

# NJSL DIRECT

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

### ACP Connects NJ

There's still time for your library to let us know you're interested in hosting an [ACP Connects NJ](#) event – we'll start scheduling for the fall in early August. We'll also have more information about what being a host site entails, as well as flyers you can distribute in advance. Andrea Levandowski is your best contact for signing on to be a host site: [alevandowski@njstatelib.org](mailto:alevandowski@njstatelib.org).

### Building Equity-Based Summer Initiative

Has the lasting impact of the pandemic had you re-evaluating traditional services and programs? Does “equity” feel too big to tackle by yourself? Consider being a part of Building Equity-Based Summers (BEBS)! [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**.

### 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

### NJ Office of Broadband Connectivity Digital Inclusion Efforts Survey

The New Jersey Office of Broadband Connectivity has launched a survey on Digital Equity Resources and Programs. This data will be used to create a statewide community resource guide and inform the development of the State Digital Equity Plan. Libraries can share their areas of focus, covered populations, and other details about their work in digital literacy and digital inclusion through this brief form. [Click here to take survey.](#)

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## Congratulations to Teen Sci-Fi Great Stories Club Grant Awardees in New Jersey

Congratulations to the Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Highland Park Public Library and Maplewood Memorial Library for being chosen to receive the ALA Teen Sci-Fi Great Stories Club Grant! [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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## IMLS Now Accepting FY 2024 Grant Proposals

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is now accepting FY 2024 proposals for [National Leadership Grants for Libraries \(NLG-L\)](#) and the [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program \(LB21\)](#). Applicants have through **September 20, 2023**, to submit their two-page preliminary proposals. Digital inclusion and digital equity are a priority of IMLS.

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## Professional Development Opportunities

Check out the upcoming LYRASIS 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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