

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 Public Library Staff Education Program Now Open

The California State Library is pleased to announce that the call for student applications for the 2022-2023 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) is now open! The Public Library Staff Education Program is a tuition reimbursement program developed by the California State Library to improve library services to California's diverse communities. To support the professional development of California public libraries, the California State Library works with cooperative library systems to provide public and county law library staff with tuition reimbursement for courses required for a Master's degree in Library and Information Science. The Public Library Staff Education Program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Application information and forms can be found at [California Public Library Staff Education Program - California State Library](#). Student applications are due Friday, **October 28, 2022 12 p.m. (noon)**. If you have any questions, please contact us at PLSEP@library.ca.gov.

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.

Stay & Play

In collaboration with the California State Library, the Califa Group invites California public libraries to apply to join *Stay & Play*. **Applications for 2023 Stay & Play are due November 3, 2022.**

Stay & Play is a library service model that positions libraries to support and engage informal caregivers and the children in their care. *Stay & Play* includes programming designed specifically for informal caregivers, helping them learn, develop relationships, and build connections to their library and community resources.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/stayandplay/>. Questions? Email StayandPlay@library.ca.gov.

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.

[See here for Full details on the Statewide tutoring project](#)

Questions? If you have questions about the Statewide Online Tutoring Program, please contact the California State Library at catutoring@library.ca.gov or our onboarding partner, the Pacific Library Partnership, at tutoring at tutoring@plpinfo.org

California Library Literacy Services

CLLS networking calls and trainings 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 now open and will be due Monday, November 14, at 5 p.m. Instructions and webinar recordings are available at <https://libraryliteracy.org/for-coordinators/reporting-state-funding/>.

Sustainable California Libraries LSTA Grant -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. Applicants have been notified of application status in September 2022. Application revisions and award letters are in process for October 2022. For 2021/22 CopyCat report forms, please visit [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#). 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. Applicants have been notified of application status and award letters are in process. Program information can be found at [Zip Books Program - California State Library](#) For Zip Books questions, please contact us at ZipBooks@library.ca.gov

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

CALL Homegrown features 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.

California State Library Parks Passes

21,000 additional parks passes are currently at the printer! I will send an update with a shipping date and other information soon, but Parks currently estimates end of October. All libraries will be getting either what they requested or more, and can hold passes back to be replacements, rather than waiting for Parks to ship a replacement. You can begin planning marketing, programming, and outreach to get the passes into the communities that may face park access barriers now. I hope the [updated toolkit for the Parks Pass program](#) is on the CSL website, with links to flyers, circulation guidelines, and more are useful – please let me know how I can help. The Evaluation Toolkit now has a [Spanish version of the survey](#).

Circulation statistics are due by **October 21**. An email has been sent to your PLS submitter with login info. Please submit data for July, August, and September. Note that I have changed the holds question – rather than cumulative holds, please just report the number of holds you currently have on all passes.

The State Parks Foundation is donating free 500 nature backpacks for libraries to circulate in their communities. The backpacks would be free of charge to you, and contain durable outdoor observation gear (ie binoculars, hand lens, compass, etc), nature guides, a clear plastic pouch with information inside, and a branded luggage tag. You would add them to your collection and set your own circulation guidelines. The only reporting requirement would be a survey 6 months after distribution that would ask for feedback on the program and circulation numbers. To apply to receive the free backpacks, [please fill out this form](#) by **October 15**.

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.

Please feel free to contact parkspass@library.ca.gov with any questions.

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, October 19, 2022** from 3:30-5pm. To register, visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdeusrTloHdTBhsODukZyeQCRTX8YdSXL>

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.

California State Library staff is currently preparing a second round of funding under this program, with more inclusive guidelines provided by the legislature. For more information about the second round of funding, please 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

The LSTA eBooks for All grant program is now accepting applications! We have allocated \$1.25 million in LSTA funds to support collection development grants inside of the statewide collection. With these grants, your library or library collaborative will be able to guide and develop a collection that is accessible to all public libraries across the state. Further details on the project, including how to apply, [can be found here](#).

The deadline to apply is December 9th at 5 pm.

If your library is not signed up to take advantage of this project, please be sure to do so soon, as the funding for onboarding is due to expire before the year ends. Please contact us at ebooksforall@library.ca.gov or casupport@thepalaceproject.org if you would like to sign up. In order to participate in this grant, your library must be onboarded onto Palace. If your library is presently on the eBooks for all platform, know that there are no hosting or server maintenance fees required.

When you make your existing local or cooperative collections accessible inside of Palace, they are not shared with the statewide collection. Your users will inherit the sharing permissions from your other eBook providers inside of the Palace app.

Even if you don't submit a grant application, every public library in California can 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.

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, began October 1, 2022. Your jurisdiction's CAreer Pathways contacts have received resource update emails and access to the Canva toolkit for customizable assets including bookmarks, posters, web banners and more! The ARPA-funded CAreer Pathways outreach campaign launched for the public on Monday, September 19 and will continue through November 30, 2022.

Learn more and register for upcoming trainings on the Staff Resources page: <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/career-pathways/>

Register for upcoming CAreer Pathways webinars by following the links below.

- [CAreer Pathways Platforms: What's New? with Coursera, GetSetUp, LearningExpress Library Complete, and VetNow](#)
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [CAreer Pathways Platforms: What's New? with Job & Career Accelerator, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and Skillshare](#)
Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [CAreer Pathways Resources for Spanish-speaking Community Members](#)
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [CAreer Pathways Marketing, Outreach, and Partnership Best Practices](#)
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

All webinars will be recorded and shared on [CALL Academy](#).

If you have questions or would like to get involved in upcoming webinars to showcase how your library and community are using the CArea Pathways resources, reach out: CAPathways@library.ca.gov.

Links for public: <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-public/career-pathways/>
OR www.library.ca.gov/pathways

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.