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Libraries Advancing Success in Higher Education*

*Friday, January 9, 2026*



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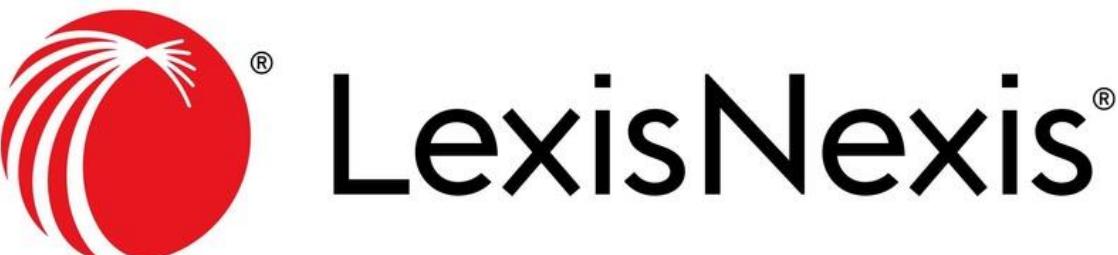
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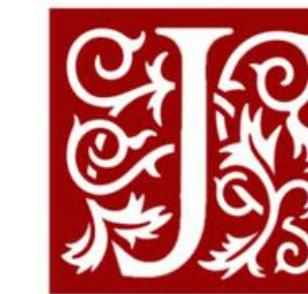
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# Welcome to NJALC 2026



**Dr. Muhammad Hassan**  
**Associate Vice President and Chief Librarian, Kean University**



# KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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## Overextended & Under-Resourced Redefining Success on Our Own Terms

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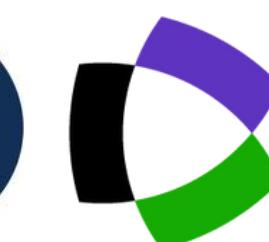
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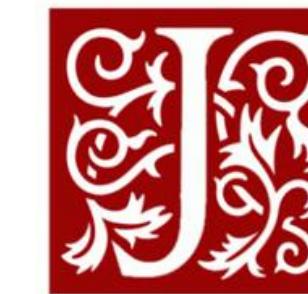
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# Organizational Updates



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**VALE**

Evelyn Frangakis, Executive Committee Chair

*Managing Director of the Library, Princeton Theological Seminary*



# Organizational Updates

**New Jersey Library Association (NJLA)**  
Brett Bonfield, Executive Director



# Organizational Updates

**New Jersey State Library (NJSL)**

Maria Baratta, Associate Director, NJ State Library Information Center



# Organizational Updates

**New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL)**

Ewa Dziedzic-Elliott, Past President

*Education Librarian, The College of New Jersey*



# Organizational Updates

**LibraryLinkNJ**

Ralph Bingham, Executive Director



# Organizational Updates

## New Jersey Academic Librarians (NJAL)

Megan Dempsey, President

*NJAL Conference Planning Committee Co-Chair*

*Instructional Services Librarian, Raritan Valley Community College*



# Organizational Updates

## New Jersey Academic Librarians (NJAL) Annual Business Meeting

### Goals for 2025-2026

- Increase engagement and membership using recommendations from Membership Assessment Task Force
- Streamline communications using available tools
- Implement and support Special Interest Groups for informal professional development opportunities



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### Accomplishments:

- New website - [www.njla.org/new-jersey-academic-librarians](http://www.njla.org/new-jersey-academic-librarians)
- Single listserv - NJ Academic Librarians Members (Google group)
- 3 active Special Interest Groups
  - ❖ Medical Librarians
  - ❖ STEM Librarians
  - ❖ AI – won an NJLA mini grant to test tools
- 4 Awards received 22 nominations this year
  - ❖ New award for Outreach in Academic Libraries received 7 nominations!
  - ❖ Want to know who won? Join us at the NJLA/NJASL Conference in Feb.



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Continuing: Professional Development during monthly meetings through guest presentations

- Typically every other month; first Friday at 10AM

## Upcoming: Informal meet-ups

- Princeton area in late January
- Northern NJ in mid-spring
- Southern (southern) NJ TBD
- The shore to start the summer!

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Committees are always seeking new members, new SIGS are welcome too

Access Services

Archives & Special Collections

Assessment, Evaluation and Statistics

Bibliographic Control and Metadata (BCMC)

Electronic Resources

Marketing and Outreach

Newsletter Committee

Nominations Committee

Reference and User Education

Research Committee



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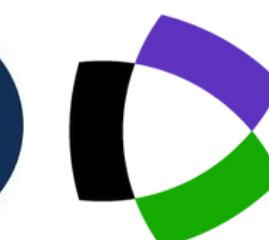
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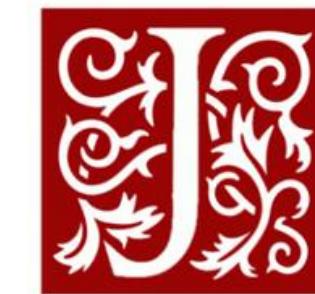
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# Schedule

Registration & Breakfast	8:30 – 9:45 am
Exhibitor Networking	8:30 – 9:45 am
Welcome & Keynote	10 am – 11 am
Breakout Session I	11:10 am – 12 pm
Lunch & Updates	12 pm – 1 pm
Exhibitor Networking	1 pm – 1:30 pm
Breakout Session II	1:45 pm – 2:35 pm
Breakout Session III	2:45 pm – 3:35 pm
Post Conference Networking	3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

