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State Library Updates

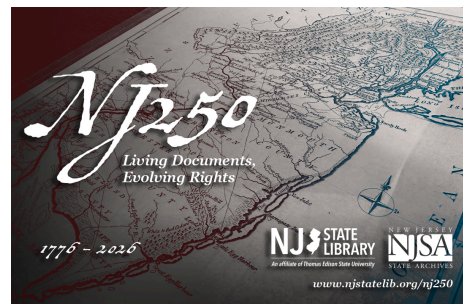
2026 Statewide Summer Reading Program in New Jersey Public Libraries

Everyone of all ages is invited to “Unearth a Story: Desentierra una Historia” at their local public library this summer to celebrate this year’s dinosaurs/archaeology/paleontology theme! Youth and adults are encouraged to register for the summer reading program and find out what other exciting programming events their local libraries have scheduled. Whether readers are digging into a good book, uncovering hidden histories, or exploring the past, they will discover stories waiting to be found and shared. [Learn more here.](#)



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

Are you interested in learning more about how New Jersey played a pivotal role in the creation of our nation? If so, 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 Step back in time and walk through each constitutional era in New Jersey, featuring rare historical documents, interesting fast facts, and the unique stories that shaped both our state and nation.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.

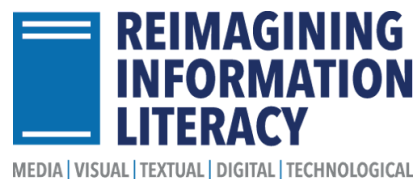
TBBC Patron Testimonial Videos

People love the Talking Book and Braille Center! TBBC staff visited the National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey Annual State Convention to ask our patrons why they love TBBC. Check out our latest videos to hear from TBBC patrons about [how they use](#) and [why they love](#) our services!



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!](#)

New Jersey State Library Youth Services Survey

This short survey is designed to get a better understanding of what topics or trainings are of interest to youth services library staff members in public libraries. [Click to fill out the Youth Services Survey from the New Jersey State Library](#). If you have any questions, contact [Sharon Rawlins](#), Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library.

News From Around The State

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Digital Literacy Grant Opportunity

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development is managing the execution of the Digital Literacy Training grant. The primary intent of this

funding is to offer digital skills training to the WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ) population to overcome the digital divide and empower participants by improving skills with technology-based learning and resources. [Please click here for further details about this competitive grant being offered by NJDOL.](#)

Organizations who would like to apply for the grant must submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) via email at WFNJ@dol.nj.gov by **12 pm on June 18, 2026**. The link to the Letter of Interest form can be found on the [NJDOL Grant Opportunities website](#) under the grant overview for Digital Literary Training – FY 2026.

A mandatory Technical Assistance Workshop will be provided on **June 22, 2026**, via Microsoft Teams to organizations that have submitted an LOI by the due date. This workshop will provide general guidance on how to complete and provide the required documents and budget forms.

Thomas Edison State University Unveils New Home for Historic George A. Bradshaw Collection in Kelsey Building

Thomas Edison State University (TESU) celebrated the relocation of the George A. Bradshaw Collection to a newly renovated space within the historic Kelsey Building. The George A. Bradshaw Collection offers a remarkable visual record of Trenton's past. The collection consists of 64 etchings created by renowned artist George A. Bradshaw, whose work documented the buildings, streets, industries, and landmarks that helped shape the city. The collection was donated to the University in 1986 by Raymond L. Steen, retired president of the Broad Street National Bank, in memory of his wife, Mary McPherson Steen. The George A. Bradshaw Collection is available for viewing by visitors to the Kelsey Building and remains an important educational and cultural resource for the University and the greater Trenton community. [Read more.](#)



National Opportunities

Participate in the National Games & Libraries Project (NGLP) Games-based Library Services Survey

The [Wisconsin State Library Agency](#) and the [Washington State Library](#) (in partnership with many others) are officially kicking off the first-



National Games and Libraries Project

ever nationwide survey of Games-based Library Services – a key component of their [National Games & Libraries Project](#), funded by an [Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant for Libraries](#).

The survey will result in a “snapshot” of Games-based Library Services [GBLS] being offered nationwide throughout multitype libraries: public, school, academic, special, state libraries & consortia HQs, etc. Please help contribute to this research by filling out the survey and sharing it with library colleagues and relevant networks. The survey will remain open until Mid-July. [Click here to take the survey](#).

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

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.

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:

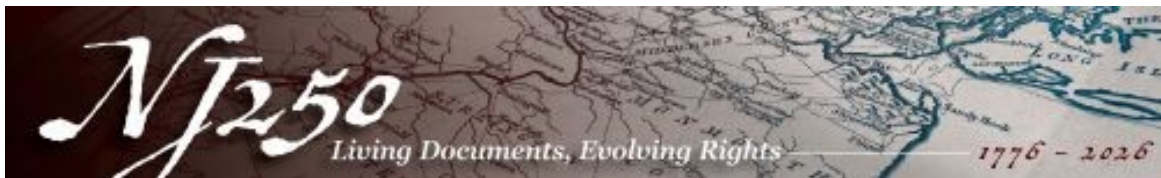
- [Community Influencers: The New Word-of-Mouth](#)
- [How to Use Canva Templates for Library Social Posts](#)
- [How to Turn One Library Program into Multiple Marketing Opportunities](#)
- [Library Content Brainstorm for 2026](#)
- [Marketing Trends for 2026](#)

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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