

# NJSL DIRECT

Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Libraries  
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## State Library Updates

### Community Center Digital Connect - A Capital Projects Fund Grant Opportunity

On July 25, 2023, the State Library held a Technical Assistance webinar about this grant opportunity. Slides from the presentation can be found [here](#), and the recording can be viewed [here](#). Additionally, Question & Answer Documentation can be found [here](#).

[Click here](#) to access the grant webpage, where application materials and other resources can be found. **Applications are due September 25.**

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### NJSL Proposed Library Construction Bond Act Amendments Open for Comment

Designed to remove unnecessary burdens on grantees in planning and executing legislatively approved projects, the New Jersey State Library has proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 15:24-2.5, 2.6, and 4.1. The proposals are available for comment, [click here to view](#). Please forward any written comments by **September 3, 2023** to [inelson@njstatelib.org](mailto:inelson@njstatelib.org) or by U.S. mail.

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### ACP Connects NJ

The State Library [officially announced](#) its partnership with the NJ Department of Health, to launch ACP Connects NJ, a program designed to help build awareness

and participation in New Jersey for the [Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#). There's still time for your library to let us know you're interested in hosting an [ACP Connects NJ](#) event. Contact Andrea Levandowski for information about signing on to be a host site: [alevandowski@njstatelib.org](mailto:alevandowski@njstatelib.org).

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## Building Equity-Based Summer Initiative

BEBS is an IMLS [grant-funded national initiative](#) focused on assisting public library staff in gaining the skills necessary to work with systematically marginalized communities. The State Library is seeking five public libraries to participate in the second year of this three-year initiative. [Click to learn more.](#)

Libraries who would like to participate in this project are asked to contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640, by **August 18, 2023**.

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## Upcoming NJSL Webinars Highlighting Available Statewide Services

The New Jersey State Library is offering a number of upcoming webinars for NJ libraries, which will highlight some of the available statewide services. [Click here to register for upcoming webinars.](#)

- Back-to-school with EBSCO - **Aug. 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**
- Statewide Reference Services Through the Newark Public Library - **Aug. 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**
- HeritageQuest Online Introduction - **Sept. 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**
- Get to Know the Updated Gale Presents: Peterson's Test and Career Prep - **Sept. 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions about statewide database offerings, feel free to reach out to us at [JerseyClicks@njstatelib.org](mailto:JerseyClicks@njstatelib.org) or in the contact form within the Library Resources section of the [JerseyClicks webpage](#). Any questions about statewide services in general may be directed to Michael Maziekien, New Jersey State Library, at [mmaziekien@njstatelib.org](mailto:mmaziekien@njstatelib.org).

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## Save the Date: Northeast Virtual Summit on Resilient Library Facilities

Save the Date for the Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Resilient Library Facilities set to take place on **November 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The keynote speaker is Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the

Mid-Hudson NY Library System, and the full agenda will be released in September when registration opens. [Click to learn more.](#)

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## Save the Date: Experienced Directors Summit

The New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ are partnering to present the Experienced Directors Summit at Hunterdon County Library on **November 15th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Registration will open in October.

[Click to learn more.](#)

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## News from Around the State

### Helping Adult Learners

The New Jersey Department of Education is offering an opportunity for adult learners to achieve their State-issue high school diploma at more locations, such as public libraries. If you'd like to look into administering GED testing at your library, [click to learn more.](#)

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## National Opportunities

### Invite to Participate in Survey on Perceptions of Immigrant Acculturation

Library workers are welcome to participate in a 20-minute survey, and will have the option to take part in a 20-30 minute follow-up interview study. Interviews will be transcribed and audio recorded, and participants will earn a \$25 Tango card to be distributed in 2-4 weeks. The data from the study will contribute to the improved knowledge and tools to strengthen library outreach to immigrant communities. [Click to take survey.](#) Any questions, please contact the researchers directly at [immigrantinfojustice@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantinfojustice@gmail.com).

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### IMLS Request for Information Literacy Program Resources

Please consider responding to [this request for information](#) issued by the Institute of Museum and Library Services on behalf of a federal taskforce on information literacy. Congress requested the formation of the taskforce and its development of a website, which will host resources usable to local organizations

such as museums and libraries as they address community needs through programming and resources that might have an information literacy component. **Responses are due by August 18th.**

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## Creative Aging Initiative Application Now Open

The Creative Aging Initiative grant (CAI) provides \$10,000 to eligible arts organizations, libraries, veterans homes, and senior and community centers to cover costs of arts learning experiences for NJ's older adults (aged 55 and over).

- Technical Assistance Sessions will be offered in August, [click to register.](#)
- **Application Deadline: August 22, 2023, 12:00 PM ET**
- December 2023: Awards announced.
- Grant Period: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2023

[Click to review grant guidelines.](#)

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## Professional Development Opportunities

Check out the upcoming LYRISIS CE opportunities on their [calendar here.](#)

[Click here for a monthly national list](#) of NJSL and National CE and Professional Development opportunities for librarians, trustees, and library staffs.

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## 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:

- [Introducing Instagram Threads](#)
- [Design Tips for Social Media Graphics](#)
- [Busting Social Media Myths](#)
- [How To Be A Better Blogger](#)

Download marketing resources from State Library Vendors & Partners [here.](#)

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