Coming Soon! California Libraries Learn

For 2020-21, the California State Library and California Library Association will build and present a comprehensive training portfolio for your library staff members. Look for future information about California Libraries Learn (CALL), including statewide Niche Academy staff training and many more opportunities. Your staff members may have already applied for scholarships to the virtual ARSL and ABOS conferences. If they attended (or watched the archived version of) the September 15 webinar on **Workforce Development Strategies for Recovery and Resilience**, we encourage them to sign up for and participate in a follow-up Zoom call discussing libraries and workforce recovery on Tuesday, September 22, at 12 noon. You'll soon be hearing about opportunities for more virtual conferences, leadership training, mental health education, Harwood community engagement training, self-care for library staff, and more.

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 support patrons in gaining employment, upskilling, changing careers, and preparing for certification testing in a variety of fields.

If your library jurisdiction already subscribes to JobNow or VetNow, you may be qualified for a pro-rated refund. Brainfuse has or will reach out to you to discuss that. If you don't already subscribe to JobNow or VetNow, and would like to add them to your online services, contact Jody Thomas at jody.thomas@library.ca.gov. Training, marketing support, and analytics are all part of the subscription, which will be available to libraries for a period of two years.

Public Library Survey

The California Public Library Survey portal opened September 7th and will close November 6, 2020. Libraries will report data for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Find instructions (and the archived **webinar** providing an overview of additions and changes to the survey that originally aired Wednesday, August 19) at https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/statistics/.

Building Equity Based Summers Through CA Libraries and Communities

The California State Library and the Summer@Your Library project are launching a new project to co-design an equity and social justice framework for summer reading program activities and services. Twelve participating library teams have been selected and begin work in September 2020. Materials created during the process will finalized early next year and workshops on integrating the new framework into summer planning will be presented in the spring.
Questions? Please contact Trish Garone at pgarone@cla-net.org.

Mental Health Initiative Training Now Available

This past year teams from 20 libraries trained through the State Library's [Mental Health Initiative](#) with the goal of helping staff to provide kind and fair service to all community members. This training, [Building Compassionate Communities](#), is available at no cost through the [Infopeople Niche Academy](#).

In a series of online courses developed by Infopeople, mentor teams of librarians and mental health professionals explored how to build compassionate communities. Now available in a self-paced format, the training covers the following topics:

- Understanding Trauma: Library as Protective Factor
- Trauma Stewardship
- Connecting to Your Community: Outreach and Partnerships
- Library Mental Health Programming Amidst COVID-19

Each topic contains expert articles, podcasts, videos, and webinars along with a workbook and suggestions for using the training in a variety of settings. In addition, a section devoted to model programs highlights the team achievements as they faced the challenge of delivering mental health programming in a virtual environment.

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

Contact Mary Beth Barber at Marybeth.barber@library.ca.gov 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

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 Geolocated E-Book Collection

In response to COVID-19 and library closures, Califa has partnered with Bibliolabs to launch **enki California Digital Library**, an ebook library available to every person in California:
•   no library card is required
•   no hold qu**e**ues
•   if you are physically located in the state of California, you're in!
This collection uses geolocation to provide immediate access to anyone physically located in the state of California. The library includes over 5,300 simultaneous use ebooks from leading publishers as well as the Indie Author Project Select collection, which features over 400 award-winning indie-published ebooks. Visit (and you are free to add the link to your ebook website) https://enki.biblioboard.com to start reading!

California Digital Newspaper Collection

The California Digital Newspaper Collection contains over 1,500,000 pages of significant historical California newspapers published from 1846-present, including the first California newspaper, the Californian, and the first daily California newspaper, the Daily Alta California. It also contains issues of several current California newspapers that are part of a project to preserve and provide access to contemporary papers. Since 2005 primary support for the CDNC has come from the California State Library through its LSTA program and from the National Endowment for the Humanities through its NDNP program.

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.

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. Directors' calls occur every two weeks. Upcoming conversations include:
• Library Directors, Thurs., Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m.
• CLLS National Literacy Month celebratory workshops: COVID Diaries, Tues., Sept. 22, 1 p.m., and Tutor Ready Writing, Tues., Sept. 29, 1 p.m.

California Center for the Book

Book-to-Action program applications will be due September 25, 2020. For more information, see www.calbook.org.

Career Online High School

California's libraries now have over 1600 COHS graduates. Applications for a new library to join the program and for existing libraries to apply for additional scholarships are due September 10, December 10, March 10, and June 10. One new library jurisdictions joined the program this summer: Mountain View Public Library.

Staff News

Chris Durr joins Library Development Services as Library Programs Coordinator on September 1, 2020. Chris comes to the State Library from the Sacramento Public Library. Shana Sojoyner joined Library Development Services as Library Programs Consultant on August 17, 2020. Many of you will know Shana from her consulting work with various statewide initiatives.