

## State Librarian's Update

### May 2023

We're hiring and we're excited! The New Jersey State Library is hiring for several positions, including a Law Library Branch Manager and a Projects Specialist – Capital Projects Fund. Both offer a great opportunity to learn, grow and contribute. If you or anyone you know is interested in a change, these opportunities may be a good fit. We're happy to answer questions or provide more information to prospective candidates. The position postings can be found via these links:

- [Law Library Branch Manager](#)
- [Project Specialist – Capital Projects Fund](#)

Our second annual Digital Literacy Forum was held at the Monroe Public Library on May 11. The day featured guest moderator and speaker Teresa Sladek, from Literacy Minnesota. Teresa works closely with the NorthStar Digital Literacy Assessment project, and shared her knowledge and experience working with adult learners. It was a great day of learning and felt so good to be connecting in person again. Thanks to Mimi Lee, Sharon Rawlins and Andrea Levandowski for their stellar working crafting an engaging day.

Jen Nelson  
State Librarian

### Stay Informed:

#### *GuideStar Pro*

GuideStar Pro is now available onsite for researchers visiting the State Library Information Center. This database offers a wide range of information on nonprofits, including funding opportunities, missions, subject areas and much more. It is a product made available by Candid, which is the resulting organization following the joining of Foundation Center and GuideStar.

#### *Research Spotlight*

During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month, see our posting about [Researching 19<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese Immigrants to the United States](#), which includes links to sources for finding records and other guides on the topic.



## You're Invited:

### *Upcoming NJSL Presents programming*

With college graduation season upon us, learn about the [Financial Side of College Graduation](#) as presented in a webinar on May 17<sup>th</sup> by Samantha Benson from New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistant Authority. Topics to be covered include credit scores, student loan repayment plans, and the costs of law and medical school. This is helpful for both parents and new grads.

Join the State Library for a Juneteenth remembrance program titled [The Lost Souls Public Memorial Project: Victims of the Van Winkle Slave Ring](#) scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The Lost Souls Public Memorial Project is a grassroots organization committed to commemorating the lives and legacy of the 137 Black New Jerseyans lost to the Domestic Slave Trade.

Want to learn about cryptocurrency from an expert? Join us at noon on June 27<sup>th</sup> when Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director & Investor Outreach, New Jersey Bureau of Securities, Office of the New Jersey Attorney General presents [Understanding Cryptocurrency](#).

### *Directors & Trustees Training*

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 2:00 PM Monthly Directors Zoom Check-in** with Bob Keith, Director of Library Law, PCSA, and Statistics and Michele Stricker, Deputy State Librarian for Library Development. Register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8luh2puwSkqaZycrFoVA3w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8luh2puwSkqaZycrFoVA3w)

**Thursday, May 25, 7:00 PM Monthly Library Trustees Zoom Check-in** with Bob Keith, Director of Library Law, PCSA, and Statistics, and Michele Stricker, Deputy State Librarian for Library Development. Registration: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9KFRFf3mQKWZ2wB3mH3aUA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9KFRFf3mQKWZ2wB3mH3aUA)

**Tuesday, June 7, 2023, 7:00 PM NEW: Joint Library Directors & Trustees Monthly Virtual Program: Library Services and Partnerships for Business Development** with Andrea Levandowski, NJSL Consultant for Small Business Development and Technology. Libraries are valuable institutions for entrepreneurs and business owners that provide a wealth of information, comprehensive databases, and connections to community resources. This presentation will cover why business outreach and services are consistent with the mission of libraries and how the New Jersey State Library and other library organizations support these efforts. We will also discuss potential partnerships that libraries can develop and strengthen to enhance their work for the business community. Please bring your questions, ideas, and suggestions with you as well so that we can learn from one another. Registration: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_G0tl8CCTTj2XIV53b-j6Qw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G0tl8CCTTj2XIV53b-j6Qw)

## Get Involved:

### *SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) Workshops*

#### **Apply to Attend a SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) Workshop**

- Thursday, June 8, 2023 – Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library, 10 am – 4 pm
- Friday, June 9, 2023 – Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill, 10 am – 4 pm

Choose only one date) Lunch will be provided. Register here: <https://forms.gle/5RPYy3UqpuETzptn6>

This free full day in-person workshop (10 am - 4 pm), sponsored by the NJ State Library, and presented by staff from the Science Institute of Colorado is designed to prepare and empower public library youth services staff to facilitate meaningful solar and space science programs for their patrons that build curiosity, knowledge and inspiration. Attendees will receive hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners and library-specific digital resource networks.

Potential participants need to answer a question indicating how they will use the workshop training to further STEM engagement activities in their community. Selection of attendees will be based on the strength of each individual application.

Materials demonstrated at the workshop are contained in two different kits that the NJ State Library will make available after the workshops to circulate to public libraries to use in presenting their own solar eclipse programming. For more information, please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org), 609-278-2640 x116.

#### *ACP Connects NJ*

**Need help enrolling your community members for Affordable Connectivity Program benefits?**

**ACP Connects NJ is here to help!** The New Jersey State Library, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health, received an Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) grant for \$400,000 from the Federal Communications Commission to support households struggling to afford internet service.

Join us and become a library host for ACP in-person enrollment events to help your community members start saving on their Internet bill! Our 'ACP Connects NJ' staff will be on hand to answer their questions about ACP benefits and help them complete the application on the spot.

For more information about how your library can become a host, with programs starting in July 2023, please contact Andrea Levandowski, Library Consultant for Small Business Development & Technology at [alevandowski@njstatelib.org](mailto:alevandowski@njstatelib.org)