

1) Emergency Connectivity Fund Informational Webinar This Wednesday

A webinar will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, for libraries and schools to review general information about the Emergency Connectivity Fund. Learn how you can maximize this new federal fund to meet the remote learning needs of students, school staff, and library patrons who would otherwise lack access to connected devices and broadband connections sufficient to engage in remote learning during the upcoming school year.

Join on Microsoft Teams

Or join via phone: (608) 620-9781 Phone Conference ID: 509 032 071#

2) NASA @ My Library Application Open

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.

Applications will be accepted from May 17 to July 21. View the project guidelines and apply online. ALA members and nonmembers are encouraged to apply.

3) New Digital Byte

In this Digital Byte, Jamie talks about tools that libraries can use to caption videos. This is part two of a series. Watch it here.

4) Ancestry Library Edition Home Access Extended

Access to Ancestry Library Edition has been temporarily expanded to library cardholders working remotely, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available until September 30 and will continue to be re-evaluated. Read more.

5) Marketing Updates

- In her latest post, Angela shares her top ten websites where libraries can find free stock photos or illustrations. Read more on Super Library Marketing.
- Instagram is currently testing a new feed posting option from the desktop version of the app.
 Currently, there's no direct upload option on the desktop version of the app, but Instagram has been building out its PC functionality over time. Read more on Social Media Today.
- In this episode, Angela inspires libraries to experiment with marketing and promotions this summer. Watch it here.

6) This Week's Webinars

- Indigenous Voices: Authentic Children's Literature in the Classroom and Library 2 p.m. on Tuesday & Wednesday, May 25 & 26
- Easy, Breezy Books to Head Off Summer Slide 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26
- Rebuilding of the Reading Room at the Lubuto Model Library in Lusaka, Zambia 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 27
- Working Towards Wellbeing 10 a.m. on Friday, May 28

7) Reminders

- The application window for the four ARSL conference scholarships is officially open. Interested applicants have until Friday, May 28 to <u>submit their applications</u>. Scholarship winners will receive: complimentary registration to the full ARSL annual conference and three paid nights in the conference hotel. None of the ARSL conference scholarships require applicants to have an MLIS or other degree to be eligible. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application before the opening of Early Bird Registration on July 6.
- Immigrant Journeys from South of the Border ¡Mi travesía hasta Wisconsin!, shares eight incredible stories alongside beautiful photos and factual information. It can help your community have deeper conversations about immigration in our state. And it can help your organization offer a meaningful program easily if you are in "recovery mode." The traveling exhibit is available now! Bookings for the remainder of 2021 must be completed by June 15 to secure your reservation. Read more.