

NJSL DIRECT

Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

State Librarian's Update - December

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

NJSL Presents Events - December

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 December, feel free to share within your communities.

- [10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's](#) - December 10th @ noon
 - [Introduction to Proposal Writing](#) - December 11th @ noon
 - [RetireReady NJ: Your Path to a Secure Retirement](#) - December 18th @ noon
 - [Virtual Author Talk - Winning the Ten Crucial Days: The Keys to Victory in George Washington's Legendary Winter Campaign](#) - December 29th @ noon
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Uncovering Individual Education Plans with Artificial Intelligence

You are cordially invited to join an information session on a free, open source Artificial Intelligence tool called AIEP, developed by the AI for Impact program at the Burnes Center for Social Change.

Created by and with families of children with special needs, AIEP uses artificial

intelligence to help families translate, summarize, and understand their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) in plain language. IEPs are complex documents, often more than 25- 30 pages long and containing educational and medical jargon that is difficult for anyone, especially those who are low literacy and non-native speakers, to decipher.

Developers of AIEP will be joined by New Jersey's Chief AI Strategist for a demonstration of the tool and discussion of the role libraries might play in supporting K-12 special education students and their families.

The session will be held on **Tuesday, January 13 from 2 – 3 p.m.** Registration is not required; [join by clicking here](#). Please contact [Jen Nelson](#) with any questions about the session.

News From Around the State

Register for NJ Makers Day

This year's New Jersey Makers Day will take place March 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2026! Registration is now open and sites are encouraged to choose a date that is best for their community. [Register to take part in NJ Makers Day 2026](#)

The Walter Rand Institute Releases Co-Locations of Services in South Jersey Brief

The Walter Rand Institute at Rutgers–Camden recently released a brief highlighting success stories from various examples of co-location of services. The New Jersey State Library's Social Work Informed Library Services in New Jersey (SWILIBS-NJ) Pilot Program is featured among other examples to show how collaborative efforts can enhance service delivery and community impact. [View the brief](#).

Libraries and AI Futures Webinar

This program, brought to you by LibraryLinkNJ and the LibraryLinkNJ Tech Advisory Group (L-TAG), will help library professionals gain a better perspective on the rapidly developing AI technology and a set of issues related to AI and libraries. On **Wednesday, January 14th, at 1 p.m.**, attendees will become familiar with potential leading factors and dynamics that may shape the future of AI adoption in our society, as well as the implications of various combinations of these factors and dynamics for the future of libraries and their services. [Learn more about the presenter and register for the webinar](#).

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:

- [Five Free Library Content Ideas You Can Post This Week](#)
- [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](#)

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

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