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Weekly News Updates for New Jersey Public Libraries

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[Grants Blog: ARPA Funds Available for New Jersey Libraries](#)

[Simple Safeguards: How to Stay Safe from Identity Theft and Cybercrime](#)

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Upcoming NJSL Events

May 27 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
[Coyotes of New Jersey](#)

May 27 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
[The Historical Society of Princeton](#)

Webinar: Pandemics, Epidemics, and Infestations - Today at 3pm - Last Chance to Register!!

Join Don Byrne, CEO of Metrix411, as he reviews recommendations in the Librarian's Disaster Preparedness Toolkit appendix on pandemics. This webinar is happening **today at 3pm**. [Register here.](#)

Recordings Now Available from EBSCO's Job & Career Accelerator Webinars

[Career Exploration Resources](#)

June 3 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Go Wild in Mercer: Nature Programs of the Mercer County Park Commission](#)

June 4 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Publishing Your Genealogy for Amateurs](#)

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Continuing Education and Training Opportunities

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A 30-minute workshop focusing on Job & Career Accelerator's career matcher assessment tools and occupation exploration resources.

[Tools to Get Hired](#)

A 30-minute workshop focusing on Job & Career Accelerator's Codie Award-winning resume and letter building tools, job search engines, and interviewing tutorial.

[College Bound](#)

A 30-minute workshop focusing on Job & Career Accelerator's college-bound resources, including School & Scholarship Finders and financial calculators.

Funding from the FCC

The Federal Communications Commission is in charge of the following two funds, with a funding cap of \$7.1 billion.

The **Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)** is for families and households who would otherwise struggle to afford both Internet access and the devices to be able to connect to the Internet. This program offers a one-time discount for both categories of service. Learn more [here](#). In addition, libraries can sign up to be outreach partners with the FCC to get the word out to their community. Access the [outreach toolkit](#).

The **Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF)** is designed primarily for libraries and schools. Funds will be available for hotspot, router, and modem hardware, as well as "connected devices" like laptops or tablets. The entire FCC order is over 80 pages. [Click here](#) to see highlights from the order. Funds for Learning is also hosting a webinar on the ECF on

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June 2, 2021 at 11 am EST. Register
[here](#).

Training, Grants & Other Opportunitites

Build a Better Library Website Boot Camp - Now Available

The New Jersey State Library is pleased to announce the launch of the Build a Better Library Website Boot Camp, an online course designed to help libraries improve the overall look and function of their websites. The online training program provides library staff with self-guided instruction, tools, and support to improve the user experience and design of their websites. It is now available through WebJunction's course catalog for free to enrollees, including librarians and library workers, as well as museum and archive staff.

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Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize

Nominations may be submitted for the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize. Developed in partnership between the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*, the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered 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. Honorable mentions may also be named. **Deadline: July 19, 2021.**

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NASA @ My Library

Public and tribal libraries are invited to apply for NASA@ My Library, a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) education initiative that will increase and enhance STEAM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underrepresented in STEAM education. Sixty public and tribal libraries in the U.S. will be selected

through a competitive application process to become NASA@ My Library Partners. NASA@ My Library Partners will receive training and resources to implement NASA events and programming, access to a university subject matter expert (SME) to support patron engagement, and a \$1,600 programming stipend to purchase materials for NASA STEAM activities and/or support presentations by local NASA-funded SMEs. **Application deadline: July 21, 2021.**

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Get to know your EBSCO resources!

The New Jersey State Library provides statewide access to a collection of information resources from EBSCO. These tools, and others, are available through our [JerseyClicks](#) portal. EBSCO has created informational materials to help you get to know these resources.

[Flyer for NJ Public Library Staff.](#)

[Flyer for NJ Public Library Patrons.](#)

Zoom Webinars

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

- **June 10th at 10am: Zoom Rooms** [Click to Register](#)

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