California State Library, Library Development Services
Cooperative System Report, November 20, 2020

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**. Please learn more at the first 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.

- Thursday December 10th from 9 to 10:30 am

You can register for that workshop here or email chris.durr@library.ca.gov for more information

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), 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 every two weeks. Upcoming conversations include:
- California Library Literacy Services, Wednesday, December 2, 2-3:30pm.
- Marketing and Public Relations, Thursday, December 8, 3-4:30 pm.
- Library Directors, Thursday, December 10, 3:30-5pm (this will be the only directors' call for December).

Career Online High School

California's libraries now have over 1760 COHS graduates statewide. Applications for a new library to join the program and for existing libraries to apply for additional scholarships are December 10, March 10, June 10, and September 10 of each year.

The price of a COHS seat is now $1255. Please ask for consideration of a reduction in the matching requirement if your library needs more seats but faces budget uncertainties. Please email or call Bev Schwartzberg at CSL to ask questions about the process. Beverly.Schwartzberg@library.ca.gov

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 will be sent out in November.

- 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 Niche Academy staff training--nicknamed CALL Academy--and much more. Read the weekly newsletter and visit www.callacademy.org to explore the options. New opportunities include ALA's Library Directors' Crash Course (Jan.-Feb.), ALA's Graphic Design Skills for All Library Employees (Jan.), a wide variety of Library Juice Academy courses, and Infopeople's Preparing and Implementing EDI Training in Your Library (starts Nov. 24). Find lots of resources on creating good grant proposals and developing community partnerships in CALL Academy, plus information about high-demand topics such as responding to crises and de-escalating conflict. We've already supported California library staff attending a variety of virtual conferences, and 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:

1. **CopyCat Grants, 2020-2021**: Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for a CopyCat grant. We are currently reviewing the applications and plan to notify applicants around December 9, 2020. For CopyCat grant questions, please contact Lena Pham at lena.pham@library.ca.gov / 916-651-0376.

2. **Local and Collaborative Grants, 2021-2022**: For agencies to apply now for projects taking place next fiscal year. **Intent to Apply forms were due on Friday, November 20, 2020, at 11:59pm**
   Local and Collaborative competitive grants help libraries respond effectively to local needs and align services with local community aspirations, and support experimentation and R&D in California's libraries. The funding period is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Watch the information session for potential applicants from Tuesday, October 20. Full information and a link to apply is available at the State Library's website

   For Local and Collaborative grant questions, please contact:
   - LSTA Coordinator, Lynne Oliva: lynne.oliva@library.ca.gov
   - Bureau Chief, Library Development Services, Natalie Cole: natalie.cole@library.ca.gov

California Library Literacy Services

The CLLS Final Report forms were due **November 13, 2020**. If you haven't submitted your report, please do so as soon as you are able to. *Please note*: This year, we also ask you to report on changes to your program resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These questions are in a separate SurveyMonkey form but they must be completed before you can submit the Final Report form in Counting Opinions. The pandemic-related questions are intended to help us get a clear picture of everything you've been doing

as a result of the pandemic and to help tell the story of California's library literacy programs. The data is not intended to inform future funding decisions.

To log into your Final Report form in Counting Opinions, please follow these steps:
1) Go to the Counting Opinions login site at https://ca.countingopinions.com/login.php
2) Enter your Username and Password, then his enter (Note: if you need help locating this information please contact Annly at annly.roman@library.ca.gov).
3) Select the "Enter to complete a CLLS Final 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

To access the SurveyMonkey form, please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLLSCOVID1920.
If you need assistance with either of the forms or locating your password, please contact Annly Roman at: annly.roman@library.ca.gov

JobNow and VetNow

Using CARES funds, the California State Library has purchased the JobNow and VetNow platforms for all public libraries in the State. These workforce support tools will help public library staff assist patrons in gaining employment, increasing skills, changing careers, and preparing for certification testing in a variety of fields. Also included in the subscription is what has been branded as "LearnNow", which has some homework help, citizenship test prep, academic support through college, and some tools for literacy tutors and learners. One url goes to one landing page with all three components of the platform and therefore may be best to add the link to several locations on your website? Training is available on CALL Academy, and LibraryWorks is also offering a free webinar on Dec. 8. (All but three public libraries in California have now subscribed to these Brainfuse platforms.)

Building Equity Based Summers Through CA Libraries and Communities

The California State Library and the Summer@Your Library project have launched a new project to co-design an equity and social justice framework for summer reading program activities and services. Twelve library teams were selected and began work in September 2020. Materials created during the process will be made available to the library community. Questions? Please contact Trish Garone at pgarone@cla-net.org.

ProQuest K-12 Database available through the state library's K-12 Online Content Project

Contact Mary Beth Barber for instructions on how to add ProQuest to your online resources for school kids in your community.

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.

All Californians are welcome to submit typed or handwritten journals, letters, e-mail narratives and blog posts; photographs, videos and audio; written or recorded interviews with family or friends; artwork and drawings; and other storytelling methods. Some of you have created your own COVID-19 archives, and we invite you to share submissions so we can showcase them on a statewide level. Many underserved communities throughout the state that aren't able to conduct similar collecting efforts, so please share California COVID Diaries with your communities so that we may share their experiences.

Visit https://coviddiaries.library.ca.gov/ or e-mail coviddiaries@library.ca.gov for more information. Resources to help California Library Literacy Services take part are available at: https://libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/covid-diaries/ Resources to help libraries included California COVID Diaries as part of their summer reading programs are available at: calchallenge.org

California at 170

The state turned 170 years old in 2020! For 170 stories celebrating the history of California, visit the State Library project CAL@170 at https://cal170.library.ca.gov/. Stories highlight innovation, people and places, law and politics, civil rights, sports, and arts and culture.

Remote and Distance-friendly Programming Database

The database of remote and distance-friendly programming ideas suggested by California public library staff is now live and can be accessed on the California State Library's page: https://www.library.ca.gov/services/remote-resources

We encourage you to search the database for inspiration! Filter results by target audience, program type and title, and library jurisdiction. If you choose, you can also download the whole dataset. Programming that aligns with the California COVID Diaries project is tagged with a COVID Diaries tag. Please continue to share your ideas by using this form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OnlineProgrammingResourcesforCALibraries

California Digital Newspaper Collection

This digital newspaper collection currently contains 531,301 issues comprising 5,705,437 pages and 39,566,623 articles and can be found at https://cdnc.ucr.edu/. This database is open, free, and supports reading and research of California's rich history and communities. The link maybe added to your website to enlarge your online resources.

Staffing Update

A congratulations goes out to Natalie Cole who is advancing from the Assistant Bureau Chief of Library Development Services to Bureau Chief of Library Development Services at the State Library.

Lynne Oliva is coming to us as our new LSTA coordinator. Lynne worked for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Unit which provides offender rehabilitation, including education, vocational and treatment programs, to the incarcerated population. Lynne was responsible for securing and managing the program's grants and overseeing the service contracts. Lynne managed some exciting grants including one that funded the Wild Horse Program in which participants would train and adopt

out wild mustangs that would otherwise remain in United States Bureau of Land Management holding facilities for the duration of their lives.