

The NJ State Library and Talking Book and Braille Center will be closed on Friday, June 20, 2025, for Juneteenth Day (Observed).



Freedom to Read Act

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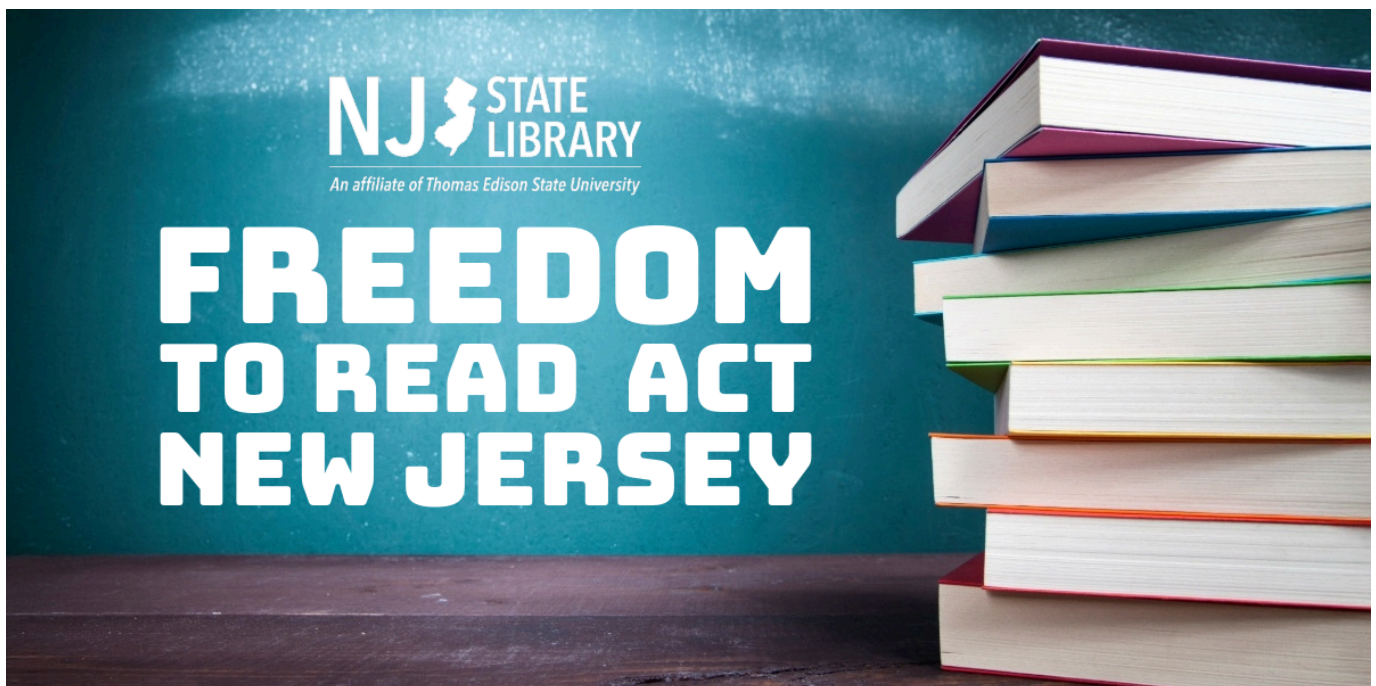
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Signed into law on December 9, 2024, the [Freedom to Read Act](#) requires the State Librarian to consult with the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) on the creation of model policies, procedures, and forms related to public library collection development and maintenance.

The Act requires the governing body of a public library to adopt certain policies that address intellectual freedom and provide protections for library staff in the event of book challenges.

Library governing bodies must have compliant policies by December 31, 2026



Draft Policies

You are invited to review the draft policies (final versions will be released in August 2025) found on this page. Please provide any feedback to Jen Brenner (jbrenner@njstatelib.org) or Jen Nelson (jnelson@njstatelib.org) by July 31, 2025. If you'd like to set up a call to discuss, please contact us.

- [F2R Compliance Checklist \(Doc\)](#)
 - [Model Collection Development Policy – May 13, 2025 \(DOC\)](#)
 - [Request for Reconsideration Model Form and Procedure – May 5, 2025 \(DOC\)](#)
 - [Request for Removal Policy – May 5, 2025 \(DOC\)](#)
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Law

Read the Freedom to Read Act (chapter 96) below or download a file in PDF format.



CHAPTER 96

AN ACT concerning public school libraries and public lib
of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly o*

C.18A:34A-1 Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "F

C.18A:34A-2 Findings, declarations.

2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

a. The freedom to read is a human right, const
Amendment of the United States Constitution, and indivi
and the right to form their own opinions.

b. The freedom to read does not require a person to a
material, but instead allows a reader to explore and engage

and inform their own opinions

[Freedom to Read96 \(PDF\)](#)

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Technical Assistance

Technical assistance sessions will be held for library board members and directors in October 2025, and governing bodies will need to have compliant policies in place by December 31, 2026.

Freedom to Read Policy Introduction Session Registration

- [October 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.](#)
- [October 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- [October 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.](#)



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