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Maria Baratta Appointed Associate Director of SLIC

New Jersey State Librarian Mary Chute has announced that Maria Baratta has been named the State Library's new Associate Director of the State Library Information Center (SLIC). Baratta is a familiar face at NJSL, having served as Associate Director of the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center from 2008-2015.

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NJ State Library Receives NEH Funding for Disaster Preparedness Training

The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a \$6,000 Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions to NJSL for a year-long project in

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partnership with the New Jersey Cultural Alliance for
Response (NJCAR).

[Read more...](#)

NJSL New Directors Training 2017- Change of Venue

The next annual New Directors' Orientation will be held on February 15 at the **New Jersey State Library, 5th Floor Meeting Room, 185 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608.**

Meet Mary Chute, State Librarian, and other NJSL staff to answer your questions and learn about our various departments.

Note: New Directors' Orientation is now a one-day training, instead of two. This is a great opportunity for new directors to learn the basics about their responsibilities, and to network with other library professionals and new directors throughout the state.

[Read more & register here...](#)

Fade to Books Grant Application Available Soon

The New Jersey State Library, in partnership with the Long Branch Public Library and the Bridge of Books Foundation, is pleased to announce a new grant opportunity for public libraries who join with their local barbershops in an effort to promote youth literacy in their communities. Begun as a pilot project in Long Branch, *Fade to Books* recognizes the role of the barbershop as a community gathering space and the role of the barber as a mentoring figure for young men and boys.

[Read more...](#)

Writing Successful Grant Applications

Does your library need funds from foundations, corporations, and/or government agencies? In one of our newest blog posts, NJSL's Grants Manager, Eileen Morales,

shares information on sessions that she will host, where she will provide key insights on writing successful grant applications!

[Read more...](#)

Applications for SWAT Team Library Transformation Project Due Feb. 1.

The New Jersey State Library is happy to announce the 2017 "SWAT Team," once again offering public libraries an opportunity to transform an area within the interior space of their buildings.

[Read more...](#)

2017 Multicultural Program Award Applications Due Jan. 31

The State Library is accepting applications for the 4th Annual Multicultural Program Award. The award honors outstanding library programs that increase understanding and promote multiculturalism through creative and sustainable cultural programming. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium. Three libraries will be honored.

[Read more...](#)

2017 Best Practices in Early Literacy Award Applications Due Feb. 20

The State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries.

[Read more...](#)

Tutor Training for ESL Conversation Groups

The NJSL Tutor Training for ESL Conversation Groups is created in partnership with Literacy New Jersey for those who wish to teach/lead/facilitate ESL conversation sessions at a local library. There will be five sessions offered monthly from January to May 2017. There is no cost for participants.

[Read more for schedule, location & registration...](#)

TESU Ranked Among Top 25 Best Nuclear Engineering Degrees for 2016-2017

College Choice has ranked Thomas Edison State University as one of the top 25 nuclear engineering degrees in the Country. Congratulations to Dr. John O. Aje, Dean of the TESU

School of Applied Science and Technology, and his team for their dedicated work and commitment to excellence in this degree program.

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LibraryLinkNJ Super Library Supervisor Workshop Series Registration Opens February 7

Targeted toward library staff who are currently supervisors and have less than five years of supervisory experience. Limit of 30 participants; two per library. Deadline is Feb. 21. Cost is \$199.

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LibraryLinkNJ Stakeholder Engagement Workshop for School Librarians March 4

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Piscataway Public Library - J.F. Kennedy Memorial Library, 500 Hoes Ln, Piscataway Township, NJ 08854. The workshop is free, but registration is necessary.

[Read more to register or for more information on other workshops...](#)

Libraries Ready to Code Project Report Available

The project was initiated through a partnership with Google, Inc. researching access to computer science education for K12 students. The project identified some concepts that can be used to make the case that learning through libraries is a powerful and necessary component of ensuring all kids have access to the opportunities that result through coding and computational thinking skills.

[Read more...](#)

Local Library Support Fund State Income Tax Check-off

Don't forget to let your patrons know that they can help support New Jersey's public libraries by donating to the *Local Library Support Fund* on their New Jersey tax form.

[Learn more...](#)

National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Deadline Feb. 8

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, has announced that the 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards application is now open with a deadline of Wednesday, February 8. This year twelve award winning programs will each receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award at a ceremony at the White House.

[Read more...](#)

ALA Offers Free Training to Help Libraries Foster Conversation and Bridge Divides

Join ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation for this introductory webinar to learn about a free learning series that will teach library professionals to lead change in their communities. Libraries of all types and sizes are invited to attend a one-hour introductory webinar about the resources and opportunities available throughout the initiative, "Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change Overview" (Thursday, Feb. 9, 2p.m.

[Read more & register here...](#)

Send your small business and entrepreneurship announcements to the NJSL - we want to promote what you are doing on Twitter!

Libraries across New Jersey are doing amazing work to support the businesses and entrepreneurs in their communities. From classes and special events to innovative partnerships and resources, libraries are providing the tools for businesses to thrive.

Through the @NJGrowsBiz Twitter account, the State Library will communicate the value of libraries to the business and entrepreneur community as well as connect libraries with ideas for programs and services for their own patrons.

If you are hosting an event, launching a new service, or promoting your existing endeavors, email details to Andrea Levandowski: alevandowski@njstatelib.org. You can also send news articles, photos from events, blog entries or other items to share your library's impact on businesses and entrepreneurs. Contact Andrea with any questions or for more information.

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team. Visit NJSL's library marketing portal, www.njsldirect.org, and stay current on library marketing topics, issues and trends! Thank you for your time!

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