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Vision Assistive Technology Program Launches

Residents in Trenton with low vision will now have easy access to assistive technology software and devices, thanks our new partnership. The program, which is a collaboration between the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) at the Department of Human Services, the New Jersey State Library's Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC) and Advancing Opportunities, provides free computer and iPad training classes to adults 55 years of age and older experiencing vision loss. The classes will demonstrate how to use accessibility features, such as magnification and audio reading tools, on computers and iPads so users can read websites, emails and other documents with ease. [Read more here.](#)

New Jersey Makers Day Early Registration Now Open

The early-bird registration for the 6th Annual New Jersey Makers Day is now open through November 22, 2019. The online registration form can be found [here](#). New Jersey Makers Day will be held March 20-21, 2020. The event offers a Mini Grants Program to all official event sites that register by the early-bird registration deadline. Information on how to apply for mini grants is available [here](#). Please note, only grant applications from sites officially registered before the early-bird deadline will be considered. Visit <http://njmakersday.org> for the latest information and resources.

MentorNJ Technology Meetup

The next MentorNJ Technology Meetup will be held at Ocean County College on October 11, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. MentorNJ Technology meetups are an opportunity for library staff to discuss technology issues, success and challenges and interests. Staff at

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all levels are welcome! Live notes are taken during each meetup and are posted on the [MentorNJ website](#). MentorNJ is a collaborative project between LibraryLinkNJ and the NJ State Library to help promote and support mentorship in the library profession. To attend this, and upcoming meetups, please register using [this form](#).

Senator Booker Hosts Grant Funding Workshop

To mark Arts and Humanities Month in October, the office of Senator Cory Booker will host a [grant funding workshop](#) on October 28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton. This free event is open to staff, volunteers and members of museums, libraries, galleries, academic institutions, historic preservation organizations, performing arts centers, cultural organizations, community organizations, or any artists, scholars, or other individuals who would like to learn more about securing federal or state funding.

Maureen Hayes Award Application Open

[Applications](#) are now open for the Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award. This \$4,000 award was established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing in honor of Maureen Hayes to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding an author/illustrator visit to a library. The application deadline is November 15, 2019.

NJPLA Grant Application Open

The Public Library Association is accepting applications for 10 grants and awards, including the Baker & Taylor Entertainment Audio Music/Video Product Award and the Romance Writers of America Library Grant. [Applications](#) are open on the online portal now through December 10, 2019.

Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant Application Open

Applications are open for the 2020 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. Three grants will be awarded: two recipients will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant, which provides support to libraries that would like to expand their existing graphic novel services and programs, and one recipient will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant, which provides support to a library for the initiation of a graphic novel

service or program. Each winning library will receive a grant award of \$4,000 to support initiatives that align with the objective of the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. [Applications](#) are due February 9, 2020.

Prepare for Census 2020

Grant Application Open

The State of New Jersey announced a grant program to support efforts ensuring everyone in New Jersey is counted in Census 2020. These grants focus on hard-to-count (HTC) populations, including, but not limited to: children under five years of age, African Americans, Latinx, Asians, men ages 18-49, non-native English speakers, the elderly, persons formerly and currently incarcerated, members of the LGTBQ community, and homeless persons. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2019. Disbursement of grants is expected before the end of the year.

[Learn more...](#)

Join a Complete Count Committee

Libraries can help their communities prepare for Census 2020 by joining Complete Count Committees (CCCs). These volunteer committees are established by state and local governments and community leaders to increase awareness of and encourage response to the 2020 Census. CCCs integrate representatives of the community who have first-hand knowledge of local needs and have direct contact with hard-to-count populations. If your library would like to participate or to get more information, contact the regional Census Bureau Office:

New York Regional Office
212-584-3400 or 800-991-2520
New.York.Regional.Office@census.gov

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team.

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