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April 6, 2020

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Federal Government Invests \$50M in Museums and Libraries to Address Digital Divide During COVID-19

The State Library is pleased to learn of this excellent news. **At this time, we do not have any information to share outside of what IMLS has shared via the following press release.** More details will be available as we receive guidance from IMLS on how much money NJ will receive, how it will be used, and for what purposes. We will provide an update when we know more. Read the IMLS press release [here](#).

How to Sanitize Collections in a Pandemic

Check out ALA's American Libraries article where conservators weigh in on the mysteries of materials handling during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more [here](#).

NJ.com Coverage of Libraries

NJ.com published a [story](#) about how, although NJ libraries are closed during the coronavirus lockdown, digital resources remain available. At the end of the article, there is a call for additional submissions. Libraries offering community members access to their resources digitally or in other ways in response to COVID-19 can send an email to: community@njtimes.com.

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MentorNJ Online Meet-ups for Everyone

MentorNJ is offering a series of online meet-ups beginning April 6th through April 30th. We are all working on ways to continue to provide services while libraries remain closed. How are we coping in this new situation? This is an opportunity to come together to network, figure out what approaches work, and how to take care of ourselves and our patrons during this challenging time. We all have a lot to learn from each other. Learn more [here](#).

Help Gather Information About Job Seekers

The John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University is trying to gather information directly from job seekers about their needs and concerns, so they can work with the Department of Labor to put together more FAQs and other resources to address people's issues. [Please complete this survey](#) and share widely among your networks.

EBSCO Offers Free Access to NJ Libraries

As the library community adjusts to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the team at EBSCO is looking to ensure end users have access to an expanded breadth of online content. Many college, university and K-12 students will be completing the current academic term entirely online. To assist with this initiative, EBSCO would like to make some of its e-book collections available to all libraries in New Jersey as a courtesy. These resources will bring tens of thousands of journals and e-book titles into each library's collection, all available in unlimited format so there is no concern that users would have difficulty accessing the content simultaneously. Learn more [here](#).

COVID-19 Resource Guide

Librarians at the State Library curated a list of resources and information about the Coronavirus. [Find the guide here](#).

COVID-19 Relief Assistance

This is a short list of COVID-19 relief assistance opportunities for New Jersey nonprofit

organizations. While public libraries might not be eligible, please share this information with your nonprofit partners in their local communities.

[NJEDA Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant](#)

[New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund](#)

[Ocean First Foundation](#)

[Princeton Area Community Foundation COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund](#)

[PHL COVID-19 Fund](#) (includes five southern New Jersey counties)

[South Jersey COVID-19 Response Fund](#)

[United Way of Greater Newark: Community COVID-19 Fund](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITES

OCLC's Community Engagement Award Application Open

OCLC is accepting applications from public libraries for its Community Engagement Awards. Tell OCLC about a current project, or one completed within the past year, that impacts and extends your public library's reach by engaging with your community. OCLC will offer three \$5,000 awards. The [application](#) deadline is **April 30, 2020**.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine Grant - Application Deadline Extended

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, invites applications for grant funding in support of health information outreach and programming projects. Network member organizations in Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania are eligible to apply. Available grants include the Health Information Outreach Award, Data Award, and Professional Development Award. The [application](#) deadline has been extended to **April 30, 2020**. Read more [here](#).

AARP Community Challenge Grant - Application Deadline Extended

The application period for the 2020 AARP Community Challenge has been extended to **May 15, 2020**. 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 housing, transportation, public space, technology ("smart cities"), civic engagement and more.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Youth

Literacy Grant Application Open

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students who 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. The [application](#) deadline is **May 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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