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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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Upcoming NJSL Events

April 21 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
[Estate Planning Bootcamp Part 1](#)

April 22 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
[Finding Grant Funding with FDO Essential](#)

LCBA Technical Assistance Webinar Recording and Q&A Documentation Now Available

The New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Technical Assistance Webinar is now available for viewing. The webinar runs approximately 65 minutes and can be viewed at your convenience. Should you have any difficulties viewing the webinar, please contact Bob Keith, Director of Library Law, State Aid and Statistics, rkeith@njstatelib.org.

Additionally, a [Question & Answer Document](#) has been added to the list of resources and attachments. [Learn more...](#)

April 23 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Understanding Your Pension Benefits for PERS Members](#)

April 28 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Estate Planning Bootcamp Part 2](#)

April 30 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Simple Safeguards: How to Stay Safe From Identity Theft and Cybercrime](#)

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Continuing Education and Training Opportunities

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2021 NJSL Pandemic Appendix

NJSL worked with Emergency Management on an Appendix to our original Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Toolkit that was developed back in 2016, to gather additional resources and guidance. The 2021 NJSL Pandemic Appendix does not duplicate the efforts recommended in the original Toolkit. Rather, its purpose is to augment the information covered earlier in the Guidebook.

[Learn more here...](#)

75th Anniversary of the Law Against Discrimination (LAD)

The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights invites all community members to join them for their #StopTheHate Series, to re-imagine how to create a more equitable future. Please visit the virtual exhibits to learn more about this work and help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Law Against Discrimination. [Learn more here...](#)

While visiting the website you can also check out submissions from the [Youth Bias Task Force Student Competition](#), an initiative that encouraged youth under the age of 25 to submit a slogan/hashtag, artwork design, or video on the theme of #StopTheHate. The winning designs will be announced on April 28th, during the [75th Anniversary of the LAD Youth Awards Ceremony](#). Winners' designs will be used in a multimedia campaign to encourage residents to #StopTheHate in NJ and have the opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion to share their experiences with hate,

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stereotyping, and bias, and what they
think we should do better.

NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ Conversation with the State Librarian

On Friday, April 16, New Jersey State Librarian Jen Nelson met with members of the NJLA College and University Section and ALA's Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) NJ chapter. A recording is now available of the conversation. [Listen here...](#)

Training, Grants & Other Opportunities

MentorNJ Online Meet-ups

The next MentorNJ Meet-up will take place on Thursday, April 22, 10:30am - 11:30am, on the topic, "Adventures in Administration: Directors & Administrators Meetup". This will be an informal discussion about the challenges and opportunities many are currently facing as library leaders.

Save the date for the MentorNJ Mega Meet-up, taking place on Friday, May 14, at 10:00am. This event is co-sponsored by LibraryLinkNJ, the NJ State Library and the NJLA PR Committee. The event details including registration will be announced soon!

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Zoom Webinars

Zoom is offering webinars for their customers. The first three are listed below:

- **May 12th at 10am:** *Zoom Integrations, Chat and Phone* [Click to Register](#)
- **June 10th at 10am:** *Zoom Rooms* [Click to Register](#)

ALA COVID Library Relief Fund

The American Library Association has announced ALA COVID Library Relief Fund. Grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 will assist public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and US Territories that are experiencing substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has impacted their ability to serve their community, especially traditionally underserved populations. Grants are to help support library operations, including but not limited to staff time, collections, technology, equipment. Grants are to re-establish, sustain, amplify, or create new needed services, to underserved target audience(s).

Deadline: May 20, 2021.

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American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations grant program

National Endowment for the Humanities has issued the application and Notice of Funding Opportunity for the *American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations* grant program. This program invites applications from eligible organizations, including museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, and others, seeking support for humanities positions and projects that have been adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Grants will help these entities continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. Applicants may propose new humanities projects or focus on sustaining core humanities programs and activities. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. **Application deadline: May 14, 2021.**

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Youth Literacy Grants

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.

Deadline: May 20, 2021.

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Opportunities from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Starting on April 1, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will be kicking off a series of ten virtual grant workshops for those who wish to learn about NEH grant opportunities, deadlines, and application information. They will be hosting a targeted workshop for Archives and Libraries on May 20.

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Applications Now Being Accepted for John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award

The Award honors outstanding library public relations, whether a summer reading program, a year-long centennial celebration, fundraising for a new college library, an awareness campaign or an innovative partnership in the community. In recognition of their achievement, John Cotton Dana award winners receive a cash award from the H.W. Wilson Foundation. An application must be a public relations/strategic communication program that occurred entirely during 2020, the 2019-2020 academic year, or a multi-year project completed in 2020. **Application deadline is May 3, 2021.**

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