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New information about FREE databases from JerseyClicks

There are two new updates regarding the statewide databases provided by the New Jersey State Library. With the help of EBSCO we have new database URLs for our EBSCO databases. JerseyClicks also has a new look and location.

[Click here for the full details!](#)

Follow NJ State Librarian Mary Chute on Twitter!

Now you can stay connected with NJ State Librarian Mary Chute via Twitter! Follow [@NJSLMaryChute](#) for updates as she tweets about her favorite library topics and chronicles her travels around the state and elsewhere.

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Small Business Development & Technology

Have it All: Networking, Practical Advice, Prizes & More at the MentorNJ In-Person Networking Event

The next MentorNJ in-person networking event will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 10:30am - 4:00pm at the Monroe Township Library (Middlesex County), located at 4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, NJ 08831. For event highlights and the full schedule and other details, please go to the event page:

<http://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/programs/in-person-networking2016>.

Registration is limited. Register soon to secure your spot!

Snapshot Day 2016 is coming!

Save the date - **Tuesday, October 18**. Visit <http://www.snapshotdaynj.org/> for more information.

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NASA @ My Library: 2017 Solar Eclipse

In just over a year from now (August 21, 2017), the shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean in a spectacle that hasn't occurred in 99 years! The National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL) at the Space Science Institute has recently been awarded a grant for its NASA @ My Library program. Partners include NASA, ALA, The Girl Scouts, SETI, and many other organizations. The STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) is managed by NCIL. The STAR_Net team wants to work with your library and thousands of others to participate in this national event. Some fortunate libraries will be able to experience a total solar eclipse though every library in the country will observe at least a partial eclipse.

[Learn more...](#)

The Transformative Power of Community Engagement

Library Journal is presenting their community engagement workshop at Monroe Township Public Library on October 18. They have been spreading the word locally through directors, State Libraries, and friends of *LJ*. This workshop is designed to optimize the contribution of staff at all levels. Directors are encouraged to send staff for a unique team building experience (groups of 5 or more receive 10% off the cost of admission - that's \$72 per ticket!). Each attendee walks out with a personal plan to put immediately into action.

[The full program can be found here.](#)

Grant opportunity for Community Anchor Institutions from Mobile Beacon

Applications are being accepted for Mobile Beacon's Wi-Fly Lending Launch Kit grant through September 30th and winners will be announced in mid-October.

The Wi-Fly Lending Launch Kit gives local community organizations the initial tools they need to create their own digital inclusion programs and serve the evolving digital needs of their communities. Each kit contains:

- 25 donated 4G hotspots
- Free, unlimited LTE data plans for each hotspot during the pilot program
- 25 donated Lenovo Thinkpad E540 laptops

The estimated value of the donation for the Wi-Fly Lending Launch Kit is \$20,000, but we know that the transformational power of bringing the internet to vulnerable groups is much more.

Please direct any questions to Katherine Messier at 401-934-0500 or kmessier@mobilebeacon.org.

September is National Preparedness Month

This year we are asking you to take action now - [make a plan](#) with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community. We ask everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, [National PrepareAthon! Day](#), which culminates National Preparedness Month on September 30. Here are some things you can do to get started...

[Read more...](#)

NJLA Virtual Keynote: *Creating Virtual Training Videos with Urban Libraries Unite* - Sept. 21, 10am

Join NJLA and your colleagues as we continue our series of virtual keynotes, with some of the most well-known names in our profession. As an exclusive member benefit, participation is completely free! On Wednesday, September 21, NJLA Commons will host *Creating Virtual Training Videos with Urban Libraries Unite*, featuring Lauren Comito and Marissa Richardson of Queens Library and Urban Librarians Unite.

[Read more and register...](#)

Conversations On Creativity: Judy Blume with Leonard Lopate - Oct. 5th at 7:30pm (VIP Pre-Reception at 6pm)

Acclaimed author Judy Blume will take part in a lively discussion with award-winning WNYC radio personality, Leonard Lopate, to share her thoughts on the creative process and offer audience members an intimate window into her life and work. Copies of Blume's latest title, *In the Unlikely Event*, will be available for purchase on-site from local bookseller Labyrinth Books. A book signing will follow the talk.

[For pricing and additional details, check out the flyer...](#)

Send your small business and entrepreneurship announcements to the NJ State Library

Beginning in September, @NJGrowsBiz on Twitter is being relaunched with a new focus. Libraries across New Jersey are doing amazing work to support the businesses and entrepreneurs in their communities. From classes and special events to innovative partnerships and resources, libraries are providing the tools for businesses to thrive.

Through @NJGrowsBiz, the State Library will communicate the value of libraries to the business and entrepreneur community as well as connect libraries with ideas for programs and services for their own patrons.

If you are hosting an event, launching a new service, or promoting your existing endeavors, email details to Andrea Levandowski: alevandowski@njstatelib.org. You can also send news articles, photos from events, blog entries or other items to share your

library's impact on businesses and entrepreneurs. Contact Andrea with any questions or for more information.

State Library and LibraryLinkNJ Announce Grant Opportunity for Public and School Library Partners

The New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ are pleased to announce the Mobile Mini-Makerspace Kits for Public and School Library Partners grant opportunity. Through this competitive grant program, NJSL and LLNJ will help fund three mobile mini-makerspace kits for joint use by a partnering public library/branch and public school library (Kindergarten - Grade 8) at a maximum amount of \$7,500 per award. [Read more...](#)

The application deadline is **November 1, 2016**. The complete grant guidelines and application are available on the New Jersey State Library's website: http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/resources/grants/.

Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Workshop Series - Register Now for September Sessions

Thanks to a grant from the PSEG Foundation, the New Jersey State Library is pleased to offer nine training workshops based on *The Librarian's Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Guidebook* and *Workbook*. There will be a choice of three dates September. Registration is limited to 35 per workshop. Cost: \$25 (to cover continental breakfast & lunch).

[Read more...](#)

IMLS Seeks Nation's Top Museums and Libraries for 2017 National Medal

Each year, the Institute of Museum and Library Services presents select museums and libraries with the nation's highest honor, the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The award recognizes libraries and museums that make significant and exceptional contributions in service to their communities. Deadline for submission is October 3.

[Read more...](#)

Library Awards for Innovation

Penguin Random House has created the Penguin Random House Library Awards for Innovation to honor and highlight public libraries and librarians. This award acknowledges extraordinary public library programs/services that engage citizens in reading and strengthen the social and cultural fabric of their community. Deadline is Oct. 1.

[Read more...](#)

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team. Visit NJSL's library marketing portal, www.njsldirect.org, and stay current on library marketing topics, issues and trends! Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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