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Upcoming NJSL Events

March 8th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
[“Picturing” Your Research—Finding,
Procuring, and Preserving Images Part 2](#)

Read Across America Week

In honor of Read Across America week, U.S. Senator Cory A. Booker recorded a video reading *Freedom Soup* by Tami Charles – you can watch the video on YouTube [here](#) or download it on Dropbox [here](#). Feel free to use the video in any events you are planning for Read Across America, and please share it with any of your community partners who may be planning an event.

**Please let us know if you post this video on your website, or share it via your social media channels. Contact Peggy Cadigan at pcadigan@njstatelib.org and provide the name of your library and the website address/social media handle where the video is posted.

March 16th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
[Stress Management 101](#)

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Continuing Education and Training Opportunities

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Capira Curbside Training for Directors and Library Staff

Capira Curbside will be presenting Webex training sessions on **March 3 & March 10**. Please see the information below for times and online access.

[Click here](#) for the Library Director Session.

[Click here](#) General Library Staff Session.

You will need the password webinar1 for both sessions.

Brainfuse HelpNow Webinar – Training for Library Staff

When: March 4, 2021, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Due to technical difficulties with the previously-scheduled Brainfuse webinar, the NJSL is offering another opportunity to attend. Attendees will be muted on entry, and this session will be recorded and shared after.

This training will cover all of the services and features available to your patrons through the HelpNow service. This includes a demo of a live tutoring session, our Writing Lab, academic content, and more, including some lesser-known features of Brainfuse available to any patrons that create an account. It's a fairly extensive demonstration, although there will be an opportunity for questions at the end, as well.

Register in advance for this webinar [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Levandowski at alevandowski@njstatelib.org

Grants & Other Opportunitites

2021 AARP Community Challenge

The application period for the 2021 AARP Community Challenge is now open. The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more. **Application deadline: April 14, 2021**

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New Jersey Historical Commission Project Grant Guidelines for FY2022

The New Jersey Historical Commission has released its Project Grant Guidelines for FY2022. The goal of the grant program is to engage diverse audiences in the active exploration, enjoyment, interpretation, understanding, and preservation of New Jersey history. Project grants are available to both individuals and organizations. Applicants can request up to \$20,000 in support of their project. **Intent to apply forms are due March 31, 2021.**

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Institutional and Financial Stabilization Grants for History and Humanities Organizations

The New Jersey Cultural Trust has released guidelines for its FY2022 Institutional and Financial Stabilization Grants for History and Humanities Organizations. The grant program is designed to assist groups in addressing financial and operational challenges that threaten their stability and to help build greater operational capacity to manage and advance their work and achieve their missions. To be eligible, an organization must first be designated as "qualified" by the New Jersey Cultural Trust. **March 31, 2021 is the deadline** to be designated a Qualified Organization by the New Jersey Cultural Trust and the deadline for submission of declarations of intent to apply forms.

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Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture

Libraries and community organizations that serve Asian Pacific American and/or American Indian/Alaska Native children and their families are eligible to apply for an Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association/American Indian Library Association "Talk Story" grant. The Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture program celebrates and explores Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive, enriching experience. The "Talk Story" grant is aimed to give financial support to libraries and community organizations who want to introduce a Talk Story program, focusing on APA or AIAN cultures. **Deadline: April 1, 2021.**

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New Jersey Council for the Humanities Incubation and Action Grants

From March 1 to March 15, 2021, applicants may submit Letters of Intent to the New Jersey Council for the Humanities as the first step in applying for an Incubation Grant or an Action Grant. Incubation Grants support humanities projects that are in development. Action Grants support the implementation of new projects or expand existing programs.

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EBSCO Solar Grants

EBSCO Solar is now accepting applications for grants that will fund solar installations at libraries around the world. The grants will help winning libraries to reduce their utilities expenses by installing solar arrays. All academic, school and public libraries that are current EBSCO customers are eligible to apply for the EBSCO Solar grant program. **Applications close May 3, 2021.**

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