

**California State Library, Library Development Services  
Cooperative System Report, October 6, 2021**

**\*Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries**

The Building Forward infrastructure grant program was made possible by the California Budget Act for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, which contains \$439 million in one-time funds to create an equity-focused matching infrastructure grant program to support local library maintenance, capital projects, broadband and technology upgrades, and purchasing of devices.

As stated in SB 129, Section 215 the California State Library:

1. Shall prioritize project requests submitted by local libraries in high-poverty areas of the state. No grant amount shall exceed \$10,000,000.
2. Shall prioritize grants for life-safety and other critical maintenance and infrastructure projects.
3. May support more significant modernization and construction capital projects, other infrastructure projects, and device purchases only if funding remains after supporting life-safety and other critical projects.

The preliminary application period is open until October 27, 2021.

Full application, including a link to a recorded information session, is available at:

<https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure/>

**\*Digital Learning Platforms for All California Public Libraries.**

Thank you for responding to the registration request. The vendors Coursera, GetSetUp, LearningExpress Library plus Job and Career Accelerator, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and Skillshare have begun contacting the identified library staff for set up on your library websites. Each platform has a different access model. There will be introduction workshops offered for each platform over the next weeks.

**Developing Leaders in California Libraries**

The Developing Leaders in California Libraries team (DLCL) is excited to announce we have been funded for another year. We invite you to apply for this year's leadership program, Emerging California Library Leaders (ECLL) formerly known as the Leadership Cohort. The application process closed on **Oct 8, 2021 @ 5pm (PT)**. For a full description of the program including the program's preliminary schedule, please review the application attached or visit our website, <https://claleadership.org/>

**California Public Libraries Survey**

The FY2020-2021 California Public Libraries Survey is now open, and the deadline for submission is November 5, 2021. You can [login to LibPAS](#) and begin to enter your statistics using the same username and password as you used last year, and supporting documents are located on the [California State Library's statistics page](#). Contact [Meg DePriest](#) with any questions.

**2021 Summer Participation Survey**

The link to the annual Summer Participation survey is available on the [State Library's statistics page](#). NEW this year — the survey includes both the 2021 summer reading participation survey and the 2021 Library Meal Program/Lunch at the Library participation survey. The data is used in state and federal

reporting, and helps communicate the value and impact of California's summer library programs. The deadline for libraries to submit data was Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please contact [Shana Sojoyner](#) with any questions.

**\*Funding opportunities through the California State Library**

Please visit the [grants page](#) of the California State Library website for a listing and timetable of new and upcoming funding opportunities. Community Connections and Library-Workforce Partnership Initiative funding opportunities closed at the end of September and awards will be made by mid-October.

**\*Stronger Together: Improving Library Access**

The California State Library is pleased to offer [Stronger Together: Improving Library Access](#), a state-funded opportunity that provides grants to local libraries so they can acquire bookmobiles and community outreach vehicles and offer programs that improve library access and program delivery. The purpose of this project is to help libraries eliminate barriers and implement new ways to bring literacy, technology and other services to those who face challenges visiting their local public library. When Californians lack transportation, live far from their library, or work long hours, mobile libraries and expanded program delivery make it possible to access library services and programs.

For full grant and application details, please visit <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/stronger-together-mobile-library/>. Completed applications are due by **Monday, November 15, 2021**.

**\*California Library Literacy Services**

Annual final reporting for CLLS programs opened in late August and is due October 8, 2021. Although the application is not yet available for the new \$15 million in ESL services through CLLS programs, the State Library has released a document that provides a roadmap to help programs in preparing to develop an application. We encourage programs to begin working on these tasks as soon as possible. The document, webinar recording, and webinar slides are now available. Please contact Bev Schwartzberg at [beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov](mailto:beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov) for copies or more information.

**\*Statewide Library Branch Map**

The State Library has developed a [statewide library branch map](#) that provides contact information, opening status, and services available for every library branch building in California. Please [contact Meg DePriest](#) if you have not had a chance to update your library; she will provide you a link to the update form.

**California Libraries Learn (CALL)**

California Libraries Learn is busier than ever. Start planning fall professional development by visiting [www.callacademy.org](http://www.callacademy.org) and check the frequently updated [calendar](#) to explore the options. Free courses, weekly webinars, and cohort-based training for staff will help you build a culture of learning in your library. This year, CALL will focus on the four areas identified in its recent needs assessment survey: mental health and workplace wellbeing; customer service; equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging; and community engagement.

CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can subscribe directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Please [subscribe today](#). Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#).

### **California Revealed**

California Revealed previews an upcoming funding opportunities for work with historical records, images, and outreach. For more information, visit [www.californiarevealed.org](http://www.californiarevealed.org) and <https://californiarevealed.org/content/news>.

#### Cataloging California: Description Assistance

Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021 <https://californiarevealed.org/describe>

#### Our Collections, Our Communities: Outreach Assistance

Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021 <https://californiarevealed.org/community-outreach>

### **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. Information can be found at [Public Library Staff Education Program - California State Library](#). Award news are expected end of October 2021. For questions, please contact [Lena.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:Lena.pham@library.ca.gov)

### **Networking Conversations**

Networking conversations for California libraries continue, and we encourage you to register to attend. Directors' calls occur once a month in 2021 and invitation to participate is sent out on the directors listserv as dates are scheduled. The upcoming Directors' Networking conversation is on **10/30/21 3:30pm**. For interest in other Networking conversations, please contact [Lena.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:Lena.pham@library.ca.gov)

### **CopyCat Grants**

[Copycat Grants](#) are intended to help libraries easily implement tried-and tested-programs and extend the impact of previously funded, successful LSTA projects. It is well suited to those with limited capacity for developing and testing new programming. Upcoming grant opportunities will be shared on the directors' listserv and past year report forms can be found at [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#). For questions, contact [lana.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:lana.pham@library.ca.gov)

### **California Chronicles**

Like the COVID Diaries project, the California Chronicles project welcomes writing, art, and other submissions from Californians. California Chronicles is a diverse collection of stories that shine a light on the invaluable experiences and contributions of older Californians. Older Californians have built resilience and strength over their long lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. More information is available at [www.calchronicles.com](http://www.calchronicles.com). These legacies strengthen communities and spark connections between generations of all ages. We all have a story – share yours today! The project stems from the California Department on Aging, the California State Library, and UC/Berkeley.