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Library Construction Bond Act - Solicitation of Grant Applications

Please be advised that the Notice of Grant Opportunity for the Library Construction Bond is now published in the New Jersey Register. The Solicitation Package for the Winter 2020 grant application round is now posted on the State Library's website [here](#).

Please be aware that there are specific rules regarding the submission of questions and similar restrictions regarding response procedures.

Additional information regarding these and other procedures are included in the Solicitation Package.

NJSL Events & Training Opportunities...

Attend Census Training

The State Library will host census training for library staff on Jan. 7-9, 2020. Regional census trainers will show staff how to use the new online census form and explain how best to provide assistance to patrons. The training schedule is:

Jan. 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Hasbrouck Heights
Jan. 8 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Old Tappan
Jan. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Fort Lee

To register, email Kathleen Peiffer at kmoellerpeiffer@njstatelib.org.

Attend Free Leap into Science Training

The State Library, in partnership with staff from New Jersey Makers Day and the Newark Museum, will offer free training on Jan. 13, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Free Public Library of Monroe Township in Williamstown for Cohort Year 2 of the

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Leap into Science initiative. Training will focus on the concept of wind for library staff who work with children ages 3 - 10 and their caregivers. Leap into Science is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum and the National Girls Collaborative Project funded by the National Science Foundation that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books. If you're interested in participating, please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, at srawlins@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

Apply Now for Digital Skills Training

As part of [Libraries Lead with Digital Skills](#), an initiative of ALA and PLA sponsored by Google, New Jersey libraries are invited to apply for funding to host digital skills workshops for job seekers and small business owners in your communities.

[Applications](#) are now open through Jan. 15, 2020.

Accepted libraries will receive:

- Funding - \$1,000 with minimal application and reporting requirements and the opportunity to receive an additional \$3,000 bonus if your program is selected for a Spotlight Award.
- Marketing support - ALA and Google can help get the word out about your program with social media guidance, marketing assets and more.
- Technical guidance - Have questions about curriculum resources or programs? Ask Google! Need some best practices in library programming? PLA is here to help!
- A community of practice - Troubleshoot challenges and share ideas with other libraries that receive funding alongside Google, ALA and PLA.
- Advocacy tools - Use our impact evaluation tools and advocacy resources to create and sustain the digital skills plan for your community.

We strongly encourage all libraries to apply, as it will be a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on how you are supporting your community's economic growth through digital skills training. Please feel free to pass this opportunity along to other libraries within your network.

Learn more about program requirements and the application process [here](#).

Best Practices in Early Literacy Awards Application Open

The State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast at the 2020 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. The application deadline is March 6, 2020. Please review the [guidelines](#) and complete and submit the [application](#). If you have questions, contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, at srawlins@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

Grant Opportunities and More...

Attend United for Libraries Events

As part of the 2020 American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, United for Libraries will host a free United for Libraries Institute for Trustees, Friends, and Foundations on Jan. 25, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The free event, which will be held at the Free Library of Philadelphia, will feature sessions on fundraising, attracting Millennial advocates, library advocacy, and [more](#). The keynote speaker will be bestselling author, Gretchen Rubin. Learn more about the free event [here](#) and register [here](#).

Find more United for Library events [here](#).

Miss Rumphius Award Application Open

The New Jersey Center for the Book seeks nominations for its 2020 Miss Rumphius Award. Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's book, Miss Rumphius, winner of the National Book Award in 1983, this award honors public librarians, school media specialists, and educators who are exemplary in spreading ideas about literacy. The deadline for submitting nominations is Feb. 17, 2020. Please submit your nomination to Carol Phillips at carolphillipslibrarian@gmail.com. If you have any questions, contact Carol or visit the [NJCFB](#) website.

Lift Every Voice Grant Application Open

The Library of America is now accepting applications for its Lift Every Voice grant. The goal of Lift Every Voice is to engage participants in a multifaceted exploration of the African American poetic tradition, the perspectives it offers on American history and the struggle for racial justice, and the universality of its portrait of the personal experiences of

African Americans over three centuries. Lift Every Voice is offering \$1,200 grants to 50 libraries, museums, and nonprofit cultural institutions to host a minimum of two public programs, at least one of which must be a discussion/reading group moderated by a scholar of African American literature designed to draw out and explore the project themes. The [application](#) deadline is Feb. 21, 2020.

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the team in NJSL's Office of Communications, Marketing & Outreach.

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