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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries
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State Library Updates

NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center Published in *World Library*, The National Library of Korea

We're proud to share that staff at our NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center wrote an article entitled, "Providing Accessible Library Services at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center" that was published in *World Library*, The National Library of Korea on April 11th, 2024.

[Click here to read the English version.](#)

[Click here for the Korean version as published.](#)

NJSL Sessions at 2024 NJLA Conference

We're looking forward to this year's NJLA Conference **May 29th to 31st** in Atlantic City. [Click here to see the workshops and presentations](#) that will be led by New Jersey State Library staff!

JerseyClicks Upcoming Training Sessions

Brush up on databases offered through JerseyClicks! The below sessions are being offered at 2pm on the following dates:

- ProQuest Presents: Searching for International Content in HeritageQuest Online - **May 21st**
- DataAxle Presents: Reference Solutions - How Data is Compiled and Segmented - **June 6th**

[Click to learn more and register](#)

13th Annual NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center Golf Classic

The NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is hosting its 13th Annual TBBC Golf Classic, which will be held on **Tuesday, June 18th** at Makefield Highlands Golf Club in Yardley, PA. [Click here to reserve your spot now.](#)

News from Around the State

USCIS Announces Open Application Period for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it will begin accepting applications for its [FY24 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program](#). USCIS will offer up to \$10 million in funding for organizations who help prepare immigrants for naturalization and who promote civic integration. **Applications are due by Friday, June 21, 2024.**

USCIS will be holding an informational webinar on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm** to provide an overview of the grant program and respond to questions about the application requirements and process. [Click here to register.](#)

National Opportunities

R IPL Webinar Series: 12 Months to Better Library Data

Are you interested in gaining knowledge and skills for data-informed decision-making, program improvement, planning, and advocacy? Do you want to learn how to use data to serve your community even better tomorrow than you are today? Join the [Research Institute for Public Libraries](#) (RIPL) for the yearlong, monthly free webinar series, 12 Months to Better Library Data, which began in March. [Click here](#) to access recordings of past webinars and register for upcoming monthly webinars through August.

Upcoming NJSL Presents Webinars

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. Here's what we have coming up in May, feel free to share within your communities.

- [Financial Side of College Graduation](#) - May 15th @ noon
- [Overcoming Imposter Syndrome and Embracing Your Innate Power Within the Workplace](#) - May 21st @ noon
- [The Time to Hear is Here™](#) - May 23rd @ noon

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.

[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](#) 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:

- [Marketing Your Library on YouTube](#)
- [Five Tips for Managing Your Library's Social Media](#)
- [How to Increase Instagram Engagement](#)
- [Avoid These Video Marketing Mistakes!](#)

Download sharable social media graphics and videos from the [Statewide Digital Marketing Campaign](#).

Also, you can download marketing resources from State Library Vendors & Partners [here](#).

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