

**California State Library, Library Development Services**  
**Cooperative System Report, January 12, 2021**

**Public Library Directors Forum**

The Public Library Directors Forum is going online in April! The Forum will focus on racial equity and inclusion, preparing for and recovering from crises and disasters, and creating authentic community connections. Please look for more information shortly. If you have questions, please contact [natalie.cole@library.ca.gov](mailto:natalie.cole@library.ca.gov).

**Stay & Play**

Applications are now open for libraries to implement *Stay & Play*, a program that reaches and engages Family, Friends and Neighbors (also referred to as FFNs) and the children in their care in communities. Participating libraries will receive funds to support *Stay & Play* programming efforts, and participating library teams will receive significant and relevant professional development training to support the development and implementation of *Stay & Play* programs at their site(s). The application period closes on **Friday, January 29, 2021**. For more information about *Stay & Play*, please visit <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/elf/stayandplay/> or email [shana.sojoyner@library.ca.gov](mailto:shana.sojoyner@library.ca.gov).

**California Library Literacy Services**

The CLLS 2020-2021 Mid-year Report is open and **due January 29, 2021**. This is a new report and we have tried to keep it as brief and uncomplicated as possible. The report asks for your basic library information, a description of the Adult Literacy Program and Family Literacy Program activities conducted between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. You are also being asked to detail your CLLS fund expenditures for that period.

To log into your Mid-year Report form in Counting Opinions, please follow these steps:

- 1) Go to the Counting Opinions login site at <https://ca.countingopinions.com>
- 2) Enter your Username and Password, then hit enter (Note: if you need help locating this information please contact Annly at [annly.roman@library.ca.gov](mailto:annly.roman@library.ca.gov)).
- 3) Select the red "Enter to complete a CLLS Mid-year Report" Button on the main page
- 4) If you have any problems locating or opening your report contact Annly Roman at [annly.roman@library.ca.gov](mailto:annly.roman@library.ca.gov)

Once you have completed and submitted the Mid-year Report form please print a copy, sign it and mail it along with the completed attached certification form to Annly Roman.

**Networking Conversations**

Networking conversations for California libraries continue, are posted on CLA's calendar as they are scheduled ([https://www.cla-net.org/events/event\\_list.asp](https://www.cla-net.org/events/event_list.asp)), and we encourage you to register to attend. There are calls for a variety of interest groups, including frontline staff, youth services staff, branch supervisors, assistant directors, and marketing and PR professionals. Directors' calls occur once a month in 2021. Upcoming calls include:

- Tuesdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, 3:30-5 p.m., **Library Directors**

- Wednesdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 10, 2-3:30 p.m., **Literacy/CLLS**
- Thurs., Jan. 21, 10-11:30 a.m., **Youth Services**

## **Veterans**

Nearly 7% of the adult population of California served in the military. Together with their families, this is a significant portion of the population.

On January 26, at noon, [Kristen Mulvihill](#), an army veteran, librarian, and the author of *Serving Those Who Served: Librarian's Guide to Working with Veteran and Military Communities* is giving an excellent free webinar on veterans and libraries as part of the VetConnect grant. The webinar will be useful for any public-facing staff, especially those working with veterans, jobseekers, adult learners, and those providing front-line reference. <https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?id=952&reset=1>

## **Cultural Collections Protection Survey**

The state is conducting a comprehensive survey of California's archives, galleries, historical societies, libraries, museums, and tribal nations to better understand and protect cultural collections in a time of increased risk and limited resources. The goal is for this survey to be an instrument to educate decision-makers about the value of investing in the state's arts and cultural heritage. The survey was sent out in November. **The State Library will be gathering survey data through February 22, 2021.**

The existence of these unique collections that help tell California's story is often unknown, particularly at the state level. Many rare and unique materials are at significant risk from natural disasters exacerbated by climate change, inadequate storage facilities, scarce resources, and simple decay over time. The Cultural Collections Protection Survey aims to close this information gap by gathering data on the nature and condition of California's culturally significant assets. It takes 30 minutes to 60 minutes to complete – and the result will be well worth the small time commitment.

- Registration link to receive the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSLSurveyRegistration>
- Further information is available at: <https://www.library.ca.gov/Content/pdf/pressreleases/2020-10-12-CulturalCollectionSurvey.pdf>

## **California Libraries Learn (CALL)**

For 2020-21, the California State Library and California Library Association offer a comprehensive training portfolio for your library staff members. California Libraries Learn (CALL) offers statewide, 24/7 online professional development. Read the weekly newsletter and visit [www.callacademy.org](http://www.callacademy.org) to explore the options. Please note there will be some support for staff to attend the annual CLA conference in May. Contact [Bev Schwartzberg](#) for more information.

## **Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Opportunities:**

**Local and Collaborative Grants, 2021-2022** Intent to Apply forms were due on Friday, November 20, 2020 and invitations to submit a full application have recently gone out. The funding period is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. For Local and Collaborative grant questions, please contact:

- LSTA Coordinator, Lynne Oliva: [lynne.oliva@library.ca.gov](mailto:lynne.oliva@library.ca.gov)

- Bureau Chief, Library Development Services, Natalie Cole: [natalie.cole@library.ca.gov](mailto:natalie.cole@library.ca.gov)

### **Digital Navigator Training**

Broadband Access, Adoption, and Training are essential components of digital equity for California's diverse populations. But with the variety of Internet Service Providers and maze of rules for subscribing to low-cost internet, those populations with low economic power and low technical literacy can be left on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Executive Order N-73-20 directs the state library to, in partnership with local libraries, **promote low cost internet subscription plans**. There was a Digital Navigator Webinar, which aims to instruct public libraries on how to help patrons find available offers, navigate signing up, and utilize already existing pathways on the road to internet connectivity. Email [chris.durr@library.ca.gov](mailto:chris.durr@library.ca.gov) for more information.

### **JobNow and VetNow**

Segmented statistics are available for specific databases for each library system. They are available with a unique log-in that was sent to the person at each library designated at sign-up. Questions about this or anything else related to JobNow/VetNow/LearnNow can be directed to [Jody.Thomas@library.ca.gov](mailto:Jody.Thomas@library.ca.gov).

### **California COVID Diaries**

Californians can share the impact the COVID-19 pandemic on their lives through a new community-based archive. The aim of [California COVID Diaries](#) is to collect, preserve and make available to the public materials created by Californians, documenting their personal experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. A [Spanish-language version](#) of the submission form is also available.

Visit <https://covididiaries.library.ca.gov/> or e-mail [covididiaries@library.ca.gov](mailto:covididiaries@library.ca.gov) for more information.