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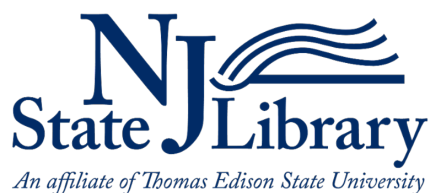
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**Library Construction Bond Act - June 18, 2019 Update**

In the last week of May 2019 we have reached a major milestone. On May 30, the DRAFT Library Construction Bond Regulations were officially received by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on a timeline appropriate for publication in the July 1 Register. July 1 marks the beginning of a 60-day public comment period, to be followed by a 30-day response period, and then within several weeks the adoption and reposting of the final regulations and an announcement of the solicitation for proposals. The application window will allow 90 days for submission. The State Library anticipates grant applications being due early in calendar year 2020.

[Click here to Access the full update posted on June 18, 2019.](#)

**Libraries=Success**

The New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and the New Jersey Association of School Libraries, are joining forces to launch **Libraries = Success**, an initiative geared toward encouraging 6th grade students across the state to sign up for a library card through their local public library. The initiative will launch September 2019, during Library Card Sign-up Month.

The goal is to build a bridge between the School District and their local community library, and connect the school librarian with the public librarian.

**If your public or school library is interested in being selected to participate, [please complete this brief survey.](#)**

To learn more about the initiative, visit: <https://www.njstatelib.org/librarycard/>

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## Announcement of statewide resources effective July 1, 2019

Representatives from library organizations, associations and cooperatives, and front-line staff members in the New Jersey Library Network were invited to serve on a committee with the goal of selecting statewide databases for contract.

The following resources were selected:

**Ebsco suite of resources identical to the previous three years, including Rosetta Stone and Job and Career Accelerator**

**ProQuest's Heritage Quest genealogy resource**

**RefUSA**

To learn more about the selection process, [click here](#).

## State Library to host "Hack-a-Thon" in honor of Juneteenth

On Friday June 28, 2019 from 12 - 2 p.m., the State Library, in partnership with [Freedom on the Move](#), will host a Hack-a-Thon in honor of Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. During the Hack-a-Thon, participants will assist with transcribing and digitizing "runaway ads" posted by enslavers trying to locate fugitives during North American slavery. The digitized ads will serve as an invaluable research aid and history resource for genealogists, scholars, students, and citizen historians who are researching their ancestry.

Please share this event with your patrons. We are looking for volunteers to attend and help us transcribe.

[Learn more and register here...](#)

## "Coming to America" Reading Groups for Public Libraries

The Yiddish Book Center seeks applicants to its "Coming to America" Reading Groups for Public Libraries program, a reading and discussion program to engage teens and adults in thinking about immigrants' experiences encountering America. Participating libraries will organize a reading group for adults and/or for teens aged 16-19, or for a combined group,

to discuss three books of Yiddish literature in translation, as well as one book related to an immigrant community served by their library. Libraries will receive books for participants as well as discussion and resource guides. Applicants may apply for an additional \$500 grant to invite a guest speaker and present a public program related to the "Coming to America" theme. **Application deadline: August 16, 2019.**

[Read more...](#)

## Request for Public Scholar Proposals

Each year, the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) subsidizes at least 200 public humanities programs for organizations throughout the state, providing opportunities for New Jersey communities to explore history, values, cultures, and beliefs, and to engage in discussions about key questions with the support of a scholarly perspective. Host organizations are typically libraries, community and senior centers, historical societies, civic organizations, and schools. NJCH is looking for proposals that encourage participation and discussion and seek to bring people of different perspectives and backgrounds together. **Proposal deadline: July 15, 2019.**

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## Host Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office invite libraries to apply to host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. Selected libraries will host the exhibition for five to six weeks and will also be required to implement a minimum of four public programs to accompany the exhibition during the display period. Each site will receive a programming allowance of \$2,000 to support public programs related to the exhibition. **Application deadline: August 9, 2019.**

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## Grant Opportunities...

### AIDS Community Information Outreach Project

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce the solicitation of proposals for the AIDS Community Information Outreach Project (ACIOP) to support organizations to improve access to HIV/AIDS health information for patients, the affected community, caregivers, and the public. ACIOP is a competitive awards program offered to community-based organizations and libraries to improve HIV/AIDS health information access. **Deadline for proposal submission is July 12, 2019 2:00 PM EDT.** [Learn more...](#)

### Captain Planet Foundation's Grant

Applications are being accepted for Cycle 2 of the Captain Planet Foundation's grant opportunities, including ecoSolution, ecoTech, and ecoSTEM grants. Captain Planet Foundation grants are intended to empower youth by providing hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities; inspire youth and communities to become agents of change for their environment; and serve as a catalyst for education that uses the environment as a context for applied and STEM learning. **Deadline: July 15, 2019.** [Learn more...](#)

### **Citizens' Institute on Rural Design**

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Housing Assistance Council (HAC), with buildingcommunityWORKSHOP ([bc]), has announced a Request for Applications to the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD). Rural communities are invited to submit applications to receive design support and technical assistance to host a local rural design workshop or participate in a learning cohort. Both parts of the CIRD program connect rural residents with resources and ideas for developing locally driven solutions to community design challenges. **Deadline: July 22, 2019.** [Learn more...](#)

### **Partners for Places Grant**

Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities has announced a new Partners for Places Grant opportunity. Partners for Places is a matching grant program that enhances local capacity to build equitable and sustainable communities in the United States and Canada. The fund does this by requiring local government and local foundation partnerships, and by pairing national and local philanthropic funding sources. These one-to-one matching awards support the planning and implementing of urban sustainability and green stormwater infrastructure projects. **Deadline: July 30, 2019.** [Learn more...](#)

### **The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize**

Developed in partnership between Library Journal and the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation, the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize has been created to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. Today's public libraries must navigate dynamic shifts in content delivery, modes of learning, knowledge building, and social engagement—in order to become community connectors, to grow diversity, and to strengthen the community. The Community Impact Prize is designed to celebrate libraries that have significantly helped their communities thrive. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the November issue of Library Journal and online. **Deadline: August 1, 2019.** [Learn more...](#)

**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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