California State Library, Library Development Services
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State Library News

Parks Pass Program Update

Cindy Zalog, Parks Pass Manager, left the California State Library effective June 11, 2024. For any Parks Pass questions, please email parkspass@library.ca.gov or reed.strege@library.ca.gov.

LDS Newsletter

Sign up today for our new newsletter! Please share this with your teams as well.

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. If you have questions regarding this, please contact LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov.

2024-2025 LSTA Inspiration Grants

Application period opens on Wednesday July 10, 2024. Please see the website for more information! Inspiration Grants opportunity provides Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding for California libraries that are inspired to implement projects outside of the State Library's other funding opportunities. Do you have a fully developed plan for an innovative library program that meets an immediate community need, is ready to start, and can be completed in nine months? If so, the State Library welcomes your Inspiration Grant application!

Join us for an Information Session on **Thursday, July 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Register with this Zoom link. California State Library staff will be available to answer your questions, and attendees will receive an orientation to our new Grants Management System, AmpliFund.

2022-2023 California Public Libraries Survey

The California Public Libraries Survey data for FY22-23 are now available. Access the entire dataset, five- and ten-year trend data, summary key ratios, and subject-specific tables in the public Ready Reports pages; more reports, including comparative data and an infographic, are available when directors and data submitters log in to their LibPAS accounts.

- **Ready Reports page available to the public**
- **Log in to LibPAS to access additional Ready Reports available to libraries**
- **LibPAS Video Tutorials Page**

Contact Meg DePriest at LibraryStatistics@library.ca.gov for help accessing your account or pulling reports from the portal. The Ready Reports were created in response to feedback from library directors. We welcome your thoughts and feedback; our intent is to organize and make the data accessible to you and your stakeholders to support equity-based, data-driven planning and decision-making.

2024 Library Service Area Populations

The 2024 report of the unduplicated population served by each California public library jurisdiction is available:

- **Population Certification Memo from the State Librarian** (pdf)
- **Persons Served by California Public Libraries** (Excel)
- **Data Source: E-1 Cities, Counties, and the State Population and Housing Estimates with Annual Percent Change — January 1, 2023 and 2024**

Open Opportunities

Parks Pass Program Stargazer Kits

The California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) invite libraries to apply for Parks Pass Program stargazing kits. These stargazing kits will make the outdoors more accessible and foster a deeper connection with natural resources.

Application Instructions:
- Application: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V3ZQ7VY**
- Deadline: July 31, 2024

Important information regarding this opportunity:
- A short online presentation introducing this opportunity will be held on **Tuesday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m. Register for this presentation here**. An archived version will be shared after.
- All California libraries are preapproved to apply for this opportunity.
- There will be no reporting requirements for stargazing kits
- Items will be shipped directly to libraries from Big 5 Sporting Goods.
- Items are subject to availability and may differ from those previewed in the application and presentation.

For questions and support, contact:

Wayne Walker, Deputy Director, SCLC

wwalker@socallibraries.org

Career Online High School

The Career Online High School (COHS) program is open to all public libraries in the state and **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 Literacy Initiatives project (LSTA funded) is offering virtual tutor training on a statewide basis this summer. Any volunteer awaiting training at their local CLLS program may sign up for this 16-hour series, with one remaining in August. Please visit the CLLS training and meeting calendar. The CLLS website has migrated to the California State Library: https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/clls/ The next CLLS Coordinator/Staff Networking Calls are Wed., July 17, and Wed., Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. For more information on any of these programs, contact clls@library.ca.gov.

California Libraries Learn (CALL) - Ongoing

The 18-month Catalyst library leadership program is accepting applications until Wed., August 7. We encourage applications from potential leaders at any level.

CALL is offering two in-person workshops on Safe, Compassionate Libraries with master trainer Rick Jenkins this summer. Choose from:

Santa Monica Public Library, Mon., July 29, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (workshop) followed by consulting sessions (sign up for a slot in your application)
Hayward Public Library, Wed., August 21, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (workshop) followed by consulting sessions (sign up for a slot in your application)

Support professional development for your staff by visiting www.callacademy.org and the CALL calendar to explore 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. Anyone may subscribe to the CALL Letters newsletter 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 library staff; anyone can complete the CALL for Presentations. Encourage your staff members

to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#). 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.

The tutoring program is scheduled to sunset on August 25th of 2024.

First Partner's Summer Book Club

[The First Partner's Summer Book Club](#) is an initiative to reduce summer learning loss, and where children and teens are encouraged to participate in library summer programs and to read all summer long. Book Club titles are divided into five groups ranging from preschool to twelfth grade and expose readers to important social and emotional concepts and highlight values such as equity, diversity, and inclusion. Copies of the Book Club books will be available for check out at most public libraries around the state.

[See here for a complete list of the 2024 Summer Book Club titles.](#)

Parks Pass Program – Ongoing

Please contact Michelle Killian at michelle.killian@library.ca.gov for support with the Parks Pass Program.

As a result of budget legislation signed by the Governor in late June, Parks Passes will be accepted by State Parks through the 2024/25 Fiscal Year.

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 is a tuition reimbursement program developed by the California State Library in partnership with the Southern California Library Cooperative to improve library services to California's diverse communities. To support the professional development of California public libraries, the program provides California public library staff with tuition reimbursement for courses required for a master's degree in library and information science. For more information, contact wwalker@socallibraries.org or plsep@library.ca.gov 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: Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project

The Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project is a California State Library initiative, in partnership with NEDCC and Myriad, to support local assistance grants and support the creation of disaster preparedness plans to protect at-risk art, historically and culturally significant collections that are publicly and privately held among California's underserved and underrepresented communities. To see some of the diverse places the Ready — Or Not team has assessed for disaster preparedness, browse the Ready — Or Not Participant Showcase.

California organizations that care for cultural and historic resources (e.g., archives, libraries, museums, and tribal nations) can schedule a free emergency preparedness assessment at "Ready — Or Not": Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project — NEDCC. The webpage also provides 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. If you have additional questions, reach out to the team at CAready@nedcc.org. State of CA funded.

Community-Centered Libraries

The Community-Centered Libraries 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.

Networking and Training

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: Ending Fall 2024

The CAreer Pathways program will wrap up in the fall 2024 as scheduled and access to the following resources will be ending in September 2024:

- Coursera – access ends September 14, 2024, last day to sign-up for access is July 15, 2024
- Job & Career Accelerator (EBSCO) – September 30, 2024
- LearningExpress Library Complete (EBSCO) – September 30, 2024
- LinkedIn Learning – September 30, 2024
- Northstar – September 30, 2024
- VetNow (Brainfuse) – September 30, 2024

Note that access to the following two resources has already ended:
- GetSetUp – April 30, 2024
- Skillshare – Last day to register for 12-month membership was September 30, 2023

Depending on the resources your library has opted-in for, you will be receiving a separate email with sunsetting instructions for each resource to help prepare you for access ending. We will also be hosting a wrap-up seminar on Wednesday, August 14 from 11:00 AM – 12 PM Pacific Time where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and share any feedback about the resources. You can register by following the link below:

[Sunsetting CAreer Pathways Resources](#)
Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Should your library be interested in continuing any of these resources, we encourage you to reach out to the vendors directly. If you have any questions or contact updates, please email CAPathways@library.ca.gov. We thank you for your help in making our program a success these last two years!

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

Community-Centered Libraries

A yearlong initiative brought to you by the California State Library and Pacific Library Partnership, the statewide initiative offers tools and training to help libraries center their communities as the plan and evaluate library programs and services. All recordings of the two webinar series, Equitable Data Practices and Culturally-Relevant Evaluation, are available on the [Community-Centered Libraries webinar page.](#) LSTA funded.

Next Directors Networking Call

The next Public Library Directors Networking Call is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 21, 2024, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** We look forward to hearing from our special guests, sharing State Library news, and having time for open discussion in small groups. California public library directors will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting via email in July.