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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries
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Updates & Opportunities

NJSL State Librarian to Serve as Panelist on Internet For All Workshop

Anyone with interest in Internet For All is invited to join the New Jersey Local Coordination Workshop focused on unserved and underserved broadband needs in NJ. The in-person event takes place in New Brunswick on **Monday April 17th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**. Stakeholders from around the state will serve as panelists including New Jersey State Librarian Jen Nelson. Panels will discuss coordination on broadband efforts as the state prepares to receive significant broadband funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

NJ State Library Invites You to Tee Up for Talking Books!

The 12th Annual Talking Book and Braille Center Golf Classic will take place on **June 13th** at the Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman, NJ. Proceeds benefit the NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, New Jersey's only FREE public library for the reading and print disabled.

[Click here](#) for registration, sponsorship opportunities, and more information.

NJSL Digital Literacy Forum

The second annual NJSL Digital Literacy Forum will focus on the theme of Literacy Before Digital Literacy. This event on **May 11, 2023** at the Monroe Township Library from **9:30am – 3:30pm** will foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ libraries to expand capacity in response to literacy needs in their communities. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

NJLibsGrowBiz Webinar: Learn About the Women's Center for Entrepreneurship Corp.

Libraries working with entrepreneurs and business owners have an additional resource to partner with! Join NJLibsGrowBiz for a webinar on **April 26th from 2:00-3:00 pm** for more information on The Women's Center for Entrepreneurship Corp. (WCEC). The WCEC's mission is to empower women to invest in themselves via entrepreneurship by providing necessary resources for women to successfully start, own, operate, & grow their businesses. [Click to register](#).

Become a Labor & Literacy Library

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You're Invited to The 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival!

Films submitted by NJ youth will be shown at the inaugural 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival sponsored by the New Jersey State Library on **April 16, 2023 at 3 pm** at the NJ State Museum's Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). The festival will be hosted by author James Kennedy, founder of the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival, and co-hosted by author Chris Grabenstein. ****Please note: On weekends there is free street parking, as well as in the lots behind and adjacent to the State Museum building.****

[Click to learn more.](#)
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ALA Grant Opportunity for Library Workers

ALA invites library workers to apply for "Imagining Tomorrow: Building Inclusive Futures." This brand-new series in ALA's [Great Stories Club](#) will feature science fiction books that explore questions of equity, identity and alternate futures. 35 libraries will be selected and will receive 11 paperback copies of theme-related books, a \$500 programming stipend, online training and an array of program resources and support. [Visit the project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **May 10, 2023**. Any questions, email publicprograms@ala.org.

Professional Development Opportunities

Check out the upcoming LYRASIS CE opportunities on their [calendar here](#).

[Click here for a monthly national list](#) of NJSL and National CE and Professional Development opportunities for librarians, trustees, and library staffs.

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:

- [How To Be A Better Blogger](#)
- [Inspiration for Library Reels](#)
- [A Resource Guide to Social Media in 2023](#)
- [Social Media Trends for 2023](#)

Download marketing resources from State Library Vendors & Partners [here](#).

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