

California State Library, Library Development Services

Cooperative Library System Liaison Report

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Funding Opportunities Through the California State Library

Please visit the [grants page](#) of the California State Library website for a listing and timetable of new and upcoming funding opportunities.

California State Library Parks Passes

The shipping update from the State Parks team indicates the second batch of passes will arrive during the week of May 16. If you have not received your passes, or an email with instructions for the program, please contact parkspass@library.ca.gov. The user survey that is linked to the QR code on the back of the passes is live as of April, 29, 2022.

The [FAQs page](#) has a [map of parks](#) accepting the pass overlaid with library branches, cataloging and circulations information, a link to the [Partner Toolkit with marketing resources](#), [a recorded webinar on parks-based programming](#), a [sample programs page](#), and the answers to many common questions. For more information, please contact parkspass@library.ca.gov.

California Library Literacy Services

The annual (2022/2023) funding application for all returning CLLS programs opened on April 7 and are due on **May 20, 2022**. This application will include adult literacy services, family literacy services, and ESL (ESL only for programs that received Round I funding in 2021/2022). Estimated award amounts have been provided to CLLS libraries by the State Library for adult literacy and family literacy services. Please contact beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov or allyson.jeffredo@library.ca.gov for more information.

CLLS networking calls and trainings will continue on a regular basis, with upcoming sessions helping libraries prepare for new ESL services and more.

Zip Books

The purpose of the Zip Books program is to provide patrons with speedy access to materials they might not otherwise be able to get through the library, without the long wait times often associated with ILL requests. It also adds a patron-driven collection development approach to a library's usual process, resulting in a collection more closely matched to the needs of the local community. Program information and report forms can be found at [Zip Books - California State Library](#). For questions, please contact zipbooks@library.ca.gov

Developing Leaders in California Libraries

In partnership with the California State Library, the California Library Association (CLA) is presenting another year of exciting new Leadership Development opportunities for library staff

in California. In addition to the leadership training program, the Developing Leaders in California Libraries project is offering a series of “My Leadership Journey” webinars open to all staff to attend.

To see upcoming My Leadership Journey events and view past recordings, please visit , please visit [My Leadership Journey | CLA Leadership](#).

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

The annual Seguimos Creando Enlaces free bilingual, binational conference will be ONLINE on **Thursday, May 19, from 9:15 to 4:15 p.m.** Register [here](#). Please join in for addresses by keynote speaker Reyna Grande and lunchtime speaker Dulce Garcia of Border Angels. There will be five sessions with multiple options in each time slot! Creando is now managed by CALL as well as an active volunteer planning team.

Plan your team’s professional development by visiting www.callacademy.org and check the frequently updated [calendar](#) to explore the options. Free courses, weekly webinars, and cohort-based learning continue throughout the year. CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can [subscribe](#) directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#).

Sustainable California Libraries Survey & Upcoming Networking Sessions

The California State Library, in collaboration with Pacific Library Partnership, is creating a report and action plan for Sustainable California Libraries. Throughout the Spring and Summer of 2022, the State Library will convene several meetings of a new Advisory Group and host two open Networking Sessions. Input will be actively encouraged through a short survey, participating in networking sessions, interviews, and field research. Look out for opportunities to get involved and ways to help create more Sustainable California Libraries in the coming weeks.

Sustainable California Libraries Networking Sessions

Please register now for the Sustainable California Libraries Networking Sessions, open to all California library staff members.

Networking Session: Focus on Sustainable Operations, Services, and Infrastructure

[Register for Session](#)

June 29, 2022, 11:00 am – noon

Join us on June 29th for the Sustainable California Libraries Networking Session #2. We will be focusing on library operations and services, infrastructure, buildings, landscaping and grounds, and library sustainability certification. Guest speakers include:

- Lawrence Nussbaum, from the California Green Business Network, will share information about successful Green Business Certification for several California libraries

- Sarah Solis, Facilities Manager at San Diego County Library, who will share about their Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification kick-off, Zero Net Energy libraries, and how the system is shifting towards a zero-carbon future

Please take our quick survey to share your thoughts about California libraries, sustainability, and the environment. Staff members of every level are invited to complete the survey. Survey results will be shared with the field and discussed during the Networking Sessions. Go to the [Sustainable California Libraries Survey](#).

Learn more at: <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/sustainable/>

Questions: Email sustainability@library.ca.gov with any questions or comments.

Directors Networking Conversations

Networking conversations for library directors continue once a month and an invitation to participate is sent out on the directors' listserv as dates are scheduled. The next library directors' call will be on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022**, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Registration information will be sent in early June.

CopyCat Grants

[CopyCat Grants](#) are intended to help libraries easily implement tried-and tested-programs and extend the impact of previously funded, successful LSTA projects. 2021/22 CopyCat grant mid-project Narrative and Financial reports for activities and expenditures from beginning of the grant period to 4/30/2022 are **due by 5/31/2022**. Report forms can be found at [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#) (look under "CopyCat" section). Grantees first point of contact is their project advisor. For other questions, contact LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov

Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries

The first round of applications for this program closed on **March 21, 2022**.

There is \$439 million in one-time funds in the Building Forward Library Infrastructure program to assist public libraries in economically challenged areas around the state. The 2021-2022 budget sets these priorities for use of the funds:

1. Projects addressing life safety and other critical maintenance needs; and
2. Projects serving high poverty areas of the state.

Other library infrastructure projects may be considered if funding remains after priority projects have been evaluated.

Awards are expected to be announced in Spring 2022. Those who do not receive grants during the first round will be automatically considered in the next round of applications. The maximum grant a library can receive is \$10 million. Funds must be used by March 31, 2026.

For more information about the program, visit the State Library's website at www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure and email questions to BuildingForward@library.ca.gov

California Public Libraries Survey (PLS) results available

The FY20-21 data have been submitted to IMLS, and the dataset is available for download on the [State Library's statistics page](#). The pandemic affected every aspect of library service, and the data reflect this. Despite reduced access by the public to closed library buildings, libraries continued to circulate materials, answer reference questions, offer virtual and some in-person programming, circulated self-directed activities, loaned laptops and hotspots, and continued to provide wifi access to Californians.

Every three years, libraries are asked to submit salary ranges for a variety of library positions, and this subset of data is also available on the stats page or from this link. [FY20-21 Salary Survey Results](#).

NASA@ My Library

Reading Challenge this May 2022! Registration information is below.

Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope Challenge

Event Date: May 1, 2022–May 31, 2022

Registration Date: Register your library to participate in the Telescope Challenge!

Description: This challenge is designed to help readers explore the science behind NASA's newest space telescope mission, the James Webb Space Telescope. Throughout the challenge, readers will have access to virtual resources like articles and videos about space science to gain new skills and explore educational and career pathways in Earth and Space Science. All public libraries in the U.S. are eligible to join the challenge and will have a chance to win backpacks filled with STEM-related materials and a telescope! Fill out the form to register for the challenge and subscribe to updates at [NASA @ My Library Reading Challenge \(beanstack.com\)](#)

Reading challenges are a great way to engage patrons and encourage learners of all ages to read. Reading challenges vary from participating in a state or national summer reading challenge, utilizing reading challenge software like Beanstack or READSquared, or simply providing a list of books and activities to your patrons. To aid you in putting together any kind of reading challenge at your library, STAR Net has assembled a list of resources to help you integrate science readings and activities into your upcoming reading challenges! Read more at the blog post: [Building a science-focused reading challenge? Check out these great resources! – STAR Library Network \(starnetlibraries.org\)](#)

Summer Reading and Learning

As a reminder, CA State Library and California Library Association have partnered to provide a free premium Beanstack subscription to any and all CA libraries that are interested. If interested and you haven't already connected with Beanstack to get started, or if you want more information, please reach out to summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org.

Home Connectivity Kits

Last year, the state library gave out funds and equipment to help CIPA compliant libraries bridge the digital divide through the lending of hotspots and Chromebooks. That project is back in the works again, this time including templates for instructions and funds for accessories such as bags, mice, and headsets. Libraries have claimed approximately 1 million dollars in funds for these pieces of equipment and it is expected that another approximately 500K will go out over the next few months. Contact arpa@library.ca.gov for more information.

eBooks for All CA

Every public library in California can now participate in the statewide “eBooks for All” project” Full details can be found on the [State Library’s e-book page](#). Joining is as simple as emailing casupport@thepalaceproject.org and saying, ‘My library is interested in joining.’ The project implementation team will take it from there.

You likely have questions on how this will impact existing collection development practices and how it works with your current eBook ecosystem. We have generated an FAQ and recorded a live Q and A session to help answer those questions directly.

[FAQ](#)

[Recorded Answer Session](#)

Digital Learning Platforms for All California Public Libraries

We hope you are setting up the learning platforms Coursera, GetSetUp, LearningExpress (plus Job and Career Accelerator), LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and/or Skillshare on your library website. Vendors have provided set-up information to the library staff you identified; each platform has a different access model. Information sessions, marketing materials, and FAQs can be found at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/callacademy/course/39032>. If you or your team has not heard from one of the vendors, or if you have changed your mind about adding one of the platforms, please email jen.lemberger@library.ca.gov.

Public Library Staff Education Program

The [Public Library Staff Education Program](#) is a tuition reimbursement program developed by the California State Library to assist California libraries with staff professional development. Funding for credentialed training is provided to enable library staff to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to support valuable programs and services in their communities. 2021/22 PLSEP grant report information can be found at [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#) The 2021/22 grant year ends 7/31/2022 and the Final Financial Report, Tracking Report, Expenditure Detail Report and Final Program Narrative Report are **due by 8/30/2022**. For questions, please contact PLSEP@library.ca.gov

LSTA 2022-23 Grant Program

The application for the LSTA 2022-2023 Local and Collaborative Competitive Grants program is now closed. <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/library-services-technology-act/competitive/> Proposals are currently under review. Email lstagrants@library.ca.gov for more information.