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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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Now Accepting Applications for NJSL + Partners Literacy Project Pilot Project #2

Funded by ARPA, the NJSL + Partners Literacy Project has two pilot programs for promoting literacy services in public libraries. Pilot Project # 2 - the Access Navigators Program - is now accepting applications. Click here to see grant guidelines and application process. **Deadline: September 17th, 2021.**

NJ Libraries - Ready for Anything Mini-Grants

LibraryLinkNJ is offering a grant opportunity that will allow member institutions to prepare for their next great challenge. A generous donation

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from EBSCO Information Services will fund this FY22 mini-grant program, designed to help libraries plan for even the most difficult of circumstances. Harness your library's ingenuity, creativity, and strength as we work together to get ready for anything. **Application Deadline: September 30th, 2021.** Learn more...

Promoting Public Health with the NJ Department of Health Recording Now Available

The Department of Health is looking for libraries that are interested in establishing COVID 19 Vaccine Resource Stations – information tables – dedicated to increasing vaccination rates in minority and underserved communities through targeted outreach, education and vaccination assistance all across the state. This webinar took place on August 18th, 2021 and the recording is now available. **Click here to view**.

Please note the video description has a link to the slides as well as the chat log. Please contact **Bob Keith** with any questions.

ARPA Funds In Action

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded the New Jersey State Library $3.9 million in funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A portion of these funds has been used to provide the following resources for New Jersey libraries:

- Statewide Electronic Resources
- Homeless Training Institute
- NJSL+ Partners Literacy Project
- Grants for New Jersey Public

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- Braille eReader Pilot Project

Learn more about how these ARPA-funded resources could benefit your library **here.**

Training, Grants & Other Opportunites

Brainfuse Training for NJ Library Staff!

Brainfuse training for New Jersey public library staff will be held once per week for the next three weeks. Now is the time to get any questions answered about this product. Remember that all New Jersey public libraries have access to the Help Now module through June of 2022 due to American Rescue Plan Act funds from IMLS.

Brainfuse HelpNow Webinar - New Jersey State Library
Tue, Aug 24, 2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (EDT)

Join meeting: **https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/999815589**

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 999-815-589

Homeless Institute Training & Webinar

If you haven't yet started the Homeless Training Institute, feel free to **follow these instructions** to begin the "Librarian's Guide to Homelessness (Core Training)" series as well as check out the additional video resources available to all library staff in New Jersey at no additional cost thanks to ARPA funds.

In addition, Ryan Dowd, creator of the Homeless Institute training, will be doing a webinar just for New Jersey library staff on **September 22, 2021** from 10-11 AM. No registration necessary, **click here to attend webinar.**

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Applications Now Available for T-Mobile Hometown

Grants Program

The T-Mobile Hometown Grants program will help fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns with populations less than 50,000. For example, this might include the town square pavilion, a historic building, an outdoor park, a ball field, or a library--places where friends and neighbors connect. Applications are open on a quarterly basis. **Fall applications are open July to September**, with awarded towns announced in October.

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LibraryLinkNJ August Events Roundup

Tuesday, August 24 @ 10AM:
Skill-Sharing Conversations - Email Newsletters

Wednesday, August 25 @ 10AM:
MentorNJ Meetup - School Libraries, Prepping for the School Year

Wednesday, August 25 @ 7PM:
Share Your Reads - Children's & YA: Audiobooks

Register Now for Library 2.0's Mini-Conference

The third annual Library 2.0 mini-conference: "Libraries as Community Anchors," will be held online (and for free) on **Thursday, October 21st, 2021**. Libraries are increasingly addressing challenges associated with digital equity, access, and inclusion, as well as issues of security and privacy. In light of the recent Covid-19 pandemic and other natural disasters such as floods, drought, firestorms, hurricanes, and tornadoes, universal access to the internet has never been more important.

REGISTER HERE

Join the National Network of Libraries as Hubs for Citizen Science

SciStarter, in partnership with Arizona State University, has launched the National Citizen and Community Science Library Network in May with the goal of

providing resources, support, and connections to libraries across the country interested in becoming a community hub for citizen science. Membership is free, with a monthly newsletter that provides upcoming training, funding opportunities, and new resources that support you as a community hub for citizen science. To receive the newsletter and officially join the national network please sign-up via **this form**.

Attend the introductory webinar titled: Introduction to Citizen Science for Libraries Webinar on **August 25, at 3:00 pm EST. Click here to register and learn more.**

Communities for Immunity Grant Opportunity

Communities for Immunity is an initiative supporting the work of museums and libraries in engaging their communities in COVID-19 vaccine confidence. Communities for Immunity invites museums and libraries to submit proposals for funding efforts that support vaccine confidence at the local level.

Funding amounts for Round 1 will range from $1,500 to $10,000. In Round 2, funding amounts will start at $1,500 and go up to $100,000. Eligible institutions may apply for Round One awards from **August 5 through September 2, 2021**.

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Community Collections Grant Program Launch

The Library of Congress and the American Folklife Center have announced the launch of the Community Collections grant program. This grant program will support non-profit organizations (and individuals) in producing cultural documentation, such as photographs, interviews, audio or video recordings, about their community from the community's perspective. Materials gathered through this program will become part of the Library's permanent collection, while locally-held copies can enhance (or seed) community archives. Grants will be up to $50,000 ($60,000 if applicants intend to host a public program in their community), and will support projects of up to 12-months in length. **Application due date: September 7, 2021.**

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Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) Grant

Applications are now open for round three of the Libraries Transforming

Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grant. Up to 100 libraries will be awarded in this round as part of ALA's longtime community engagement initiative. The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and/or rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) defines small communities as those with a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and rural communities as those more than, or equal to, five miles from an urbanized area.

Libraries that previously were awarded LTC: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grants are eligible to apply for additional funding to expand their previously awarded projects. **Deadline: September 16, 2021**

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