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Nominate a Librarian You Love

Nominations for the I Love My Librarian Award are open through Oct. 21, 2019. The award encourages library users to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college or university librarians. Each year, 10 librarians are selected and each receives a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque, and a travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception held in their honor. Winners will be announced in early December. [Read more here.](#)

Senator Booker Hosts Grant Funding Workshop

To mark Arts and Humanities Month in October, the office of Senator Cory Booker will host a [grant funding workshop](#) on Oct. 28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton. This free event is open to staff, volunteers and members of museums, libraries, galleries, academic institutions, historic preservation organizations, performing arts centers, cultural organizations, community organizations, or any artists, scholars, or other individuals who would like to learn more about securing federal or state funding.

Workforce Development Webinar

The webinar session, which will be held on Oct. 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., will explore how librarians can coach patrons through their career and job search. We'll discuss some of the challenges that job seekers face and how coaching can supplement information/resource-sharing and help patrons go from information to action. [Read more here.](#)

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MentorNJ In-Person Networking Event

MentorNJ will host a networking event for all library staff and library school students on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Monroe Township Library. Presenters include Kae Bara Kratcha, Morgan Taylor and Erin Hughes. The free event will have a maximum capacity of 100 attendees, so you must register in advance. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. [Read more and register here.](#)

Maureen Hayes Award Application Open

[Applications](#) are now open for the Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award. This \$4,000 award was established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing in honor of Maureen Hayes to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding an author/illustrator visit to a library. The application deadline is Nov.15, 2019.

New Jersey Makers Day Early Registration Open

The early-bird registration for the 6th Annual New Jersey Makers Day is now open through Nov. 22, 2019. The online registration form can be found [here](#). New Jersey Makers Day will be held March 20-21, 2020. The event offers a Mini Grants Program to all official event sites that register by the early-bird registration deadline. Information on how to apply for mini grants is available [here](#). Please note, only grant applications from sites officially registered before the early-bird deadline will be considered. Visit <http://njmakersday.org> for the latest information and resources.

Association for Library Service to Children Grant Application Open

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is accepting applications for the Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant and the Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant. The application due date for both opportunities is Dec.1, 2019. The Summer Reading Program Grant is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries by providing \$3,000 in financial assistance, while recognizing ALSC members for

outstanding program development. The Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant award consists of a \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary and replicable outreach to underserved populations through a new and innovative program or an expansion of work already being done. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

NJPLA Grant Application Open

The Public Library Association is accepting applications for 10 grants and awards, including the Baker & Taylor Entertainment Audio Music/Video Product Award and the Romance Writers of America Library Grant. [Applications](#) are open on the online portal now through Dec. 10, 2019.

Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant Application Open

Applications are open for the 2020 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. Three grants will be awarded: two recipients will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Growth Grant, which provides support to libraries that would like to expand their existing graphic novel services and programs, and one recipient will receive the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Innovation Grant, which provides support to a library for the initiation of a graphic novel service or program. Each winning library will receive a grant award of \$4,000 to support initiatives that align with the objective of the Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries. [Applications](#) are due Feb. 9, 2020.

Prepare for Census 2020

Grant Application Open

The State of New Jersey announced a grant program to support efforts ensuring everyone in New Jersey is counted in Census 2020. These grants focus on hard-to-count (HTC) populations, including, but not limited to: children under five years of age, African Americans, Latinx, Asians, men ages 18-49, non-native English speakers, the elderly, persons formerly and currently incarcerated, members of the LGTBQ community, and homeless persons. The deadline for applications is Oct. 31, 2019. Disbursement of grants is expected before the end of the year. [Learn more here.](#)

Join a Complete Count Committee

Libraries can help their communities prepare for Census 2020 by joining Complete Count Committees (CCCs). These volunteer committees are established by state and local governments and community leaders to increase awareness of and encourage response to the 2020 Census. CCCs integrate representatives of the community who have first-hand knowledge of local needs and have direct contact with hard-to-count populations. If your library would like to participate or to get more information, contact the regional Census Bureau Office:

New York Regional Office
212-584-3400 or 800-991-2520
New.York.Regional.Office@census.gov

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