California State Library, Library Development Services
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Research Institute for California Public Libraries (RIPL)

There are still seats available, and registration closes May 17th. This two-day virtual event, **happening May 25-26**, will NOT be your typical online conference or webinar. Instead, it will provide an immersive learning experience, with interactive sessions that include application and discussion, and opportunities to form connections with other library staff interested in data and evaluation. Registration is limited to 125 participants. Learn more and register here: https://www.ripleffect.org/ca2021/ or contact Meg DePriest for more information.

California Library Literacy Services

Applications from returning CLLS adult and family literacy programs opened May 3, 2021, and are due no later than **Wednesday, June 2, 2021**, at 11:59 p.m. For more information, contact Bev Schwartzberg at beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov or Annly Roman at annly.roman@library.ca.gov.

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

CALL now has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can subscribe directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Please do take a moment and subscribe today. Also encourage your staff members to create a login to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through CALL Academy.

California Libraries Learn (CALL), a joint project of the California State Library and the California Library Association, offers a comprehensive, no-cost training portfolio for your library staff members, including 24/7 online professional development. Visit www.callacademy.org and check the frequently updated calendar to explore the options. Upcoming opportunities include courses from Library Journal, Infopeople, and Library Juice Academy, plus multiple live webinars and workshops each week.

Public Library Directors Forum

The Public Library Directors Forum took place online on the last four Thursdays in April. The Forum focused on racial equity and inclusion, preparing for and recovering from crises and disasters, and creating authentic community connections. If you have questions, please contact natalie.cole@library.ca.gov.

Build Back Boldly outlet update

At the request of the Legislature, the State Library opened the outlet section of the Public Libraries Survey last week so that libraries could update their infrastructure needs. The California Research Bureau created a tool to track the deferred maintenance and modernization needs of each library building by legislative district. As of Monday, April 26, 2021, the State Library had received responses representing about 55% of California's 1,129 library buildings showing a combined cost of $3.8 billion for deferred maintenance and modernization improvements and current internet speed each building is able to offer.

Public Libraries and Parks Partners

Library Development Services distributed a snapshot survey to California public libraries staff to gather information about public libraries' activities and partnerships with national, state, county/local parks and green spaces. A summary of responses is available on the State Library statistics page or can be accessed here. The survey opened on May 4, 2021, and data for the summary represents responses retrieved on May 7, 2021.

Funding Recently Announced: Hotspots and Chromebooks for CIPA compliant libraries

108 CIPA compliant library jurisdictions will be eligible for funds or equipment to help bridge the digital divide with Hotspots and Chromebooks. This CAREs act funded project will total 1.6 million dollars. For more information contact Chris Durr at chris.durr@library.ca.gov

Interactive Family Learning in California's Libraries

California public libraries are designing and delivering high quality, interactive learning opportunities to engage young children and their families all across the state. The newly published report **Together, Learning More! Interactive Family Learning in California's Libraries** highlights innovative programs that encourage social interaction and provides a research-backed lens on the impact on children's life-long learning and social-emotional development. The April webinar with the report's author will be posted as a self-guided learning module on CALL Academy this spring, joining the earlier webinar Embracing Risk-Friendly Learning, available at https://my.nicheacademy.com/callacademy/course/28672 . For more information, contact Shana Sojoyner.

Lunch at the Library and Summer @ Your Library

Please contact Summer @ Your Library / Lunch at the Library project staff for assistance with starting a library summer meal program, or for assistance with your already established summer meal programs. Program staff can assist with helping to connect with meal providers and/or community partners; or can assist with questions about reimbursement funds or with any other summer meal program needs. Send us an email and let's start a conversation! Contact:
- Trish Garone, Lunch at the Library Program Manager, pgarone@cla-net.org
- Kari Johnson, Lunch at the Library Meals and Partnerships Coordinator, kjohnson@cla-net.org.

Summer @ Your Library provides California public library staff with program planning resources, training, a set of quality principles and indicators, and a framework and support for presenting outcomes-based summer programs. All California public libraries are eligible to receive:
- Free iREAD summer reading & learning resource guides.
- A free premium subscription to the Beanstack online literacy tool and platform (through May 2023).
Please contact Summer @ Your Library project staff at summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org to request your iREAD resource guides, or to get started with Beanstack.

California Revealed

California Revealed previews three upcoming grant opportunities for work with historical records, images, and outreach. For more information, visit www.californiarevealed.org and https://californiarevealed.org/content/news.

> California Revealed: Digitization and Preservation Assistance
> Application due: Friday, August 13, 2021
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> Cataloging California: Description Assistance
> Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021
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> Our Collections, Our Communities: Outreach Assistance
> Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021

Public Library Staff Education Program

The Public Library Staff Education Program is a tuition reimbursement program developed by the California State Library to assist California libraries with staff professional development. Funding for credentialed training is provided to enable library staff to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to support valuable programs and services in their communities. Financial and Tracking Reports were due from grantees by 4/30/21. For questions, please contact Lena.pham@library.ca.gov

Developing Leaders in California Libraries

In partnership with the California State Library, the California Library Association (CLA) is presenting another year of exciting new Leadership Development opportunities for library staff in California. In addition to the Leadership Cohort, New Leaders Cohort, and Leadership Challenge Cohort programs, the Developing Leaders in California Libraries project is offering a series of "My Leadership Journey" webinars open to all staff to attend:
- **May 21st @ 4pm John Szabo**
To register for webinars, please visit DLCL WEBINARS | CLA Leadership

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 once a month in 2021. Upcoming calls include:
- Tuesday, May 18, 3:30-5 p.m., **Library Directors**
- Wednesday, May 19, 2-3:30 p.m., **CLLS**
- Wednesday, May 19, 3-4:20 p.m., **Branch Supervisors and Managers**

LSTA Updates: CopyCat Grants

Mid-year reports for project activities from Dec 2020-April 2021 are **due by 5/31/21**. Report forms can be found at Copycat Grant Toolkits - California State Library under "Manage Your Grant." Grantees first point of contact are their project advisor. Other questions? Contact lena.pham@library.ca.gov

JobNow and VetNow

We recently met with Summer @ the Library folks to introduce them to a [folder of materials](#) available to use at summer reading sites, lunch sites, and any curbside or grab and go locations. The materials invite patrons to use the tools for job seeking. Questions about this or anything else related to JobNow/VetNow/LearnNow can be directed to Jody.Thomas@library.ca.gov.

A(nother) snapshot survey was sent out to better understand what tools and platforms public libraries are using for skill building, adult learning, and workforce development, and what tools and platforms you would like to have if money were not an impediment. The survey was sent out on the Directors' listserv and it is not too late to take it. [Here is the link](#).

California COVID Diaries

Californians can share the impact the COVID-19 pandemic on their lives through a 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://coviddiaries.library.ca.gov/ or e-mail coviddiaries@library.ca.gov for more information.

New Staff Member

We are very pleased to announce that Reed Strege is the new Assistant Bureau Chief in Library Development Services. Please join us in welcoming Reed to the team.