

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 and statewide resources available.

LSTA Inspiration Grants Now Open

LSTA-funded Inspiration Grants enable libraries to seek support for programs that don't necessarily fit within the parameters of other funding opportunities. Because the Inspiration award cycle is different from the typical LSTA grant year, library staff are empowered to react to "a-ha moments," meet their communities' expressed needs and aspirations, and carry out innovative projects mid-year.

The application period is now open and will close on **December 30, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and funds will be distributed as they are available. Project periods will vary depending on when applications are received and the needs of each individual project.

Learn about the application process, the timeline, eligibility requirements, and more by visiting the Inspiration Grants page:

<https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/inspiration/>

Questions? Email LSTAgrants@library.ca.gov and include "Inspiration" in the subject line.

Library Engagement Outreach

State and federal funds support online tools for California public libraries, including K-12 tutoring, eBook collections, workforce upskilling, library staff learning opportunities, and so much more. Beginning September 13th, the California State Library will host a series of biweekly online workshops to share information about the wide variety of online resources available to libraries at no cost. Visit the [CALL blog](#) to learn more about the topics being covered and register to attend.

Tutoring Project

Every internet connected Californian will soon be able to access live, 24/7 online tutoring and homework help in all K-12 subjects. The passing of [AB 128](#) by the California State Legislature enabled the California State Library to partner with

the Pacific Library Partnership in bringing this service to all CA Public Libraries. All California public libraries will be able to offer Brainfuse's online tutoring and homework assistance service, HelpNow, to their users for two years at no cost. Every California student, with or without a library card, will have access to 24/7 online tutoring in core K-12 subjects. Spanish language tutors will be available as well as tutors fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. On Sept. 14, California State Library staff and Brainfuse representatives presented an overview of the Statewide Online Tutoring Program, key HelpNow features, and how your library can participate. The webinar was recorded for future viewing. Additional hands-on training and sessions focused on statistical information will be made available in upcoming months. **Brainfuse Participation Survey** – To set your library up for Brainfuse access, please have ONE STAFF MEMBER from your library complete the participation survey (link below) by September 30th. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N52ZDHF> If you are already a Brainfuse subscriber, Brainfuse representatives will reach out to you directly to initiate a refund or credit to your library. For the duration of the program, you will have full access to any additional features provided through the Statewide Online Tutoring Program. **Questions?** If you have questions about the Statewide Online Tutoring Program, please contact the California State Library's onboarding partner, the Pacific Library Partnership, at catutoring@library.ca.gov

Lunch at the Library

Through generous, ongoing support in the state budget, Lunch at the Library will soon transition to an ongoing funding opportunity where participating public libraries can anticipate receiving funds each year to better plan their budgets and summer meal programs.

We want to hear from libraries as we develop this ongoing funding program. Please share your thoughts with us and provide your feedback using the link below by Friday, September 30, 2022.

Feedback Form: <https://webportalapp.com/webform/latl2023planning>

All California public library jurisdictions are encouraged to be part of the new ongoing program. In summer 2021, 118 libraries served summer meals to children and teens, and we hope to have many more libraries participate in the coming years. The program's goal is to increase the number of participating libraries to 550 by 2026. New to Lunch at the Library? [Visit our website to learn more.](#) Questions? Contact us at Lunch@library.ca.gov.

California Library Literacy Services

CLLS is launching an AmeriCorps Initiative, placing up to 70 AmeriCorps members in library literacy programs across the state. A full information session was held on August 10. A recording is available and other CLLS AmeriCorps

information can be accessed at on the CLLS AmeriCorps page at <https://libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/ameri-corps/>.

Programs wanting to participate can complete the CLLS AmeriCorps Application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLLSappAmeriCorps>. Member slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so CLLS libraries should apply as soon as possible. Programs will recruit and enroll members through August and September with a projected start date of early October, 2022. Training for AmeriCorps members and participating library site supervisors will be provided. Please contact beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov for more information.

CLLS networking calls and trainings will continue on a regular basis. Upcoming training sessions will help libraries prepare for AmeriCorps, new ESL services and more. Please visit the new CLLS training and meeting [calendar](#)! The 2021-2022 CLLS annual final report is projected to open in September and be due six weeks later.

Sustainable California Libraries LSTA Grant Opportunity-Applications Under Review

The LSTA-funded Sustainable California Libraries themed grant opportunity provides libraries the opportunity to design programming and educational opportunities focused on sustainability and climate resilience, by collaborating with project partners, community connections, and community members. Applications are now under review and notification of selection/status should take place in October 2022. Learn more at:

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

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

CopyCat Grants

The 2022/23 [CopyCat grant](#) call for application has closed. CopyCat applications are being reviewed. For 2021/22 CopyCat report forms, please visit [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#). The 2021/22 CopyCat grant period ends 8/31/2022 and **final reports are due by 9/30/2022**. Grantees' first point of contact is their project advisor. For other CopyCat questions, please contact us at LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov

Zip Books Program

The 2022/23 Zip Books program call for applications has closed. Zip Books applications are being reviewed. Program information can be found at [Zip Books Program - California State Library](#). The 2021/22 Zip Books grant period ended 6/30/2022 and final reports are due 7/31/2022 unless the grantee has had an approved extension. For Zip Books questions, please contact us at ZipBooks@library.ca.gov

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

The 2022/2023 [Leadership Development and Leadership Challenge application](#) is now open and closes September 15. This year CALL will also be offering Leadership for All courses and workshops, open to all library staff at no cost. Also new is CALL Homegrown, learning opportunities suggested and designed by California library staff. If you have an idea for a great program, fill out the [CALL for Presentations](#)! 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](#).

FY21-22 Public Libraries Survey

The portal for data submission opened September 1, 2022. Instructions, a blank excel template of data elements, the recording of the August 23rd information session, and other helpful documents are available on the [State Library's statistics page](#). Submissions are due no later than November 4, 2022.

2022 Summer at Your Library Participation Survey

The 2022 Summer @ Your Library Participation Survey is now open to submit your summer program data. This information is collected to show the impact of public library summer programs across California.

Data will be collected in Counting Opinions, and login information was emailed to library directors and summer data submitters in mid-August. **Deadline to submit your jurisdiction's information is September 30, 2022.**

Please see the following resources needed to submit required statistics and programming information for your library's 2022 summer programs:

- [Summer Survey Questions and Guidance](#): Use this document to familiarize yourself with the questions and to reference while submitting statistics online.
- [Summer at Your Library reporting form](#): A streamlined excel version of the questions to aid with data collection.

For your reference, these documents can also be found on the [California State Library's Statistics webpage](#).

California State Library Parks Passes

There is an updated version of the District Interpretive Coordinators list – these are your State Parks contacts for programming. Please contact parkspass@library.ca.gov to get a copy.

Parks pass users (people who have checked out the parks passes) can fill out the user survey now and get entered into a contest for an Explorer Pass – an annual State Parks pass worth \$195. The drawings will occur quarterly (the next one at the end of October). [Half-page flyers](#) can be placed in with the parks passes, or ask your staff to hand them out when people check out or return the parks passes. Since we only want people to fill out the survey if they have used the pass, we are not doing any marketing to the general public, but appreciate your help with getting the word out. People who have checked out the passes in the past, but didn't fill it out, [can access the survey online](#). The pass is also available by scanning the QR code on the back.

An [updated toolkit for the Parks Pass program](#) is on the CSL website, with links to flyers, circulation guidelines, and more. The Evaluation Toolkit now has a [Spanish version of the survey](#).

The next round of Parks Passes will be mailed out in early November. Please feel free to contact parkspass@library.ca.gov with any questions.

First Partner's Summer Book Club Titles through eBooks for All California

[The First Partner's Summer Book Club](#) is a 9-week initiative to promote children's literacy and participation in summer reading programs hosted by local libraries throughout the state. Through the Summer at Your Library project, the State Library and CLA are sending books from the 2022 First Partner's Summer Book Club lists to California's public libraries. Copies of the titles from the [grades 3-5 and grades 6-8 book lists](#) are also available in the eBooks for All California collection. These titles can be accessed via the Palace Project's app through September 30, 2022. For a complete list of the 2022 Summer Book Club titles, visit <https://www.library.ca.gov/summer-reading/>

Directors Networking Conversations

Networking conversations for library directors continue and an invitation to participate is sent out on the directors' listserv as dates are scheduled. The next Directors Networking call will be on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022** from 3:30-5pm. To register, please visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld--orTsiGtH-34e9k74V64QcZ9G3yRi7>

Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries

The first round of applications for this program closed on **March 21, 2022**. See the Governor's press release from Tuesday, September 13: "The 234 projects in this initial round of funding under the Building Forward Library Improvement Grant

Program range from \$14,300 to \$10 million and include efforts to make libraries safer and more accessible, including their ability to be cooling centers for underserved communities. The City of Porterville, whose only library was destroyed in a 2020 fire that took the lives of two firefighters, will receive \$7.2 million." First priority for grants was given to the state's least-resourced communities and projects that address long-delayed critical life and safety facility needs including seismic safety, heating and air system replacement, building security, and improved Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility. A full list of projects to be funded in this round of grants under the Building Forward Library Improvement Grant Program can be found [here](#). Questions about the grants may be addressed to press@library.ca.gov.

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

eBooks for All CA

An update to previous eBooks for All CA announcements – Overdrive is now fully integrated. Palace can now serve as your patron's one stop-shop for Overdrive, Cloudlibrary and Statewide eBooks. We have also added ~\$800,000 worth of audiobooks to the collection. ***Integrating Overdrive with Palace should have no effect on your user's experiences inside of Libby or the Overdrive app and will not share your Overdrive collection with any new entities.***

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](#)

This program is now expanding to include eAudiobooks! More details are to follow, but the collection will soon include approximately 700 titles accounting for 16,000 copies. All the licenses are one-copy-one-user and perpetual, so the base of the collection will serve California well going forward.

CAreer Pathways: Digital Workforce Platforms for All California Public Libraries

CAREer Pathways resources for the next two years have been announced. These resources, supported by an investment from the State of California, begin October 1, 2022. Below is an outline of what's coming next and action items for your library to take.

The [CAREer Pathways Opt-In / Opt-Out survey](#) is now open and all public library jurisdictions should respond. The survey was sent to the Directors List and to library staff that the State Library has on record as contacts for the CAREer Pathways project. ONE STAFF MEMBER from each library should review the included platform details and select to opt in or out for each platform listed. [The survey](#) was due Wednesday, September 14 by 4:00 p.m. Depending on the platforms your library chooses, further implementation and next steps will be included in forthcoming messages from the CAREer Pathways team.

On September 13, California State Library staff presented an overview of the CAREer Pathways workforce platforms. This presentation is the first in the [Free eResources for Your Library series](#). A recording will be available in CALL Academy later in September. In addition to the above sessions, look forward to an active training schedule over the next few months that will provide specific CAREer Pathways online workforce platform refreshers, updates, potential partner ideas, best practices, and success stories.

The ARPA-funded CAREer Pathways **outreach campaign** launches for the public on Monday, September 19. With the outreach campaign, every library is receiving access to the CAREer Pathways media toolkit. The toolkit gives a sneak peak of the outreach campaign themes and materials, and provides information on how to access and customize assets for your library. Toolkit materials are for all California libraries, are fully accessible, include multiple formats, and are offered in English and Spanish. On September 9 and 15 there were toolkit and outreach campaign sessions. Content will be the same for both sessions. A recording will be available in CALL Academy later in September.

If you have questions or would like to get involved in upcoming webinars to showcase how your library and community are using the CAREer Pathways resources, reach out: CAPathways@library.ca.gov. Links for public: <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-public/career-pathways/> and staff resources: <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/career-pathways/>

Public Library Staff Education Program

The [Public Library Staff Education Program](#) (PLSEP) 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 2022/23 PLSEP is anticipated to open late Fall 2022. For questions, please contact PLSEP@library.ca.gov.

California Library Connect

The California Library Connect Program grant (formerly the High-Speed Broadband in California Public Libraries) is now live and accepting applications: <https://californialibraryconnect.org/> - libraries may apply for grants to cover eligible IT/network infrastructure equipment and expenses, as well as the first-year costs of upgrading or installing a new high speed Internet circuit. This program also supports California public libraries by connecting them to high-speed internet through the California Research and Education Network (CalREN) — a high-capacity public-sector broadband network. Since 2015, California Library Connect has connected over 90 percent of its public library jurisdictions. California Library Connect is supported through the partnership of the California State Library, CENIC, and CTC Technology & Energy.

Get Connected! California/Affordable Connectivity Program

All California Libraries are invited to participate in the Get Connected! Initiative. Get Connected! promotes the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides a monthly discount of up to \$30 off home internet to qualifying families. Libraries are encouraged to host enrollment events, with the support of CETF and Get Connected! These enrollment events will support eligible families interested in applying for ACP, answer questions about the ACP benefit, and provide hands-on assistance with the application. Patrons will be encouraged to bring the required documents to apply.

To participate in an enrollment event and learn how you can help your patrons Get Connected!, please visit <https://forms.gle/k6YiHeH8Suwhvxy97>. For more information on ACP please visit: www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday.