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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries

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State Library Updates

New Jersey State Library Hosts National Forum on Reimagining Information Literacy

The New Jersey State Library brought together librarians, educators, state leaders, and community members from across the country in July for the National Forum on Reimagining Information Literacy, a two-day virtual event focused on the evolving role of information literacy in an increasingly complex digital environment. The forum drew more than 300 attendees each day from across the United States. [Click here to read more about the key themes and the conversations that took place.](#)

NJ250 Exhibit: New Tour Dates for September

Visit the NJ State Library's in-person NJ250 exhibit this fall! Through historical documents, fascinating stories, and little-known facts, visitors will gain a deeper understanding of how New Jersey helped shape the rights and freedoms we know today. The exhibit is currently on display on the Library's 4th floor and guided tours will be offered twice monthly. See below for the upcoming tour dates, offered from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- [September 16th](#)
- [September 30th](#)
- [October 9th](#)
- [October 16th](#)



Intro to Social Calendar Planning for Libraries

Feeling like you're always scrambling for something to post? Our latest marketing blog, "Intro to Social Calendar Planning for Libraries," shares simple tips to help New Jersey libraries plan ahead, create a mix of engaging content, and make the most of seasonal and statewide themes. [Click here to read](#).

News From Around The State

Conference Program Proposals Open for NJLA/NJASL Joint Conference

The 2027 Annual Conference will take place February 17–19 at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. Take this opportunity to lead a session, share your knowledge, or host a meet-up. Choose from a standard 50-minute session, a committee or group meet-up, or a membership table.

Conference proposal deadline: **September 25**.
[Access the Conference Proposal Form here](#).



LLNJ's 2026 Virtual Conference: Collections

Join LLNJ this fall for The Collections Conference, a free, full-day opportunity to learn from colleagues and focus your energy on a core aspect of libraries everywhere! From the physical "how-to" of ordering, lending, and maintaining collections to questions of policy, inclusion, expansion, and budget, this will be a chance to explore library collections in all their forms. Attendee registration will open in late summer 2026.



Call for proposals! What do you have to share about library collections? Whether it's a how-to on starting a successful library-of-things, a deep-dive into the world of e-material budgets, or a presentation of your research into inclusive print collections - there just may be a spot for you as a presenter. Fill out and submit the [call for proposals form](#) no later than Tuesday, September 1st, to be considered!

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, feel free to share within your communities.



- [The Truth Behind Diets and Healthy Eating](#) - September 9th @ noon
 - [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK – Bergen County Voices from the American Revolution](#) - September 15th @ noon
 - [Library and NJ250 Exhibit Talk](#) - September 16th @ 1:30 p.m.
 - [Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention](#) - September 29th @ noon
 - [Library and NJ250 Exhibit Talk](#) - September 30th @ 1:30 p.m.
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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:

- [How New Jersey Libraries Can Turn Archives Into Engaging Posts](#)
- [Early Marketing: How to Build Excitement for Your Library's Work](#)
- [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](#)

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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<https://www.njstatelib.org/nj250>

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