library Snapshot Day 2021 Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 New Jersey Library Snapshot Day! Throughout the month of February, 58 libraries participated, submitting 715 posts through social media. [See the report...](#)

LibraryLinkNJ Spring 2021 Membership Meeting

LibraryLinkNJ will host its annual membership meeting virtually June 9th at 1PM. Capacity is limited to voting

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representatives but the meeting will be recorded and made available to all LLNJ members. Registration is open through 12 PM on Tuesday, June 8th.

[Register here](#)

Build a Better Library Website Boot Camp - Now Available

This online training program provides library staff with self-guided instruction, tools, and support to improve the user experience and design of their websites. It is now available through WebJunction's course catalog for free to enrollees. You can take the full Bootcamp and earn a certificate, or simply take the courses that you are most interested in, as you need them.

[Learn more...](#)

Training, Grants & Other Opportunites

Funding from the FCC

The Federal Communications Commission is in charge of the following two funds, with a funding cap of \$7.1 billion.

The **Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)** is for families and households who would otherwise struggle to afford both Internet access and the devices to be able to connect to the Internet. This program offers a one-time discount for both categories of service. Learn more [here](#). In addition, libraries can sign up to be outreach partners with the FCC to get the word out to their community. Access the [outreach toolkit](#).

The **Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)** is designed primarily for libraries and schools. Funds will be available for hotspot, router, and modem hardware, as well as "connected devices" like laptops or tablets. The entire FCC order is over 80 pages. [Click here](#) to see highlights from the order.

\$15 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Grants Now Available for Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced a new funding opportunity for museums, libraries, and Native American and Native Hawaiian communities. The \$15 million federal investment will provide direct support to address community needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and in assisting with recovery. **Deadline:** June 28th, 2021.

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Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize

Nominations may be submitted for the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize. Developed in partnership between the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*, the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the November issue of *Library Journal* and online. Honorable mentions may also be named. **Deadline:** July 19, 2021.

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NASA @ My Library

Public and tribal libraries are invited to apply for NASA@ My Library, a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) education initiative that will increase and enhance STEAM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underrepresented in STEAM education. Sixty public and tribal libraries in the U.S. will be selected through a competitive application process to become NASA@ My Library Partners. NASA@ My Library Partners will receive training and resources to implement NASA events and programming, access to a university subject matter expert (SME) to support patron engagement, and a \$1,600 programming stipend to purchase materials for NASA STEAM activities and/or support presentations by local NASA-funded SMEs. **Application deadline:** July 21, 2021.

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Get to know your EBSCO resources!

The New Jersey State Library provides statewide access to a collection of information resources from EBSCO. These tools, and others, are available through our [JerseyClicks](#) portal. EBSCO has created informational materials to help you get to know these resources.

[Flyer for NJ Public Library Staff.](#)

[Flyer for NJ Public Library Patrons.](#)

Recordings are now available from EBSCO's Job & Career Accelerator Webinars:

[Career Exploration Resources](#)

A 30-minute workshop focusing on Job & Career Accelerator's career matcher assessment tools and occupation exploration resources.

[Tools to Get Hired](#)

A 30-minute workshop focusing on Job & Career Accelerator's Codie Award-winning resume and letter building tools, job search engines, and interviewing tutorial.

[College Bound](#)

A 30-minute workshop focusing on Job & Career Accelerator's college-bound resources, including School & Scholarship Finders and financial calculators.

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