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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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July 27th @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm[Resume Tips and Tricks](#)**August 10th @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**[Introduction to Medicare](#)

Rural Libraries Research Project Findings

Research conducted by Rural Libraries & Social Wellbeing, funded by IMLS, is coming to a close after three years and the team has delivered their findings. The field research demonstrated that rural communities use their library as a social, cultural, and educational anchor, allowing for multi-dimensional social wellbeing impacts that have broad and deep impact. The project investigated the role of rural libraries in social wellbeing through interviews with community members, as well as a data-driven look at impacts on things like graduation rates and life expectancy. This project also worked with rural librarians to design and test

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a series of tools for those looking to make a greater positive impact on their communities.

The [Research & Policy Brief](#) includes significant findings. For more on this project, findings, and tools, go to www.rurallibraries.org.

For questions or to discuss potential implications/implementations for your state, email:

research@rurallibraries.org

NJSL + Partners Literacy Pilot Project

The NJSL + Partners Literacy Project will pilot two models for providing literacy services in public libraries. The overarching idea is to showcase libraries as literacy destinations in communities across the state. Through American Rescue Plan Act Funding, the State Library will offer two pilot projects:

Pilot Project 1 – Hub and Spoke Libraries: A fixed lab approach that models the work that has already been successful in the Plainfield Public Library. Learn more about the Hub and Spoke Libraries project [here](#). Grant guidelines and application are now available [here](#). **Deadline Aug. 15)**

- There will be a Q&A Zoom session on Pilot 1 on July 28. [Register here for the Q&A session.](#)

Pilot Project 2 – Access Navigators Program: A mobile navigator approach that is being used in some areas of the country, particularly with reference to digital literacy. (Contact Juliet Machie (jmachie@njla.org) at NJLA for the Access Navigators Program, Pilot 2.)

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Renewal of Zoom for Public Libraries

Zoom, the popular video conferencing platform, has been renewed by the NJ State Library for another year using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, for up to 400 public library buildings statewide. This renewal will go through **September 9, 2022**. It will include both webinars and meetings for an unlimited number of attendees, as well as affording no time limitations on these programs. For more information, contact [Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer](#) or [Sahar Dampier](#).

Training, Grants & Other Opportunities

NJ State Library to Offer Training for Library Staff Focused on Serving New Jersey's Homeless Community

Through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), NJSL will be offering the [Homeless Training Institute](#) curriculum to libraries statewide. The training program will be available beginning in August and is designed to equip library staff with the tools they need to serve their community's homeless population with compassion and confidence. Sign up now!

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Network of the National Library of Medicine Awards Opportunities

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM), Region 1 invites applications for health information outreach and virtual programming projects. Organizations within Region 1, which includes New Jersey, are eligible to apply. Available award types include Data Science and Services Award at \$25,000/award; Health Information Outreach Award at \$20,000/award; TechQuity (Technology

Improvement and Digital Divide Award) at \$25,000/award; and Professional Development Award at \$2,000/award. **Deadline: July 30, 2021, 5:00 PM ET.**

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grant Opportunity for NJ Public Libraries

NJSL is allocating \$1,800,000 for competitive grants to public libraries. Approximately 50 to 75 grants will be awarded. Two levels of funding will be available: Mini-Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Major grants will range from \$25,001 to \$100,000.

The New Jersey State Library's **ARPA Application Portal** is now open and accepting applications: <http://arpagrants.njstatelib.org/>

Latest resources include:

- [Instructions for ARPA Application Portal](#)
- [ARPA Grant Technical Assistance Webinar](#)
- [Q&A Document](#)

Deadline: July 30th, 2021

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Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) Grant

Applications are now open for round three of the Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grant. Up to 100 libraries will be awarded in this round as part of ALA's longtime community engagement initiative. The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and/or rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) defines small communities as those with a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and rural communities as those more than, or equal to, five miles from an urbanized area.

Libraries that previously were awarded LTC: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grants are eligible to apply for additional funding to expand their previously awarded projects. **Deadline: September 16, 2021**

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NJ Council for the Humanities Response Grants

New Jersey Council for the Humanities has launched a new cycle of its COVID-19 Response Grants program to provide support for New Jersey humanities organizations and programs.

General Operating Support grants (\$5,000-\$20,000) are available to nonprofit organizations that have a mission rooted in the public humanities, an organizational budget greater than \$50,000, and at least one full-time staff person (or one FTE).

Program Support grants (\$2,000-\$20,000) are available for nonprofit and governmental organizations who undertake humanities programs, whether or not their organization's primary mission is based in the humanities.

COVID-19 Response Grants will have multiple deadlines throughout the summer and into the early fall.

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