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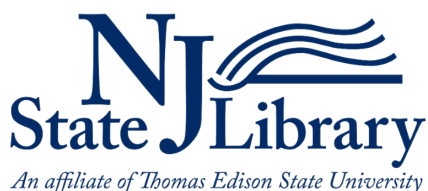
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*November 23, 2020*

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*NJ State Librarian*

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## Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Authorizing Funding from Library Construction Bond Act

On November 20, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed A4942, which authorizes nearly \$87.5 million to be distributed to proposed projects for the first round of funding from the Library Construction Bond Act. This funding will provide crucial improvements to New Jersey public libraries, including ADA compliance upgrades for disabled residents, HVAC improvements, and projects to improve public access to information and modernize community space, including procuring new technology. This initial grant round will also fund ten new library buildings. View the full press release [here](#).

## 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**,

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**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](#).

## NJ Legislature Approves Initial Round of Library Construction Projects

The New Jersey State Library is pleased to announce that proposed projects for the first round of funding from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act have been approved by the State Legislature. New Jersey voters approved the issuance of \$125 million in state bonds to fund critical improvements to public libraries in 2017. The long awaited initial grant round will distribute \$87.5 million among 38 awardees from 16 counties across the state. [Read more 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 this resource with job seekers in your community. [Learn more here](#). If you have any questions, contact Andrea Levandowski at [alevandowski@njstatelib.org](mailto:alevandowski@njstatelib.org).

## GRANTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITES

## Young Adult Library Services Association Great Books Giveaway Competition

The Young Adult Library Services Association is accepting applications for its Great Books Giveaway Competition. Each year, for review and nomination purposes, the YALSA office receives approximately 3,000 newly published books, videos, CDs and audiocassettes (materials that have been targeted primarily towards young adults) from producers and publishers. YALSA and the cooperating publishers are offering one year's worth of review materials as a contribution to up to three libraries in need through the Great Books Giveaway Competition. The application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

## Baker & Taylor/Young Adult Library Services Association Collection Development Grant

YALSA is also accepting applications for the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Collection Development Grant program. The program awards \$1,000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually. The application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

## Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant

The Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant, awarded through ALA/YALSA, aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy. Examples of literacy include, but are not limited to, digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural. Applicants must work for and with youth (ages 10-19) in a library setting. Library settings include public, university, community college, school, and special. The grant award is \$1,000, and the application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**. [Learn more here](#).

## Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant

The American Library Association is accepting applications for a new grant opportunity, Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries. This initiative seeks to provide community engagement resources and opportunities specific to the needs of library workers serving small and rural communities. Grant awards will include \$3,000 to support costs related to applicants' proposed community engagement projects and professional development consisting of the "LTC: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries" asynchronous e-course and facilitation guide. This opportunity is open to all types of libraries serving small and/or rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. Apply by **Dec. 2, 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](#).

## 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](#).

## 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.**

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