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State Library News

LSTA News

This is a reminder about the federal government's transition from the use of the D-U-N-S Number to the use of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). D-U-N-S numbers are no longer in use. Current federal award recipients and all future applicants/recipients will need to have an active UEI to be eligible to receive or continue to receive federal award funds. To register and/or for more information, please visit [SAM.gov | Entity Registrations](https://sam.gov). If you have questions regarding this, please contact LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov.

LDS Newsletter

Please sign up today for our new [newsletter!](#) Please share this with your teams as well.

Student Success Cards for All

New California legislation – [SB 321 \(Ashby\)](#) – makes it easier for libraries to put Student Success cards into the hands of every California student who wants one. Planning is underway for this important initiative to put more library cards in the hands of California children, and we need your help!

Please complete this [short survey](#) about Student Success library card programs by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 19.

Broadband Program News

The California State Library has selected the Imperial County Office of Education as the new Broadband Access Administrator, tasked with connecting public libraries to the California Research and Education Network (CalREN, managed by the CENIC Corporation). For those who were unable to attend our webinar on the transition, you may view the recording and slides by following the links below:

[Click here for the presentation slides.](#)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1viN-X6qu-A5rCeSOPRgQ5MGCggPfgEPT88JzkV84mIQ/edit?usp=sharing>

[Click here for a recording of the webinar.](#) If you are asked for a passcode, it is: ^f*a9=ef

Open Opportunities

Groundwork Grants

The California State Library, in partnership with Myriad Consulting & Training, is happy to share exciting news that over \$1 million in funding is available for cultural heritage emergency preparedness projects in California. Funded by the state of California, this [grant opportunity](#) is now open!

Grant Highlights:

- **Goals:** To provide funds and resources to California institutions with collections, prioritizing those that document underrepresented and historically excluded communities.
- **Scope:** A California-wide initiative to strengthen emergency readiness for institutions with collections of all types.
- **Awards:** Maximum award amount of \$15,000, with options for emergency preparedness support.

How to Apply:

Application guidelines are available at <https://www.groundworkgrants.org/> Applications are open on a rolling basis until May 31, 2024. Applicants are *strongly encouraged* to receive a free [Ready - or Not assessment](#) before applying. For more information about the grant opportunity, please contact Grace Bautista at grace@myriadconsultants.org.

As natural disasters continue to threaten California's cultural heritage, we hope you'll join us in safeguarding your collections and communities through this extraordinary opportunity.

Community Impact Grants, Play for All, Sustainable California Libraries, Teens Succeed and eBooks for All

Applications closed March 8, 2024. Please check this [webpage](#) for information about the opportunities, including funding amounts and application guidelines. Applications should connect to the [California State Library LSTA Five-Year Investment Plan](#).

Career Online High School

The [Career Online High School](#) (COHS) program **no longer requires libraries to provide a local cash match commitment to participate**. Libraries may opt into the COHS program at any time using the [COHS Interest Form](#), and will receive training and implementation support, have access to the California State Library's universal scholarship supply, and complete a short mid-year and end-of-year report. COHS questions can be sent to cohs@library.ca.gov

Current Projects and Services

California Library Literacy Services – Ongoing

The CLLS team will be calculating projected awards for 2024-2025 but awaits report corrections from a number of libraries before we can complete this funding step. If your library has

comments or budget modifications that need resolution, please complete as soon as possible. Please note that the final 10% of 2023-2024 adult literacy funding will be released to libraries when the mid-year report is approved. For more information, contact cls@library.ca.gov.

The Literacy Initiatives project will be holding **an all-CLS conference** at Asilomar Conference Center on **May 21-23, 2024**. One person from each program may attend free of cost (training/hotel/meals/travel covered), and programs may also use CLS or local funds to support additional staff attendance. Questions? Contact cls@library.ca.gov.

We have also added networking calls for **small/rural CLS libraries** and anticipate additional communities of practice to be announced later this fiscal year. Training continues for CLS program staff and volunteers, including monthly networking calls and more. Please visit the CLS training and meeting [calendar](#).

The next CLS Coordinator/Staff Networking Call will be Wednesday, March 20, from 2-3 p.m. For more information, contact cls@library.ca.gov.

California Libraries Learn (CALL) - Ongoing

Plan your professional development by visiting www.callacademy.org and the CALL [calendar](#) to explore the options. Look at the CALL [blog](#) for relevant training on grant writing, co-design, and other high-interest topics. Any library worker may subscribe to the [Leadership for All monthly mailings](#). CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users may [subscribe](#) directly. CALL also launched a printable schedule for libraries to distribute to staff without newsletter access. Have a good idea? CALL Homegrown features learning opportunities suggested and designed by California library staff; anyone can complete the [CALL for Presentations](#). Because the Creando conference will not take place in 2024, staff-generated programs that address issues of concern to bilingual, bicultural audiences and staff are of particular interest and will be co-branded with the Seguimos Creando Enlaces project. Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#). LSTA funded.

Connected California Digital Navigators - Ongoing

The free, virtual, bilingual (English & Spanish) [Connected California](#) Digital Navigators service helps Californians:

- access free and low-cost internet and devices
- grow digital skills
- discover library and community resources

LSTA funded.

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.

[Parks Pass Program – Ongoing](#)

Cindy Zalog, the full-time Parks Pass manager, can be reached at cindy.zalog@library.ca.gov for all questions, ideas, and feedback.

A [toolkit](#) is available to support marketing, circulation, programming, and more. It has been updated to make the information cleaner and more accessible. The public can access information on the State Parks Pass at checkoutcastateparks.com.

If you need more parks passes, bookmarks, or survey flyers, [please fill out the new order form from State Parks](#). For any questions, email parkspass@library.ca.gov. State of CA funded.

[Public Library Staff Education Program](#)

The [California Public Library Staff Education Program](#), developed in partnership with the Southern California Library Cooperative, received 209 student applications for the 2023-24 year! Thank you to all library staff who applied. For any questions, email wwalker@socallibraries.org LSTA funded.

[PebbleGo Science: Early Literacy in STEM - Ongoing](#)

The PebbleGo Science resource provides age-appropriate content (for ages preschool through second grade) and interactive activities in STEM subjects (science, math, technology and engineering), and is available in both English and Spanish. The resource also includes a collection of 25 interactive eBooks in both languages as well.

Fill out the [form](#) on the [PebbleGo California site](#) to be sent information on how to connect to your Integrated Library System. The setup form is created for the school library environment, but if you fill it out, it will open a ticket with Capstone and a technician will get in touch with your library to walk you through the authentication process.

[Ready or Not](#)

The [“Ready – Or Not” Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](#) team invites California-based cultural heritage organizations to view information sessions tailored to organizations just getting started on their disaster plan, community archives, organizations with limited resources, remote and rural museums, tribal cultural heritage organizations, and public libraries. These half-hour online information sessions summarize the state-funded project and explore ways to engage in emergency preparedness consultations. Recordings can be viewed at ["Ready – Or Not": Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](#). If you have additional questions, reach out to the team at CAready@nedcc.org State of CA funded.

Networking and Training

[Community-Centered Libraries: Harnessing the Power of Data to Equitably Serve Your Community](#)

Join folks from other libraries who work with data at a [free, data-focused, in-person workshop!](#) **Choose the workshop closest to you: on May 6 in Sacramento or May 9 in Ontario.** The focus will be the same as the webinars we have featured this year: 1) building knowledge and skills for using data to equitably serve your community and 2) centering the community when designing and evaluating programs and services.

There is **no cost** to libraries for this training. Workshop spots are limited - we encourage folks to sign up now! To learn more about the workshops, view the session descriptions, learn about financial assistance for travel, and register, [visit the in-person workshops](#) page.

A yearlong initiative brought to you by the State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership, [Community-Centered Libraries](#) offers training and tools to help libraries make data-driven decisions for community impact. Training is offered in multiple formats to meet the needs of all California Library Staff. Read more in the CALL blogpost [Choose Your Own Data Adventure!](#)

This initiative includes [free PolicyMap accounts](#) for all California public library staff. The online mapping tool, which includes library jurisdiction boundaries, enables users to view rich data about the communities in your service areas. [View a recording of the initial training session](#) and [request an account today!](#) LSTA funded.

[Building Equity-Based Summers Learning Series](#)

For information on the Building Equity Based Summers Project please visit: [Building Equity-Based Summers - California State Library](#) or email bebs@cla-net.org

[Career Pathways Workforce & Upskilling Resources: 2024 Webinars & Resources](#)

The 2024 CAREer Pathways webinar series is now posted. Learn more about the online resources on the [CAREer Pathways Staff Resource page](#), where you can find platform details, administration, marketing materials and more. Library staff can also [view the archived webinars on the CALL Academy CAREer Pathways channel](#).

Register for upcoming CAREer Pathways webinars by following the links below:

- **Northstar: Implementation and Outreach**
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Northstar: How Patrons Can Use It**
Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 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](#).

The January budget does not include funds to continue CAREer Pathways in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2024. The January budget is a proposed budget, and the spending plan proposed in January isn't the budget that will be signed by the Legislature, or the one signed by the governor, six months from now. However, at this time, this program is not included for funding in the state budget and is scheduled to conclude September 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact: CAPathways@library.ca.gov or see the [CAREer Pathways Staff Resources page](#).

Online Tutoring Training 2024

HelpNow for Spanish Speakers
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 3:30–4:30 pm

HelpNow provides 24/7 assistance in Spanish for Language Arts and Mathematics. Other core subjects are available in Spanish 10am to 10pm every day. Join us to learn more about options available to Spanish speakers and how to promote this statewide service to ensure it is accessible for everyone.

This webinar is for all library workers and educators, from frontline staff to administrators. The webinar will be recorded for future viewing.

[Register in advance for the Spanish Speakers webinar](#)

Next Directors Networking Call

We look forward to hearing from our special guests, sharing State Library news, and having time for open discussion in small groups. The next Public Library Directors Networking Call is scheduled for **Wednesday March 20, 2024 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Please use this [Zoom link](#) to register for the call.

The March call will include the following activities:

1. A presentation by guest speakers Linda Braun, LaKesha Kimbrough, and Patricia Garone about the Building Equity-Based Summers (BEBS) project.
2. A presentation by the State Library team about the “Raising Awareness of Public Libraries” survey.
3. Breakout rooms to discuss the Executive Summary of the “Raising Awareness of Public Libraries” survey.

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