California State Library, Library Development Services
Cooperative Library System Liaison Report
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State Library News

The Library Development Services Bureau has hired a new...

Open Opportunities

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.

Parks Pass Grant – Due January 30, 2023
The Parks Pass grant program is now accepting applications for projects of up to $75,000. Any public library circulating a parks pass is eligible to apply, including current grantees. All grant-funded programs should include outreach activities that focus on underserved communities that face barriers to park access. Further details on the project, including how to apply, can be found on our website. State of CA funded.

For Parks Pass questions, please email parkspass@library.ca.gov or visit the toolkit page.

California Library Literacy Services – Due January 31, 2023
CLLS mid-year report and pre-application for 2023/2024 should open in early January 2023 and will be due on January 31. The brief mid-year report checks on spending progress and the pre-application asks that library state their intentions for applying for 2023-2024 funds. In addition, the final round of ESL applications for new participants will open in early 2023 for funding that starts July 1, 2023. Returning ESL programs will fill out a continuing application in February/March 2023. The due dates for new and returning ESL applications will be March 15, 2023. State of CA funded.

For CLLS and Literacy Initiatives questions, please contact us at clls@library.ca.gov.

2023 Lunch at the Library – Due February 13, 2023

The 2023 funding opportunity for Lunch at the Library is now open! This state-funded program is for all California public libraries that support summer meal service for children and youth. Libraries can take part by serving meals at the library or taking pop-up libraries to local community meal sites, or both! Additional Lunch at the Library project opportunities to support Farm to Summer activities, to help libraries create a local summer meal network or coalition, and/or to implement innovative and larger-scale efforts to connect more children, teens, and families to summer meals are also available. For more information about the project, including information sessions offered and how to apply, please visit our website. State of CA funded.

For Lunch at the Library questions, please contact us at lunch@library.ca.gov.

California Library Connect – Rolling Due Date

The California Library Connect Program is now accepting applications. 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. We have also launched the California Collaborative Connectivity Grant, a separate grant opportunity that provides gap funding for libraries and partner anchor institutions to construct broadband circuits to connect underserved communities. State of CA funded.

The CLC team will host a webinar on January 11th at 11:30 AM for libraries interested in learning more about collaborating with local anchor institutions to leverage funding available via the California Collaborative Connectivity Grant. If you are able to attend, please register here. A recording of the webinar will be posted to the CLC website.

For California Library Connect questions, please contact us at admin@californialibraryconnect.com, the California Library Connect Grants Coordinator email grants@californialibraryconnect.com or through our help line at 213-297-0109 (Monday-Friday, 7:00AM-3:00PM PST).

Upcoming Opportunities

Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries

We are currently preparing Round Two of the Building Forward Infrastructure Program. This opportunity will open in the first quarter of 2023. With new funding provided by the legislature, the State Library has approximately $174 million dollars left to award.

For Building Forward questions, please email buildingforward@library.ca.gov.

Current Projects and Services

California Library Literacy Services Training - Ongoing

CLLS networking calls and trainings through the Literacy Initiatives grant 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! LSTA funded.

California Libraries Learn (CALL) - Ongoing

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. LSTA funded.

CopyCat Grants - Ongoing

The 2022/23 CopyCat Grants call for application has closed. Thirty-two library jurisdictions have been selected to receive funding! Applicants have been issued award letters. For Grant Guide information, please visit Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library. Grantees' first point of contact is their project advisor. LSTA funded.

The first report for the 22-23 CopyCat Grants is **due on January 15, 2023**. The only report due this time is the Quarterly Financial Report. You will not need to submit

the Narrative Mid-year report until April 15, 2023, along with the second quarterly financial report at that time. For CopyCat questions, email lstagrants@library.ca.gov.

Digital Navigators / Connected California - Ongoing

Digital Navigators help Californians find low-cost internet and devices, learn digital skills, and use online resources to improve their lives. The service is available in English and Spanish, free to libraries and Californians. Learn more about the Digital Navigators program. LSTA funded.

For Digital Navigators questions, email DigNavs@library.ca.gov.

eBooks for All CA - Ongoing

The LSTA eBooks for All grant program has allocated $1.25 million for collection development grants inside of the statewide collection. Your library or library collaborative will be able to develop a collection that is accessible to all public libraries across the state. Applications were due 12/9/2022. Further details on the project can be found here. LSTA funded.

For eBooks for All CA questions, please contact us at lstagrants@library.ca.gov

Get Connected! California/Affordable Connectivity Program - Ongoing

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. State of CA funded.

Parks Pass – Ongoing

The California State Library seeks library practitioners to serve as peer reviewers for the Parks Pass grant. We are hoping that this opportunity supports the library community in creating stronger grant applications, and will give the State Library important insights into this round of grant applications, and our grant process in general. The interest form is due by 11 am on Tuesday, January 17. The peer reviewer's evaluations are non-binding but will be taken into consideration for funding decisions. Your library cannot be applying for a current round of Parks

Pass fundingApplication and more information can be found here: https://forms.office.com/g/4C7v8GsQmR. Submit by Jan 17 at 11 am.

Circulation statistics for last quarter (October-December 22) are due January 20. Login information has been sent to the LibPas account holder. We really appreciate the data and your support and feeback to make the program stronger and continue past its pilot program period.

A reminder that for those of you interested in applying for the Parks Pass round 2 grants, have questions about reporting for round 1 grants, or have any other parks pass questions, I am hosting office hours. Please join for any questions. (Password is parkspass):
- Tues, 1/17 from 1-2
- Thursday, 1/26 from 10-11:30 am

Questions? Contact lisa.nowlain@library.ca.gov.

Public Library Staff Education Program - Ongoing

The Public Library Staff Education Program is a tuition reimbursement program developed by the California State Library to support the professional development California public library workers by providing tuition reimbursement for courses required for a Master's degree in Library and Information Science. The student application call for the 2022-2023 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) has closed. Cooperative library system applications to administer tuition reimbursement are being reviewed.

For PLSEP questions, please contact us at plsep@library.ca.gov.

Tutoring Project – Ongoing

Every internet connected Californian is now 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 are 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, has 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. State of CA funded.

For Online Tutoring questions, email catutoring@library.ca.gov.

Zip Books Program - Ongoing

Zip books allows users to have library items purchased and directly shipped to their home address. The 2022/23 Zip Books program call for applications has closed. Congratulations to the 96 library jurisdictions that have been issued award letters! Program information can be found at Zip Books Program - California State Library. State of CA funded.

The mid-project Narrative and Financial Reports are due 4/30/2022. For Zip Books questions, please contact us at ZipBooks@library.ca.gov.

Networking and Training

CAreer Pathways Webinars for 2023

The CAreer Pathways team at California State Library and Pacific Library Partnership is pleased to announce an upcoming series of opportunities for library staff of all levels and related community and workforce partners. The new year is a perfect time to renew your commitment to sharing these resources with your community members!

The 2023 series of webinars is based on the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency's top 5 high-growth, high-need industries: Healthcare, Care Economy, Climate, Agriculture, and Infrastructure. We will be joined by experts from state and local agencies, and resources from the various CAreer Pathways platforms will be featured.

Register for upcoming webinars by clicking the links below or visiting the CAreer Pathways Staff Resource page, where you can also find platform details, administration, marketing materials and more.

- **CAreer Pathways Resources for Healthcare Jobs**
  Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **CAreer Pathways Resources for Care Economy Jobs**
  Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **CAreer Pathways Resources for Climate Jobs**
  Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **CAreer Pathways Resources for Agriculture Jobs**
  Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **CAreer Pathways Resources for Infrastructure Jobs**
  Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

New to the library or not sure which platforms your library offers? Check out the CAreer Pathways Services Locator map. Archived webinars are available (for California library staff) on the CALL Academy CAreer Pathways channel. Tip: Do not miss the CAreer Pathways Marketing, Outreach, and Partnership Best Practices webinar from December 2022, and big thanks to Monterey Park Bruggemeyer, Sunnyvale Public Library and NOVAworks staff for sharing!

CAreer Pathways is State of CA funded. Questions? CAPathways@library.ca.gov

Directors Networking Conversations 2023

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 calls will be held **Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 3:30-4:30 PM**. Directors can register for this meeting at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsceuuqT4vGtGj_oC9e6ZXhR2PYRpK8SdA For questions, please contact us at NetworkingGrant@library.ca.gov