California State Library, Library Development Services
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State Library News

LDS Newsletter

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

New Rural and Tribal Library Programs Consultant

Lisa Lindsay is the newest Library Programs Consultant with the California State Library. She has over fifteen years of experience working in public libraries, including six years as a principal librarian for Fresno County, and most recently, she worked as the grants monitor for the State Library's Lunch at the Library project. In her new role she will be focused on providing support specifically for tribal and rural libraries. In the new year, watch for a monthly Community of Practice specific for staff working in rural libraries. Please also help spread the word about the IMLS Native American Library Services: Basic Grant, which is now open.

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 opened for data input on September 3, 2024. The deadline for submission was October 31, 2024. **If you have not locked your survey, contact LibraryStatistics@library.ca.gov as soon as possible to discuss next steps.**

- **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**

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.

California Revealed

California Revealed is a statewide initiative that helps public libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and other heritage groups digitize, preserve, and provide online access to archival materials documenting the state's histories, arts, and cultures. The kaleidoscopic view of California cultures and histories represented by California Revealed collections offers countless opportunities for individuals and communities looking to integrate sources into their course of study as well as into their daily lives.

The accomplishments of this program dramatically increased access to, and use, of primary source materials related to California histories, arts, and cultures. The greatest impact is the ever-expansive reference resource available at California Revealed. If you visit or have recently visited the CA Revealed website, please take a moment to fill out the website user survey. User feedback is critical in helping the project improve website experience and better understand its

benefits to the community. For any comments or questions, please contact CARevealed@library.ca.gov or team@californiarevealed.org.

California Freedom To Read Act

The California Freedom to Read Act requires every public library jurisdiction that directly receives any state funding to establish, adopt, and maintain a written and publicly accessible collection development policy for its libraries by January 1, 2026. The State Library has set up this webpage to help libraries in complying with the law.

At the State Library, we would like to see the language in the bill in your collection development policies as is. We cannot provide any legal interpretation or advice on the language submitted.

We understand that some libraries might experience a challenge with this request, so we urge you reach out very soon if this is the case to collectiondevelopmentpolicy@library.ca.gov. Please keep in mind you have until January 1, 2026, to have your policy on file with the State Library.

We will offer libraries the opportunity to demonstrate how their policy complies with the language in the new law. This information would come in the form of an attachment to your policy, from the library director, that clearly explains how your policy's language maps to the language in the law. As a reminder, we at the State Library are consultants and administrators and we cannot provide a legal interpretation of your policy.

State Library staff are available to provide technical assistance to libraries who need help with their policies. If you would like to speak with a State Library staff member about your policy or the bill, please email collectiondevelopmentpolicy@library.ca.gov with your request.

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

Student Success Cards for All Working Group
The California State Library is seeking volunteer members for a Student Success Cards for All Working Group. Time as a member of the working group will allow library staff to share their experiences and expertise with Student Success Card partnerships.

Members will support libraries working on Student Success Card partnerships by helping develop the following:

- Toolkits.
- Networking calls.
- Training opportunities.

Working group members should have:

- Experience in developing, promoting, and implementing a Student Success Card program in their library.
- Skills in establishing and continuing partnerships with school districts.
- Time to commit to working group virtual meetings and assignments.

Interest forms are due on **Wednesday January 8th, 2025 at 12:00 pm noon**.

For more information visit the Student Success Cards for All Working Group webpage or email the State Library at studentsuccess@library.ca.gov with any questions.

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

For information on ongoing training, visit the CLLS training and meeting calendar. Training on Digital BRIDGES and monthly networking calls for general CLLS topics, family literacy, and ESL are scheduled for December. The Adult Learner Leadership Institute project has announced four cohort dates for 2025. The CLLS website has migrated to the California State Library: https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/clls/ 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) – NEW Local CALL opportunity and ongoing CALL

NEW Local CALL - Do you have a training topic to bring to your region? Would you like to network and learn with library colleagues near you? CALL has been listening and we know you want more in-person events, but it's hard to take time away from your library. Local CALL provides a chance for your library, or library cooperative, to host a learning event and invite your colleagues. CALL will provide financial support up to $5,000. For more details and guidelines see the CALL Blog and the Local CALL Interest Form. Now you can learn, network, stay local and support your staff and colleagues with Local CALL!

Ongoing CALL - Access professional development for *all* members of your staff by visiting www.callacademy.org and the CALL calendar. Subscribe to the CALL Letters newsletter for weekly updates. Have a good training idea? Anyone can complete the CALL for Presentations. Encourage all levels of your staff 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, focuses 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

Upcoming webinars and recordings of previous sessions are available on the Community-Centered Libraries webpage and in CALL Academy.

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. If you are on Palace, those titles are automatically available to your users!

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 concluded 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 (PLSEP) 2024-2025 Applications Under Review

The call for student applications for the 2024-2025 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) is closed, as of October 31, 2024. In December 2024, all applicants will be notified about the status of their requests, whether funded, not funded, or placed on a waiting list. PLSEP is a partnership of the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative. View the PLSEP timeline. Contact the PLSEP team at wwalker@socallibraries.org with any questions.

Ready – Or Not: Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project

The Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project is a California State Library initiative, in partnership with the Northeast Document Conservation Center and Myriad Consulting & Training, 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. State of CA funded.

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. California heritage institutions can request a free emergency preparedness assessment by filling out an online form, emailing CAready@nedcc.org, or calling 855-501-3020.

Networking and Training

CAreer Pathways Workforce & Upskilling Resources: Sunsetted September 2024
Access to the Career Pathways resources has ended, 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!

Next Directors Networking Call
There will be no Public Library Directors Networking Call in December. The January call will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

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