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Public Library Directors' Summit - October 24

The State Library, with LibraryLinkNJ, is sponsoring the second Public Library Directors' Summit on Tuesday, October 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor. This one-day event will provide experienced public library directors with best practices and the latest developments in the areas of library law and other public library topics. The summit will feature programs on library law by Michael Cerone, facilities management by Michael Gannon, and a library technology infrastructure update by Carson Block.

[Learn more & register here...](#)

Futures Conference - Sept. 25th & 26th at the Borgata Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City

Have you registered yet? **Don't delay, registration closes September 18.** Sessions will explore:

- Hacking and privacy in the age of "Big Brother" and "Big Data".
- The future of technology, science, innovation and media.
- A forward look at economic, demographic, and real estate studies that will impact the future.
- The role of architecture in the future, and innovative solutions to architectural design challenges.
- A look at the convergence of information and society, and how this is driving and accelerating disruptive change.
- Understanding the drivers behind how business and technology changes and how to shape strategies for leveraging these changes.
- The future of social media, branding, and strategic communications.
- Additionally, attendees will participate in hands-on training in forecasting the future, as well as an Oculus Rift VR technology demo!

[Learn more & register here...](#)

**Stay connected on social media using the
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Disaster Planning and Recovery Workshops

NJSL and the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response (NJCAR), will present a series of disaster preparedness training for libraries and humanities-collecting institutions. Each two-session workshop will take place in three locations in the state: north, central, and south. The workshops will focus on risk assessment, disaster plan development, salvage priorities and salvage methods, and wet material recovery. **Deadline to register is October 2, 2017.**

[Learn more...](#)

MentorNJ In-Person Networking Event

Join us for a day that is dedicated exclusively to networking and celebrating the profession, **Friday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at the Monroe Township Library (*Middlesex County). Registration is limited.

[Read more...](#)

September is National Preparedness Month

Is your community ready to deal with a Hurricane Harvey or Irma or another type of disaster? Have we gotten complacent five years after Superstorm Sandy? This September, National Preparedness Month focuses on planning, with the theme "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

[Check out these resources...](#)

Libraries & Autism Grant

The "Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services and More" grant is sponsored by *Libraries and Autism: We're Connected*. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded. All programs or services proposed must benefit people with autism or their families, directly or indirectly. Funds may be used to hire a trainer to present a workshop, to buy program materials, to pay for staff, etc. **Deadline is Dec. 1.**

[Read more...](#)

Funding for English Literacy Programs

Vernon Library Supplies has announced a grant opportunity to support programs designed "to help new immigrants achieve English literacy and proficiency." Libraries and other non-profit organizations may request up to \$5,000. **The application deadline is October 31, 2017.** Awards will start to be distributed on December 1, 2017.

[Read more...](#)

Media Literacy @ Your Library

Media Literacy @ Your Library is a learning and prototyping project. The goal of this project is to train library workers to better equip the public to be discerning news consumers. ALA and the Center for News Literacy (CNL) will work with teams from five libraries to adapt existing media literacy training to serve the needs of public librarians and the communities they serve. **Apply by September 11, 2017.**

[Read more...](#)

Free PLA Webinar: Measuring the Impact of Digital Literacy Services with Project Outcome & DigitalLearn.org

PLA has two free tools that can help you provide and measure digital literacy services. DigitalLearn.org provides tutorials on essential basic technologies designed for use in library patron training, and also offers the ability to create a custom site branded for your library. Project Outcome provides simple survey tools to measure the outcomes of digital literacy programs and services. This free webinar on **Sep. 14 at 2 p.m.**, will show you how to use both of these tools.

[Read more...](#)

NJ Association of School Librarians Conference Nov. 16 & 17 - Registration Now Open

NJASL's annual conference will be held at the Ocean Place Spa & Resort, Long Branch. Check out the "Top 10 Reasons to Attend NJASL Fall Conference" and learn more about registration on the [conference website](#).

IFLA World Map

Selected library performance metrics provide national level library data across all types of libraries in all regions of the world.

[Check out the IFLA Library Map of the World...](#)

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