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## Learn More About Zoom Through Our Free Webinars

The State Library will host two free webinars featuring Zoom experts who will teach the library community how to maximize the software's benefits and answer your most pressing questions. Join us on **Dec. 8, 2020** from 9-9:45 a.m. [here](#) and on **Dec. 17, 2020** from 9-9:45 a.m. [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Sahar Dampier at [sdampier@njstatelib.org](mailto:sdampier@njstatelib.org).

## MentorNJ Webinar: How to Run a Meeting

This webinar will focus on applying Robert's Rules of Order to virtual meetings. Communication and inclusion in decision making processes are now more important than ever. Speaker Lawrence D. Taylor will outline how Robert's Rules of Order can translate to virtual settings with information on how to set effective agendas, use democracy for decision making, and process a motion. Topics include the role of the presiding officer and the secretary in a meeting and the role of a member. [Register here](#).

## Join the NJ Career Network Job Seeker Community

The team at the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University created the [NJCN Job Seeker Community](#), a FREE online community designed to connect job seekers with other job seekers, as well as volunteer coaches. The NJCN Job Seeker Community creates another access point for individuals to connect with other people, events, and information to help them during this tumultuous economic time. Please share

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## GRANTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" Grant

Applications are open for the ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way" grant. The award consists of \$3,000 to assist a library in conducting exemplary and replicable outreach to underserved populations through a new and innovative program or an expansion of work already being done. Applications are due on **Dec. 16, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

### Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions Program

Applications are available from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions program. Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions-such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities-improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Maximum award amount: \$10,000 (\$15,000 for projects related to NEH's "A More Perfect Union" initiative). The application deadline is **Jan. 14, 2021**. [Learn more here](#).

## New Guidelines for the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Program Available

Guidelines are now available for the next round of the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program. The NEA Big Read annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read book. Selected organizations receive a grant, access to online training resources, and opportunities, digital resources, and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement. The application deadline is **Jan. 27, 2021**. [Learn more here](#).

## American Dream Literacy Initiative

The American Library Association and 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 16 grants of \$5,000 each will be awarded. Public libraries are eligible if they serve adult English language learners and are located within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center, or corporate office. Applications close **Jan. 29, 2021**. [Read more here](#).

## Spectrum Scholarship

Applications for 2021 Spectrum Scholarships are now open through the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse. The Spectrum Scholarship Program actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA. Please share this information with future or current BIPOC MLS/MLIS students, and email [spectrum@ala.org](mailto:spectrum@ala.org) with questions. Applications close **March 1, 2021**. [Read more here](#).

**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.**

*Sincerely,*

**New Jersey State Library**

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