

# NJSL Direct - News for NJ Libraries from the NJ State Library

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## NJSL DIRECT

### Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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#### Recent Blog Posts

[A Great Website is Key for Libraries Today](#)

[Featured eBooks \(June 4, 2021\)](#)

[Publishing Your Genealogy for Amateurs Program Recap](#)

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#### Upcoming NJSL Events

**June 17 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**  
[History of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.](#)

### 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 \$25,001 to \$100,000.

View the grant solicitation package [here](#).

The New Jersey State Library's **ARPA Application Portal** is now open and accepting applications:  
<http://arpagrants.njstatelib.org/>

**June 23 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**  
[Virtual Author Talk – A New Jersey State of Mind with Peter Genovese](#)

[Find more events here...](#)

## Continuing Education and Training Opportunities

[NJSL's Continuing Education Webpage](#)

[Data Axle Reference Solutions Webinar Schedule](#)

## NJSL's Library Development Bureau

### Innovation & Strategic Partnerships

[Peggy Cadigan](#), *Dep. State Librarian*

[Elizabeth Beavers](#), *Admin. Support*

### Library Support Services

[Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer](#), *Dep. State Librarian*

[Eileen Morales](#), *Grants Manager*

[Bob Keith](#), *Dir. of Library Law, State Aid & Statistics*

[Casey Confoy](#), *JerseyCat*

[Sahar Dampier](#), *Admin. Support*

### Lifelong Learning

[Michele Stricker](#), *Dep. State Librarian*

[Sharon Rawlins](#), *Youth Services Specialist*

[Mimi Lee](#), *Diversity & Literacy Consultant*

[Andrea Levandowski](#), *Small Business Development & Technology Consultant*

[Nayomi Torres-Velez](#), *Admin. Support*

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to use the ARPA Application Portal.

## ALA Provides Guidance on Seeking ARPA State Funds

ALA has released more detailed guidance on how your library can best advocate for a portion of the state-allocated funding outlined in the recently passed \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides \$200 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and billions more for library-eligible programs, including over \$7 billion for broadband and devices. Libraries can position themselves now to seek portions of this funding through multiple channels. [Learn more...](#)

## New Library Planning Resource Now Available

Library Space: a Planning Resource for Librarians has just been released by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Information included in the document includes key considerations, components, zones, prototypes, case studies, metrics, process and resources.

[View Library Space Guide Here](#)

## Downloadable Marketing Materials from EBSCO

The New Jersey State Library provides statewide access to

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NJSL's Funding Information Center

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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.](#)

## CSLP Teen Video Challenge

Sponsored by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), of which all NJ public libraries are members, this is an annual national video contest open to all teens ages 13-18. The challenge is for teens to create a public service announcement-type video that shows their unique interpretation of the 2021 CSLP slogan "Tails and Tales." Videos will be accepted June 1 through August 6, 2021. [Learn more...](#)

## Training, Grants & Other Opportunitites

## 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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