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Spring 2018 Small Business Workshop Series - Register Your Library by Dec. 18

Based on feedback from previous workshop sessions, Taxation University has made some changes to the workshops currently offered for certain types of businesses. Whether your library has hosted a session before or plans to provide a workshop for the first time, the new slate of classes will be a draw for small business owners and individuals thinking about starting a business.

Workshops may be scheduled between March 12, 2018 and May 31, 2018, with start times in the morning, afternoon or evening. Each library may choose up to two sessions per location.

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ALA Statement on Net Neutrality

American Library Association President Jim Neal released the following statement regarding the proposed order on net neutrality released by FCC Chairman Ajit Pai:

"Preserving net neutrality is essential for equitable access to online information and services and thus a vital concern for our nation's libraries. Now that the internet has become the primary mechanism for delivering information, services and applications to the general public, it is especially important that commercial Internet Service Providers are not able to control or manipulate the content of these communications. Libraries, our patrons and America's communities will be at risk if the FCC repeals all protections contained in its 2015 Open Internet Order with no plans to replace with any enforceable rules. We strenuously disagree with the FCC's actions and will continue to advocate for essential net neutrality protections."

The FCC Commission will vote on the proposed order at the December open Commission meeting on Thursday, December 14.

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[Net Neutrality at the end of 2017: What libraries need to know.](#)

[Net neutrality protections eliminated in draft FCC order.](#)

YALSA Releases Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has released a new resource to help libraries better serve teens. [The Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff](#) describe the knowledge, skills and dispositions all public and school library staff need to successfully serve the nation's 42+ million teens. They were developed in alignment with YALSA's report, [The Future of Library Services for and With Teens: a Call to Action](#)

National Network/Libraries of Medicine Mid Atlantic Region Grants - Deadline Dec. 1

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, is pleased to announce a new round of funding for health information outreach, health literacy initiatives, emergency preparedness partnerships and health sciences library projects. Funding up to \$15,000 now available for projects running from Jan. 2 to April 30.

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Libraries & Autism Grant - Deadline Dec. 1

The "Autism Welcome Here: Library Programs, Services and More" grant is sponsored by *Libraries and Autism: We're Connected*. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded. All programs or services proposed must benefit people with autism or their families, directly or indirectly. Funds may be used to hire a trainer to present a workshop, to buy program materials, to pay for staff, etc. **Deadline is Dec. 1.**

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NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant Competition - Deadline Dec. 19

The NOAA Office of Education has issued a competitive funding opportunity for projects designed to support the education of the public and/or K-12 students so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather events and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience.

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Dollar General Adult Literacy Grant - Deadline Jan. 2

ALA and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation invite public libraries to apply for grants to expand services for adult English language learners or adults in need of basic education and workforce development. Up to 15 grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded.

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Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant - Jan. 26 Deadline

The American Library Association and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation are now accepting applications for the 2018 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries, which recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature. **Application deadline is Jan. 26, 2018.**

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NJLA 2018 Honors & Awards Nominations are now open - Deadline March 19

Nominate your colleagues, inside of the library and out: LIBRARY WORKERS - PRESS - STUDENTS - TRUSTEES - ADVOCATES. **Nominations are open until March 19, 2018.** Winners will be honored on Thursday, May 31 at the NJLA Conference.

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As always, we look forward to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to forward any questions or concerns to the NJSL Communications & Marketing Team.

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