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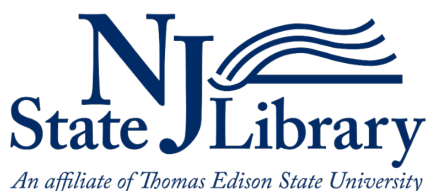
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Responding to the Coronavirus

The State Library created this [LibGuide](#) to help libraries respond to the Coronavirus. The guide contains all of the most current information regarding the spread of this disease and its impact. Read the guide and help your community stay safe and stay healthy.

NJ Library Construction Bond Act Application Open

The State Library is accepting applications for the Library Construction Bond Act now through 4 p.m. on April 6, 2020. To access the application, visit our website [here](#). Instructions for registering for an account, filling out your application, attaching required documents, and submitting your application can be found at the top of the page. You can also find helpful information about the grant application process on slides 14-22 from a recent webinar session [here](#). For technical assistance with the application form, contact David Dean at ddean@njstatelib.org.

Learn About Displaced Homemaker Programs

This webinar, which will be held on March 24, 2020, will explain the Displaced Homemaker Programs available to New Jersey residents. The Displaced Homemaker Programs assist individuals with obtaining short term education certificates, employment opportunities, computer technology updates, resume writing, and career counseling with a goal of reaching economic self-sufficiency. Libraries serve individuals who may be displaced homemakers and have an opportunity to connect them to

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resources that could greatly benefit them. Partnering with local Displaced Homemaker Programs also provides an opportunity for libraries to extend services, offer new programs, or promote relevant services and events. [Learn more here](#) and [register here](#).

Grant Opportunities and More

Census 2020 is Now Available!

Census 2020 is now available online at 2020census.gov! Remember: The most accurate response is a self response and an early response helps to ensure that no one will come knocking on your community members' doors starting in May. Please note, with respect to COVID-19, Census 2020 is moving ahead according to plan. The Census Bureau will continue to follow the guidance of federal, state, and local health authorities. Learn more about the census below.

1. **What does the invitation to respond envelope look like?** See visuals of our Census 2020 mailings [here](#).
2. **Can I answer the questionnaire without the code in the invitation to respond?** Yes! Visit my2020census.gov to complete the questionnaire with or without a code.
3. **Will my geographic area receive the paper form first or only the invitation to respond?** Take a look at the [Mail Contact Strategies Viewer](#) -- if your census tracts are in green, then your area will receive the invitation to respond and the paper questionnaire in the first mailing. Remember, anyone who does not respond by phone or online will receive a paper questionnaire as part of their 4th mailing.
4. **I like the paper questionnaire. Will I need to pay to mail it back?** No, it has postage on the return envelope and is ready to mail.
5. **What if more than 10 people are in my household?** It is best to answer online or by phone for a larger household as you may include up to 99 people in your response.
6. **Where can I find language assistance for the census?** See print guides in 59 languages [here](#).
7. **When will I be able to see how well my community is responding?** As of March 20th, you will be able to see Census Self-Response Rates [here](#).

8. **Will the Census Bureau provide staff at my agency to help my community complete the census?** Census Response Representatives will work mostly in areas predicted to have a low response rate from March 12th through March 30th. After March 30th, CRRs will work only in areas of low self-response for Mobile Questionnaire Assistance.

Lift Every Voice Grant Application Deadline Extended

The Library of America is accepting applications for its Lift Every Voice grant program. The principal objective 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 offers \$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 March 20, 2020.

HomeServe Cares Foundation Grant Application Open

HomeServe Cares Foundation is offering two grant awards up to \$20,000 each for projects, initiatives, or ongoing programs that target common spaces where community residents gather with family and friends for engagement, fun, and recreation. Focus areas include upgrades to existing facilities to accommodate residents with disabilities, refurbishment or replacement of equipment and facilities to ensure the safety of visitors, improvements to community centers or spaces aimed at inclusion and/or resident engagement, or establishment of new projects aimed at uniting communities through shared spaces. [Applications](#) are due March 24, 2020.

Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants Application Open

Applications are open for the 2020 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grants. A Mini-Grant is an award of up to \$500 that the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation gives to eligible organizations to provide creative, innovative programs that support or extend the Common Core Standards in education. Programs may serve children from preschool to grade 12. Both public libraries and public schools are eligible to apply. The [application](#) deadline is March 31, 2020.

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 make three \$5,000 awards. The [application](#) deadline is April 30, 2020.

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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