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

LDS Newsletter

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

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.

2023-2024 California Public Libraries Survey

California's 2023-2024 Public Libraries Survey will opened for data input on September 3, 2024. Data are due no later than Thursday, October 31, 2024.

- **California Public Libraries Survey 23-24 Blank Form (Excel)**: Includes all questions, for use in gathering data for reporting. Includes information about changes for this fiscal year.
- **2023-2024 Survey Instructions**: Definitions for each data element.
- **Monthly Stats Workbook (Excel)**: An excel sheet to aid in tracking monthly stats and programming
- **FAQ**: Frequently asked questions about the survey.
- **View the August 29, 2024 Information Session Recording**

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 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**

2024 Summer Community Impact Report

California's 2024 Summer Community Impact Report (formerly known as the Summer Participation Survey) is now open for data input in Counting Opinions. Data information is due from libraries no later than Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Data collected from this survey will show the impact of public library summer programs across California.

Please note that questions for this summer have been updated to reflect a focus on equity and impact which are central to the California State Library's Building Equity-Based Summers (BEBS) initiative.

This year's Summer Community Impact Report relates to all your library's summer 2024 programs, including Lunch at the Library programs, Parks Pass activities, youth development programs, storytimes, outreach programs, etc. While we realize some of these statistics will be reported in other places, it is important to collect these responses to capture the full picture of the summer landscape in California public libraries.

- **Summer Community Impact Questions and Guidance 2024:** Use this document to familiarize yourself with the questions and to reference while submitting statistics online.
- **Summer Community Impact Report form 2024:** A streamlined excel version of the questions to aid with data collection.
- **View the Summer Community Impact Report Information Session**

For your reference, these documents are available on the California State Library's Statistics webpage.

Marketing Toolkits

The [California State Library's marketing toolkits](#) are designed to help California libraries deliver consistent messaging about the services and resources you provide to your communities. This is part of an effort to help coordinate statewide messaging about the many great things libraries do every day. We encourage you to use the messages, graphics, and other resources to raise awareness and reinforce the value and impact libraries provide to their communities.

We look forward to your suggestions and feedback as we continue to develop more materials for your use in the weeks and months ahead.

Open Opportunities

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

Alexander Street Now available for Public Libraries

Last year [COMPASS from the State Library](#) (formerly known as the K-12 Online Resources program) made a suite of performing-arts video and audio perpetual-licensed content available for all public schools and local libraries, no cost to any local entity. The audio and video collections include library performing rights too (with the exception of the National Theatre collection) – a great addition for local programming for all ages.

Now there's more! COMPASS has now added to the Alexander Street perpetual-licensed content starting in August 2024. The State Library plans to announce the additions formally in mid-August, but local libraries can [add these items to their collections through MARC records](#) and include links on their websites immediately.

The additions include **over 10,000 drama scripts** from 10 different Alexander Street/ProQuest collections, as well as new video collections – **American History in Video**, and the **CNN video documentary collection**. There are also expansions to current collections like the video collection of Black music from **Qwest TV** and the **Dance In Video** collection, which now includes hundreds of instructional videos.

COMPASS and ProQuest have provided a recording of a [previous training for set up in July](#) that can be reviewed ([slide deck](#) available too), and will be announcing additional content-based

overviews in the press announcement. You can learn more through a recent COMPASS newsletter, and can sign up for new announcements too. Questions? Contact compass@library.ca.gov.

California Library Literacy Services – Ongoing

The final report for 2023-2024 is now open in Counting Opinions and is **due September 30, 2024**. For guidance and details about the 2023-2024 reporting information session, and for details about how data collection has changed for the 2024-2025 program year, visit https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/manage/#clls.

There will be three CLLS-linked supersessions at the CLA conference in Pasadena on Thursday, Oct. 17, in addition to concurrent sessions later in the conference. For information on ongoing training, 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 Call is Wed., Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. and will focus on tutor and learner recruitment. For more information on any of these programs, contact clls@library.ca.gov. CLLS is State funded, and Literacy Initiatives projects are LSTA funded.

California Libraries Learn (CALL) - Ongoing

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.

Community-Centered Libraries

The second year of Community-Centered Libraries, a training initiative presented by the State Library and Pacific Library Partnership, will focus on building the skills of public library workers in two areas:

- Creating data visualizations (such as infographics report materials) using an equity lens
- Conducting culturally relevant needs assessments

In addition to webinars, which will be announced shortly, there are two cohort learning opportunities that enable participants to learn from trainers on-line and in-person. Participants will apply what they learn by completing a project relevant to their work at the library.

[Share the cohort opportunity page with your staff](#) and encourage them to apply to join a cohort. Their participation will build their skills, strengthen your library's communications with and about your community, and benefit the people in your library service area.

eBooks for all - Ongoing

The eBooks for All project is going strong in California. Checkouts continue to grow at about 10 percent per month!

Califa recently announced that California now has access to an 'always available' collection of approximately 3000 eAudiobooks from Blackstone Audio. There will be a special session on this collection on August 15 at noon. You can [Register Here](#) for that webinar.

If you are interested in joining the project, you can email ebooksforall@library.ca.gov for onboarding steps. Presently, there are grant funds available to cover any onboarding costs.

Online Tutoring Project – Sunsetted August 25, 2024

Since September 2022, the California State Library has provided free online tutoring for California K-12 students, available through public libraries.

To confirm previous messages from the State Library, this service is scheduled to conclude on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Should your library be interested in continuing local access after August 25, reach out to info@brainfuse.com. Reach out to our general email, catutoring@library.ca.gov, if you have any additional questions.

Parks Pass Program – Ongoing

As a result of budget legislation signed by the Governor in late June, Parks Passes will be accepted by State Parks until December 31, 2025.

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.

PolicyMap Statewide Subscription for all public library workers

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.

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. The 2024/25 PLSEP student application is anticipated to open September 2024. For more information, contact wwalker@socallibraries.org or plsep@library.ca.gov LSTA funded.

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.

Networking and Training

Building Equity-Based Summers Learning Series

A new series of Building Equity-Based Summers (BEBS) Learning Sessions will be starting this fall. Applications are now open to join this innovative 9-month BEBS learning series designed specifically for public library staff, focused on building equitable summer and year-round practices throughout California libraries and communities. This program aims to provide participants with the knowledge, tools, and opportunities necessary to transform libraries into inclusive and equitable systems and services.

Interested parties can review the BEBS 9-Month Learning Series webpage and the BEBS Frequently Asked Questions webpage. Interest applications are due by September 10th.

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

Summer with Your Community | Building Equity-Based Summers:
Reimagining Long-Held Traditions & Your Library's Summer "Why" Daylong Learning Session in Pasadena, CA

CLA conference attendance is <u>NOT</u> required to attend this session. The session is free. Travel funds are available.
Thursday, October 17th, 2024
9:00pm-4:00pm (a working lunch will be provided)
Pasadena Convention Center

PRE-REGISTER HERE by September 16th, 2024

What we'll explore:
In the last two to three years, have your library's summer services significantly evolved beyond a new theme each year? Are these services connecting with people who experience marginalization?

During this full-day session you will:
- Dig into the purpose of summer services and have the chance to reimagine long-standing practices.
- Learn how to apply Building Equity-Based Summers (BEBS) principles to your summer services and how to gather data that will give you fresh insights into engaging with communities experiencing marginalization.
- Develop a framework for building and assessing equitable summer services, and be on the way to ensuring your services are built on a foundation of equity.

Presented by: California Library Association's Building Equity-Based Summers Project in partnership with the California State Library

Travel funds: Travel funds are available on a first come first-serve library-need basis.

Library teams: This session asks library staff to attend as a library team of 2 or more. A team can be made up of library colleagues and/or library staff and a community partner that wish to collaborate in building equity.

Pre-registration:
- CLA Conference registration/attendance is **not** required to register and attend this Super Session.
- The session is free. Travel funds are available on a first come first-serve library-need basis.
- Register by <u>Monday, September 16th, 2024</u>

Questions?
Please don't hesitate to contact the BEBS team at bebs@cla-net.org

CAreer Pathways Workforce & Upskilling Resources: Ending Fall 2024, Sunsetting Webinar Recording Now Available

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

- Coursera – access ends September 14, 2024, last day to sign-up was 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. View the August 2024 Sunsetting CAreer Pathways webinar. If your library is interested in continuing any of these resources, we encourage you to reach out to the vendors directly. Thank you for your help in making our program a success these last two years! f you have any questions, contact: CAPathways@library.ca.gov or see the CAreer Pathways Staff Resources page.

Next Directors Networking Call

The next Public Library Directors Networking Call is scheduled for Wednesday**, September 18, 2024, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** We look forward to hearing from our special guests and sharing State Library news. California public library directors will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting via email.