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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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Upcoming NJSL Events

May 5 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Financial Side of College Graduation](#)

May 6 @ 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Library Town Hall with the Governor's Office

NJLA is inviting NJ public library directors and staff to a library specific town hall meeting, set up by the Governor's Office, on **Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 1 p.m.** The purpose of the town hall meeting is to provide updates to us and to recruit our support as partners in growing a healthy and robust post-pandemic New Jersey. Please note that it is the Governor's Office, not NJLA, that is managing registrations for this meeting.

[Register here...](#)

Library Construction Bond Act Update

[COVID-19 Resources for Older Americans](#)

May 11 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Virtual Author Talk - Making the Scene in the Garden State](#)

May 14 @ 10:30 pm - 11:30 pm

[Jews in American Agriculture](#)

May 18 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Legal, Financial, and Care Planning for Alzheimer's Part 1](#)

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Continuing Education and Training Opportunities

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Questions regarding the Library Construction Bond Act grant solicitation that were submitted during the open period (March 29, 2021 until 4:00 p.m. EDT, April 23, 2021) have been answered and were posted on April 29, 2021. The Question & Answer Documentation is now available on the Library Construction Bond Act [webpage](#).

Emergency Broadband Benefit Outreach Toolkit Available

Last week, the FCC [announced](#) that beginning on May 12, 2021, eligible households will be able to apply for the [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. The FCC is mobilizing people and organizations to help raise awareness about the Emergency Broadband Benefit. The outreach toolkit is a collection of social media, printables, and other content to assist communities, outreach partners, and grassroots organizers in raising awareness about the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

[Learn more...](#)

MentorNJ Mega Meet-up

Join MentorNJ for their NJ-LIB Mega Awards & Networking Event on **Friday, May 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This Mega Meet-up is an opportunity to network with your colleagues and celebrate contributions to NJ communities in this pandemic era. This is an opportunity to recognize the resilience and

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adaptability NJ libraries have displayed, and their commitment to their communities, and its impact.
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NJCAR Presents: Today's Monuments Men and Women

The New Jersey Cultural Alliance for Response (NJCAR) will host a webinar on **Thurs., May 6, 2:00 p.m.** on the topic, Today's Monuments Men and Women: The Role of the Military and Museums in Cultural Heritage Protection.

[Learn more & register...](#)

Training, Grants & Other Opportunitites

Webinar: COVID Safety in the Workplace & NJDOL Resources

On **May 11, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**, join the NJ Business Action Center and the NJ Department of Labor for a conversation on how you can stay compliant with health and safety requirements, along with information on COVID-19 employee benefits and protections. NJDOL experts will be available at the end for Q&A.

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Revolution NJ

Join the New Jersey Historical Commission for a free virtual session to learn more about the Strategic and Interpretive Frameworks for Revolution NJ, New Jersey's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the formal founding of the United States. Sessions will introduce the goals and key themes of the initiative and ways in which your organization can take part. The 250th is coming and it's not too early to start planning. The following dates and times will be offered, organized by region:

North Jersey (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union)

Monday, May 10, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/1234567890>

Central Jersey (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Warren)

Wednesday, May 12, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/1234567890>

South Jersey

(Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem)

Friday, May 14, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Zoom Webinars

Zoom is offering webinars for their customers. The first three are listed below:

- **May 12th at 10am:** *Zoom Integrations, Chat and Phone* [Click to Register](#)
- **June 10th at 10am:** *Zoom Rooms* [Click to Register](#)

ALA COVID Library Relief Fund

The American Library Association has announced ALA COVID Library Relief Fund. Grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 will assist public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and US Territories that are experiencing substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has impacted their ability to serve their community, especially traditionally underserved populations. Grants are to help support library operations, including but not limited to staff time, collections, technology, equipment. Grants are to re-establish, sustain, amplify, or create new needed services, to underserved target audience(s).

Deadline: May 20, 2021.

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American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations grant program

National Endowment for the Humanities has issued the application and Notice of Funding Opportunity for the *American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations* grant program. This program invites applications from eligible organizations, including museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, and others, seeking

support for humanities positions and projects that have been adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Grants will help these entities continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. Applicants may propose new humanities projects or focus on sustaining core humanities programs and activities. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. **Application deadline: May 14, 2021.**

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Youth Literacy Grants

Dollar General Literacy Foundation is accepting applications for Youth Literacy Grants. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs. **Deadline: May 20, 2021.**

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Opportunities from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Starting on April 1, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will be kicking off a series of ten virtual grant workshops for those who wish to learn about NEH grant opportunities, deadlines, and application information. They will be hosting a targeted workshop for Archives and Libraries on May 20.

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