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State Library News

LDS Newsletter

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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 program. In her new role she will be focused on providing support specifically for tribal and rural libraries. In that light, two new Community of Practice groups have formed.

- Tribal Libraries, Jan 16, 2025 2:30PM
- Rural Libraries Jan. 22 at 3PM

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.

For other news, see Open Opportunities.

2023-2024 California Public Libraries Survey

California's 2023-2024 Public Libraries Survey opened for data input on September 3, 2024 and closed October 31, 2024. The data will be submitted to IMLS in January-February 2025 and libraries may be contacted to correct entry errors. Vetted data will be available for use by the public and all libraries in the spring. For questions, contact LibraryStatistics@library.ca.gov

While you wait for the full dataset, you can access 2024 California Public Library Staff Survey. The snapshot survey, conducted every three years, enables you to view salary ranges for ten positions commonly included in California public libraries' staff. The table includes library type (county, city, etc.), population served, size of service area, number of outlets (branches and bookmobiles), and county. You can sort the table in LibPAS by clicking on those headings. You can also download the whole dataset by clicking on the little excel icon.

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.

The California State Library has expanded its Library Marketing Toolkits for local libraries to include a Holiday and New Year's toolkit, including videos from California State Librarian Greg Lucas. The toolkit encourages Californians to reach for their library card instead of a credit card to save money during the holidays. The marketing web page includes press release templates, social media messaging suggestions, graphics, videos, and pictures.

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

LSTA Grant Opportunities

The application period for five 2025-26 LSTA grant opportunities is now open! The application period will close on **Wednesday, March 12 at 12:00 noon**.

> Funding for these opportunities is contingent upon federal funding confirmation, the passage of the 2025-26 state budget, and authorization in the state budget to expend these funds.
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> **The State Library team is here to help!** Request a meeting to discuss your proposal with members of our team. For those with questions about designing equitable grant programs, we may ask a trained Equity Advisor to join the meeting.
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> Please see a description of each of the five LSTA grant opportunities below and follow the links for more information about each opportunity, including instructions about how to apply. Also see the LSTA Application Guide for complete guidelines and instructions.
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> **Community Impact Grants**
> **Teens Succeed**
> **Play for All**
> **Sustainable California Libraries**
> **eBooks for All California**
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> Please email lstagrants@library.ca.gov with any questions.

Career Online High School

The Career Online High School (COHS) program is open to all public libraries in the state and **there is no required local match 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 combined **CLLS 2024-2025 midyear report/2025-2026 preapplication for current CLLS programs is now open** in Counting Opinions and is due Monday, February 3. Instructions and the recording/slides from the information session can be found on the Manage Your Grant page. There is a Q&A session on Wed., Jan. 22, at 2 p.m.

For information on ongoing training, visit the CLLS training and meeting calendar. The Literacy Initiatives project is launching two special training projects: one on learner recruitment and workplace literacy, starting Jan. 16, and another on learner persistence, starting Feb. 11. Monthly networking/community of practice calls for general CLLS topics, family literacy, and ESL are also scheduled for each month. 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, or to subscribe to the CLLS staff or CLLS directors' listserv, contact clls@library.ca.gov. CLLS is State funded, and Literacy Initiatives projects are LSTA funded.

California Libraries Learn (CALL) – professional development for all levels of library staff
- Access live and recorded professional development for *all* members of your staff at [www.callacademy.org.](http://www.callacademy.org)
- [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 get started with [CALL Academy](#).

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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.

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

In December 2024, all applicants were notified about the status of their requests, whether funded, not funded, or placed on a waiting list. View the PLSEP timeline. PLSEP is a partnership of the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative. 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

Next Directors Networking Call

The January directors networking call will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.