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State Library News

LSTA Update

The State Library will provide a full list of LSTA-funded opportunities for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Upcoming activities include Online Tutoring, PolicyMap, the New York Times, Career Online High School, and more. Please check the director's listserv frequently for more info.

State Digital Equity Resource Finder

The California State Library and the Department of Technology continue to work together to promote and increase access to digital inclusion services via the [Digital Equity Resource Finder](#).

Share the Finder on your newsletter and social media channels. An [outreach toolkit](#) with email templates and graphics are now available to help you connect your patrons to local and statewide digital inclusion programs and services like assistance in enrolling affordable home internet, obtaining free or low-cost devices, digital skills training, and more.

If you don't see your library listed on the Digital Equity Resource Finder, please take a few minutes to complete this [online survey](#), or contact DEResourceFinder@state.ca.gov.

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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.

LDS Newsletter

Please be sure to sign up for the LDS Newsletter [LibrarytoLibrary](#). For those who receive this monthly email, please consider forwarding it to your staff and/or printing a copy for your break rooms.

Career Online High School

[Career Online High School](#) (COHS) program is pausing enrollments of new libraries at this time. The state-funding supply of COHS scholarships ran out in mid-May 2026. This situation has no impact on already enrolled online high school students. As soon as more information becomes available, we will share it with you. COHS questions can be sent to cohs@library.ca.gov. *State of CA and LSTA-funded.*

Networking and Training Opportunities

Public Library Directors Networking Call

The next call is scheduled for Wednesday August 19 at 3:30 p.m. The call will feature updates from the State Library, further work on the statewide visioning project, and collaborative group discussions. You may register for the call [here](#).

Communities of Practice

The California State Library now consolidates all scheduled Community of Practice events on a single calendar. On our website, under Services to Libraries, select [Communities of Practice](#) (under the Resources for Public Libraries section). Help your staff build valuable connections across the state by sharing relevant Communities of Practice with them.

Current Projects and Services

Libraries with Heart Campaign from Rural Health Connections

Since November, public and tribal rural libraries across the state have participated in Califa's Rural Health Connections project. In partnership with the American Heart Association, 58 locations are preparing to launch the Libraries with Heart campaign. Through this initiative, participating locations will offer blood pressure monitors (for checkout or for in-library use) alongside programming that supports heart health.

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California Library Literacy Services: ESL funds ends June 30, Adult Literacy & Family Literacy Ongoing

Dedicated one-time English as a Second Language (ESL) funding ends June 30, 2026. All ESL funds must be spent by this date. Adult Literacy Services and Family Literacy Services continue to be supported by ongoing funding provided by the State of California.

Thank you to the new coordinators and directors with CLLS programs who joined us at the CLLS Orientation this May. We appreciate you taking time out of your schedules to participate. For general information on the CLLS program, see the [CLLS web pages](#) and visit the [Manage Your Grant](#) page for information on CLLS data collection. Reach out to clls@library.ca.gov for more information. *State of CA-funded.*

California Libraries Learn (CALL) – professional development for all levels of library staff

- Access live and recorded professional development for all members of your team at www.callacademy.org.
- [Subscribe to the CALL Letters newsletter](#) for weekly updates.
- Encourage all levels of your staff to get started with [CALL Academy](#).

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COMPASS Project: Resources and Information for Public Libraries

At a time when many library systems are facing decreased budgets and may be forced to cut digital subscriptions, a reminder that California offers — at no cost to public schools, districts, local libraries, or students — online educational content and tools with [COMPASS: the California Online Media Program for Access and Student Success](#). The purpose of COMPASS from the California State Library is to provide equitable access to online library resources for all K-12 public school students and their families, both in the classroom and after school. *State of CA-funded.*

COMPASS provides tools ranging from early literacy support (PebbleGo Science, TeachingBooks for Libraries) to science and climate change resources (Gale Interactive Science, Nat Geo Kids, Environmental Studies) to a suite of performing-arts and history/social studies content (20+ Alexander Street collections). This is in addition to traditional research databases and the research guides (Britannica, ProQuest).

Timely COMPASS Resources and Information for Public Libraries

- [Slides from COMPASS for public libraries training](#)
- Need help setting up access to ALL COMPASS resources? [Use this general program sign up form](#) (form may also be used to submit technical or contact updates)
- Does your library currently offer Capstone's PebbleGo Science for your youngest patrons? More [information on this statewide resource](#) and [sign up to get PebbleGo Science for your library](#)
- Don't forget that all local libraries have no-cost performance rights for Alexander Street content (except National Theatre). Plan a screening of a classical music performance, stage drama (including Shakespeare), documentary, audio play, or world music. (Public schools have slightly more content than local libraries.) See your institution's collections or ask COMPASS for ideas at compass@library.ca.gov.
- Stay informed! [Sign up for the COMPASS newsletter](#). And please contact compass@library.ca.gov with any questions.

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Library Statistics

The 2026 data for the unduplicated population served by each California public library jurisdiction is now available at [Persons Served by California Public Libraries \(Excel\)](#). Library service area population figures have been prepared using the most recently published and available combined estimate for cities and counties from the California Department of Finance, adjusted to reflect the geographic service areas of California Public Libraries.

The 2024-25 Public Libraries Survey dataset is available at [California Public Library Statistics - California State Library](#). Data is provided by public libraries of California through the annual Public Libraries Survey. For more information or questions, contact LibraryStatistics@library.ca.gov

[Parks Pass Program](#)

Great news! As part of the approved 2026-2027 State of California budget, funding for the [State Parks Passes](#) is now **ongoing**. This means your library's park passes **will not expire** on 12/31/2026 and they can continue to be used in future.

The Parks Pass program supports all Californians in exploring the outdoors and gaining the benefits of our parks by providing free vehicle day-use entry passes for checkout at local libraries.

The Parks Pass quarterly report due dates are:

- July 23, 2026 (for reporting period Apr-June 2026)
- October 22, 2026 (for reporting period July-Sept 2026)
- January 28, 2027 (for reporting period Oct-Dec 2026)

Quarterly reports should be submitted via the [California State Library Statistics Portal](#). For any questions, email parkspass@library.ca.gov.

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 checkoutcstateparks.com

To report lost passes and request replacement, please enter each lost pass [using this webform](#) (an individual submission for each lost pass). If a participating public library jurisdiction needs more bookmarks or survey flyers, [please fill out the new order form from State Parks](#). *State of CA-funded.*

[Ready – Or Not: Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](#)

California's [Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](#) connects communities holding at-risk collections with the resources needed to protect those collections from destruction and make them available to all Californians. In partnership with the Northeast Document Conservation Center, [Ready – Or Not](#) preservation consultants provide consultation and conduct free site visits for California organizations stewarding cultural resources and then deliver an assessment report with their observations.

California cultural heritage collections interested in a free consultation can [sign up for a free assessment](#). Remote consultations for disaster plan creation or updates are also available. For more information, contact CAready@nedcc.org *State of CA-funded.*

Rural Health Connections

The American Heart Association's "Libraries with Heart" program can now be found in the following counties serving rural California residents: Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Riverside, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, and Tulare.

With support from Califa, 52 public and tribal library locations now have blood pressure monitors for in-library use, along with supporting material, including information on local clinics for anyone without a primary care provider.

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Student Success Cards for All

Library cards help children succeed.

California legislation [SB 321 \(Ashby\)](#), [updated SB 1329](#) makes it easier for public libraries to put library cards into the hands of every California child who wants one. The State Library is working with schools and libraries to help make sure every California student has a library card by the third grade.

The California State Library has launched a new [Student Success Cards Partnerships Toolkit](#) to help libraries plan, strengthen, and sustain partnerships that support Student Success Cards (public library cards issued in collaboration with local educational agencies).

This toolkit for library staff includes practical, ready-to-use resources such as:

- Guidance on identifying and engaging potential partners to start a Student Success Cards program
- Tips for developing partnership goals, roles, and workflows
- Communication tools and templates that can be adapted locally
- Examples and materials to help with program implementation and ongoing support

For more information about the Student Success Cards initiative, visit the [State Library's Student Success Cards for All website](#) or contact the Student Success team at studentsuccess@library.ca.gov.

Summer Community Impact Report 2026

The [2026 Summer Community Impact Report Questions](#) are available online. Data collected from this report will show the impact of public library summer programs across California.

We are looking to confirm your library's contact person for submission. Use the link below to input the contact information for the person(s) in your library that will submit your summer program data.

The person(s) listed will be responsible for submitting the **2026 Summer Community Impact Report** through **Microsoft Forms**. Although we ask for multiple contacts, only one person should submit the data for your library jurisdiction.

[Submit your library contact information using this form](#) right away if you have not done so!

An excel form with the questions will also be sent to the person listed as your primary contact once your information is submitted. Use the excel form or copy the questions from the [2026 Summer Community Impact Report Questions](#) webpage to collect required statistics and programming information for your library's 2026 summer programs.

The Summer Community Impact Report relates to all your library's summer 2026 programs, including Lunch at the Library programs, Parks Pass activities, youth development programs, story times, 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.

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