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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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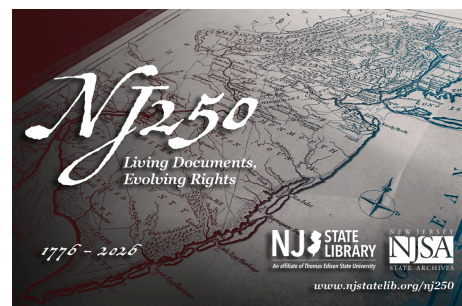
## State Library Updates

### Request for Quotations for LSTA Five-Year Evaluation

The New Jersey State Library is inviting qualified contractors to respond to our Request for Quotations (RFQ) to produce the mandatory LSTA Five-Year Evaluation in accordance with the requirements of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on **June 30, 2026**. [View the RFQ on our webpage here.](#)

### Visit the NJ State Library to Tour the New NJ250 In-Person Exhibit This July

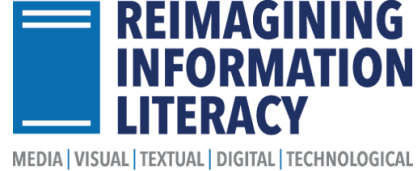
The New Jersey State Library's [brand new in-person NJ250 exhibit](#) should be on your list of must-see attractions this July! Step back in time and walk through each constitutional era in New Jersey, featuring rare historical documents, interesting fast facts, and the unique stories that shaped both our state and nation. The exhibit will be on view on the New Jersey State Library's 4th floor, and can be toured on July 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 8th, twice daily at 11 am and 1:30 pm. [Read the full press release](#) about the NJ250 Digital and In-person Exhibits.



### Register for "Reimagining Information Literacy" Free Virtual National Forum

Since 2023, the New Jersey State Library has been working on "Teaching Information Literacy," an IMLS-funded project that is supporting the state's

implementation of K-12 student information literacy learning standards.



As part of our efforts to inform, educate, and engage people, we are holding a free virtual National Forum on **July 14-15, 2026**. Called Reimagining Information Literacy, speakers and panelists from across the country will explore a variety of aspects of information literacy, going beyond New Jersey's approach.

[Click here to learn more, view the list of speakers, agenda, and register!](#)

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## Early Marketing: How to Build Excitement for Your Library's Work

Great marketing starts before registration opens, the doors unlock, or the program begins. Libraries can build excitement early by sharing sneak peeks, gathering community input, and creating anticipation with a countdown. [Read our latest marketing blog](#) to learn simple strategies to help your audience feel invested before your next program even launches.

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## News From Around The State

### NJ AI Hub Announces Expanded Statewide Efforts to Build an Inclusive AI Economy

Approaching one year of operations as a statewide engine for AI innovation, workforce development, and cross-sector collaboration, the New Jersey AI Hub recently announced a new partnership with the New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ to expand access to practical AI training across New



Jersey, beginning with public libraries. These efforts include the launch of the NJ AI Library Learning Network, a statewide pilot that will bring AI literacy, jobseeker training, and small business AI education directly into communities, helping residents build confidence using AI tools in everyday contexts such as job searches, business operations, and learning.

[Read the full press release to learn more.](#)

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## NJSL Presents Events

Our NJSL Presents Webinars are free and open to anyone interested in attending. Registration is required in advance and [all webinars are recorded](#)

[and posted to our YouTube page](#) afterward. You can also [check out event recaps on our blog](#)! Here's what we have coming up in June, feel free to share within your communities.



- [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK – The Princeton Fugitive Slave: The Trials of James Collins Johnson](#) - June 24th @ noon
  - [The Battle of Monmouth Courthouse: The Last Great Revolutionary War Battle in the North](#) - June 30th @ noon
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## Professional Development Opportunities

Visit the State Library's [CE Training webpage](#) for a variety of Continuing Education training opportunities for New Jersey librarians, library support staff, and trustees.

[On-Demand Training Portal](#) in the LibraryLinkNJ LearningSpace and [a list of training programs](#) currently being offered.

[Professional Development Links](#) and [Webinars and Other Training Events](#) from the NJLA Professional Development Committee.

Check out the upcoming LYRASIS CE opportunities on their [calendar here](#).

[Click here for a monthly national list](#) of CE and Professional Development opportunities.

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## Library Marketing Resources

If your library is looking for marketing tips, best practices and inspiration, [check out our Marketing Blog](#) updated monthly. Here's our most recent blog posts:

- [Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth](#)
- [How to Use Canva Templates for Library Social Posts](#)
- [How to Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)

Download sharable social media graphics and videos from the [Statewide Digital Marketing Campaign](#).

Also, you can [download marketing resources from State Library Vendors & Partners](#).

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*NJ250: Living Documents, Evolving Rights - New Jersey Through Three Constitutions*  
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