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NJ State Library Appoints Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer As Deputy State Librarian

Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer will rejoin the New Jersey State Library (NJSL) as the new Deputy State Librarian for Library Support Services. Reporting to the State Librarian, the Deputy State Librarian for Library Support Services oversees the interpretation of library law for New Jersey's libraries and supervises statistical processes. The Library Support Services unit also manages the State Library's grant programs, which includes the per capita state aid program and the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), for which Ms. Moller-Peiffer will serve as the LSTA Coordinator.

[Read the full press release...](#)

Futures Conference Scholarships - Winners Announced!

The New Jersey State Library has awarded 11 New Jersey librarians and library staff members working in a New Jersey library (school, academic, special, public, etc.) with \$500 scholarships to attend the Library Futures Conference taking place at the Borgata Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, NJ, September 25-26, 2017.

[View the list of winners here...](#)

NJ at the National Book Festival

New Jersey was well represented at The Library of Congress National Book Festival, an annual literary event that brings together best-selling authors and thousands of book fans for author talks, panel discussions, book signings and other activities, on Sep. 2 in Washington, DC.

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Public Library Directors' Summit - October 24

The State Library, with LibraryLinkNJ, is sponsoring the second Public Library Directors' Summit on Tuesday, October 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor. This one-day event will provide experienced public library directors with best practices and the latest developments in the areas of library law and other public library topics. The summit will feature programs on library law by Michael Cerone, facilities management by Michael Gannon, and a library technology infrastructure update by Carson Block.

[Learn more & register here...](#)

Disaster Planning and Recovery Workshops

NJSL and the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response (NJCAR), will present a series of disaster preparedness training for libraries and humanities-collecting institutions. Each two-session workshop will take place in three locations in the state: north, central, and south. The workshops will focus on risk assessment, disaster plan development, salvage priorities and salvage methods, and wet material recovery. **Deadline to register is October 2, 2017.**

[Learn more...](#)

NJSL included in the NEH "50 States of Preservation"

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) features a series called "50 States of Preservation," in which they tour small and mid-sized museums, libraries, historical societies, and other repositories across the country to show how they are helping to preserve the nation's cultural heritage.

[Check out the recent feature on the New Jersey State Library...](#)

Teen Read Week - Oct. 8 - 14

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

[Read more...](#)

Registration for the 4th Annual NJ Makers Day (March 9-10, 2018) is now open

From Doug Baldwin, President, New Jersey Makers Day:

Registration for the 4th Annual NJ Makers Day (March 9-10, 2018) is now officially open! The online form to register as an official site location can be found here: <http://njmakersday.org/index.php/registration/>

Last year, NJ Makers Day drew more than 85,000+ participants statewide at more than 300 locations in all 21 NJ counties. Now in our 4th year, we once again look forward to working together with all of you to provide hands on making, STE(A)M, and learning experience for all ages in communities across out state! Check out the updated NJ Makers Day website here: <http://njmakersday.org>

Additionally, to coincide with the opening of 2018 registration. We are excited to also announce our **NJ Makers Day Mini Grants!** For information about our mini-grants, including the application, you can visit <http://njmakersday.org/index.php/mini-grants>. **Please note:** Only grant applications from sites officially registered for NJ Makers Day BEFORE the early-bird deadline of Friday, November 3 will be considered.

MentorNJ In-Person Networking Event

Join us for a day that is dedicated exclusively to networking and celebrating the profession, **Friday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at the Monroe Township Library (*Middlesex County). Registration is limited.

[Read more...](#)

Library and Digital Projects Funding Roundup

This compilation was prepared by infoDOCKET, and will be updated with more funding announcements as they become available. Please check back regularly.

[View the funding roundup here...](#)

ALSC Now Accepting Applications for Strengthening Communities Through Libraries Minigrants

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) will award twelve \$5,000 Strengthening Communities Through Libraries minigrants to members in public libraries and develop supplemental resources that will be made widely available to support the out-of-school time programming of libraries and other community organizations. Proposals should include programming that strengthens community opportunities for STEAM learning during school breaks. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 20, 2017.**

[Read the full press release...](#)

[Access the application here...](#)

September is National Preparedness Month

Is your community ready to deal with a Hurricane Harvey or Irma or Jose or Maria, or another type of disaster? Have we gotten complacent five years after Superstorm Sandy? This September, National Preparedness Month focuses on planning, with the theme "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

[Check out these resources...](#)

Libraries & Autism Grant

The "Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services and More" grant is sponsored by *Libraries and Autism: We're Connected*. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded. All programs or services proposed must benefit people with autism or their families, directly or indirectly. Funds may be used to hire a trainer to present a workshop, to buy program materials, to pay for staff, etc. **Deadline is Dec. 1.**

[Read more...](#)

Funding for English Literacy Programs

Vernon Library Supplies has announced a grant opportunity to support programs designed "to help new immigrants achieve English literacy and proficiency." Libraries and other non-profit organizations may request up to \$5,000. **The application deadline is October 31, 2017.** Awards will start to be distributed on December 1, 2017.

[Read more...](#)

NJ Association of School Librarians Conference Nov. 16 & 17 - Registration Now Open

NJASL's annual conference will be held at the Ocean Place Spa & Resort, Long Branch. Check out the "Top 10 Reasons to Attend NJASL Fall Conference" and learn more about registration on the [conference website](#).

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team.

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