

**California State Library, Library Development Services**  
**April 1, 2022**

**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.

**Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries**

The first round of applications for this program closed on **March 21, 2022**.

There is \$439 million in one-time funds in the Building Forward Library Infrastructure program to assist public libraries in economically challenged areas around the state. The 2021-2022 budget sets these priorities for use of the funds:

1. Projects addressing life safety and other critical maintenance needs; and
2. Projects serving high poverty areas of the state.

Other library infrastructure projects may be considered if funding remains after priority projects have been evaluated.

Awards are expected to be announced in Spring 2022. Those who do not receive grants during the first round will be automatically considered in the next round of applications. The maximum grant a library can receive is \$10 million. Funds must be used by March 31, 2026. For more information about the program, visit the State Library's website at [www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure](http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure)

**California Public Libraries Survey (PLS) results available**

The FY20-21 data have been submitted to IMLS, and the dataset is available for download on the [State Library's statistics page](#). The pandemic affected every aspect of library service, and the data reflect this. Despite reduced access by the public to closed library buildings, libraries continued to circulate materials, answer reference questions, offer virtual and some in-person programming, circulated self-directed activities, loaned laptops and hotspots, and continued to provide wifi access to Californians.

Every three years, libraries are asked to submit salary ranges for a variety of library positions, and this subset of data is also available on the stats page or from this link. [FY20-21 Salary Survey Results](#).

**California State Library Parks Passes Coming This Month**

Through a partnership with California State Parks and the California State Library, free State Parks vehicle-day use passes will be available for circulation at all branches of public libraries in California. Each library jurisdiction will receive their first round of passes by April 4, with the second round arriving by mid-April, to help Californians access beautiful parks, lakes, beaches, and monuments in the State Parks system for free. Each jurisdiction will receive at least 3

passes per outlet and should make passes available at all branches, with a focus on pass distribution to underserved communities. FAQs, research, and general information are on our website at <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/parks-pass/>. More resources, including a marketing toolkit, will be added as they are finalized next week. [Join the listserv](#) to hear how others are using the passes, program resources, and updates.

In addition to circulating the passes, we are hoping that libraries get creative with promoting parks and the outdoors. Funding opportunities will be opening April 4 to support programming and outreach to complement the passes and encourage park access equity (see what your local state park is [here](#)). For more information about the grant, [register for our grant information session](#). For a showcase of programming ideas on April 6, [register here](#).

For more information, please contact [parkspass@library.ca.gov](mailto:parkspass@library.ca.gov).

### **NASA@ My Library**

There are two N@ML events coming up: Our Blue Planet: EARTH webinar and the NASA@ My Library is conducting a Reading Challenge this May 2022! Registration information is below.

#### **Our Blue Planet: EARTH Webinar**

**Date:** March 23, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Mountain Time

**Description:** Oceans define our home planet, covering the majority of Earth's surface and driving the water cycle that dominates our land and atmosphere. Join *STAR Net* and Dr. Michael Wood, a NASA Postdoctoral Program fellow in the Sea Level and Ice Group as we explore how Earth's oceans are changing and how that impacts Earth as a global, dynamic system.

Whether or not your library is participating in the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2022 theme "Oceans of Possibilities" this webinar can help prepare you to engage your patrons in discussions about the future of our planet, and even worlds beyond our planet! We will also be sharing resources about other ocean worlds that span our Solar System and beyond. Register at [Our Blue Planet: EARTH – STAR Library Network \(starnetlibraries.org\)](https://starnetlibraries.org)

#### **Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope Challenge**

**Event Date:** May 1, 2022–May 31, 2022

**Registration Date:** Register your library to participate in the Telescope Challenge anytime before May 2022!

**Description:** This challenge is designed to help readers explore the science behind NASA's newest space telescope mission, the James Webb Space Telescope. Throughout the challenge, readers will have access to virtual resources like articles and videos about space science to gain new skills and explore educational and career pathways in Earth and Space Science. All public libraries in the U.S. are eligible to join the challenge and will have a chance to win backpacks filled with STEM-related materials and a telescope! Fill out the form to register for the challenge and subscribe to updates at [NASA @ My Library Reading Challenge \(beanstack.com\)](https://beanstack.com)

Reading challenges are a great way to engage patrons and encourage learners of all ages to read. Reading challenges vary from participating in a state or national summer reading challenge, utilizing reading challenge software like Beanstack or READSquared, or simply providing a list of books and activities to your patrons. To aid you in putting together any kind of reading challenge at your library, STAR Net has assembled a list of resources to help you integrate science readings and activities into your upcoming reading challenges! Read more at the blog post: [Building a science-focused reading challenge? Check out these great resources! – STAR Library Network \(starnetlibraries.org\)](#)

### **Networking Conversations**

Networking conversations for library directors continue once a month and an invitation to participate is sent out on the directors' listserv as dates are scheduled. The next library directors' call will be the Public Library Directors Forum. **The Forum will take place on three Wednesdays in April (April 13, 20, and 27) from 2pm to 5pm.**

Please join us at the 2022 Public Library Directors Forum featuring keynote speaker Ozy Aloziem and a series of working sessions with colleagues!

#### Keynote Speaker and Working Sessions: Ozy Aloziem, MSW

Ozy Aloziem is a social work scholar who is deeply committed to research, social justice and advocacy. She is a well-regarded skilled facilitator, a Tedx speaker and has served as a racial equity & racial healing consultant. Ozy is leading a national environmental scan of public libraries for Denver Public Library where she is using her qualitative and quantitative research talents to conduct a mixed-method research project in order to determine practical, effective models that libraries can implement to ensure that people from populations historically underrepresented in librarianship can join and grow in the field. Ozy is a 2021 Library Journal "Movers & Shakers" award winner for her racial equity research and advocacy.

#### Serving Decarcerated Populations

The Forum will include interactive sessions to explore reentry services to decarcerated populations and how inclusion for this underserved group aligns with library values.

#### LSTA Five Year Plan

Join the five-year planning team to learn what's been discovered during conversations with library staff and program partners. Let the team know what you think about areas that are rising to the top including capacity, leadership, responsiveness, data, sustainability, and communication. Consider the State Library's vision, mission, and values for the next five years and make sure your voice is heard before the plan is finalized. This session is essential for the next five year plan.

We ask all registrants to please attend all sessions if you are able to. Register today!

Registration link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcumqpispEtLL6GotDrvdk\\_DOzrRNib0F](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcumqpispEtLL6GotDrvdk_DOzrRNib0F)

### **Home Connectivity Kits**

Last year, the state library gave out funds and equipment to help CIPA compliant libraries bridge the digital divide through the lending of hotspots and Chromebooks. That project is back in the works again, this time including templates for instructions and funds for accessories such as bags, mice, and headsets. Libraries have claimed approximately 1 million dollars in funds for these pieces of equipment and it is expected that another approximately 500K will go out over the next 2 months. Contact [arpa@library.ca.gov](mailto:arpa@library.ca.gov) for more information.

### **California Library Literacy Services**

The California legislature approved \$15 million in ESL funding for CLLS libraries, to be spent over five years. Thirty-two libraries received Round I funding for ESL services in January. Round II ESL applications (for ESL services starting July 2022) opened March 1, 2022 and will close **April 15, 2022**. We anticipate that the annual (2022/2023) funding application for all returning CLLS programs will open on April 7 and be due on May 20, 2022. This application will include adult literacy services, family literacy services, and ESL (ESL only for programs that received Round I funding in 2021/2022). Estimated award amounts will be provided by the State Library for adult literacy and family literacy services. Please contact [beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov](mailto:beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov) or [allyson.jeffredo@library.ca.gov](mailto:allyson.jeffredo@library.ca.gov) for more information.

### **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 training program, the Developing Leaders in California Libraries project is offering a series of "My Leadership Journey" webinars open to all staff to attend. For more information on upcoming events and previous MLJ recordings, please visit <https://claleadership.org/webinars/>

We invite you to join us in our next "My Leadership Journey" 21/22 ed. w/ Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada. Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada is the 2022-23 President of the American Library Association and Adult Services Assistant Manager at the Palos Verdes Library District in Southern California. She serves as the Executive Director and is a Past President of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA). Much of her work focuses on promoting and achieving equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries and librarianship. Find out more about her at [lessaforlibraries.com](http://lessaforlibraries.com)

My Leadership Journey events are free and open to the greater library community. We encourage you to share this event with your colleagues and staff. Use the link below to register for this event.

### **Topic: "My Leadership Journey" 2122 ed w/ Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada**

When: Apr 14, 2022 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6WLYZKvgScmdKvqBDgC2ag](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6WLYZKvgScmdKvqBDgC2ag)

## **Summer Learning**

As a reminder, CA State Library and California Library Association have partnered to provide a free premium Beanstack subscription to any and all CA libraries that are interested. If interested and you haven't already connected with Beanstack to get started, or if you want more information, please reach out to [summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org](mailto:summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org).

## **E-books for All CA**

The State Library recently [announced an ARPA grant to Black Gold](#) to purchase an eBook collection and eBook platform for every public library in CA. This project will bring more eBooks to every California library card holder, but more importantly provide an infrastructure through which libraries can purchase materials that can be shared between library jurisdictions across the entire state. More context on project can be found on the [State Library's e-book page](#).

This was the topic of the February 16 Library Director's Networking Call. Right now, there is an initial cohort that is forming to beta test the process for CA. In March, it is expected that the process will be streamlined and open for all for a rolling, open onboarding. Contact [arpa@library.ca.gov](mailto:arpa@library.ca.gov) for further details. To queue your library into the onboarding process, simply email: [casupport@thepalaceproject.org](mailto:casupport@thepalaceproject.org) to get started.

## **Digital Learning Platforms for All California Public Libraries**

We hope you are setting up the learning platforms Coursera, GetSetUp, LearningExpress (plus Job and Career Accelerator), LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and/or Skillshare on your library website. Vendors have provided set-up information to the library staff you identified; each platform has a different access model. Information sessions, marketing materials, and FAQs can be found at <https://my.nicheacademy.com/callacademy/course/39032>. If you or your team has not heard from one of the vendors, or if you have changed your mind about adding one of the platforms, please email [jen.lemberger@library.ca.gov](mailto:jen.lemberger@library.ca.gov).

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

California Libraries Learn is busier than ever. Start planning your team's 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 continue. CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can [subscribe](#) directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#). Look forward to an opportunity to participate in the 2022-2023 CALL needs assessment this spring. We anticipate that the first survey will open in April.

## **Zip Books**

The purpose of the Zip Books program is to provide patrons with speedy access to materials they might not otherwise be able to get through the library, without the long wait times often associated with ILL requests. It also adds a patron-driven collection development approach to a library's usual process, resulting in a collection more closely matched to the needs of the local

community. Program information can be found at [Zip Books - California State Library](#) Award notification for Round 2 applications are sent out around February 2022. For questions, please contact [zipbooks@library.ca.gov](mailto:zipbooks@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. The call for 2021/22 applications have closed and award packets sent around February 2022. Report forms can be found at [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#) (look under “CopyCat” section). Grantees first point of contact is their project advisor. For other questions, contact [LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov](mailto:LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov)

### **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](#). 2021/22 PLSEP grant report information can be found at [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#). The quarterly Financial Report form is due 4/15/2022. For questions, please contact [plsep@library.ca.gov](mailto:plsep@library.ca.gov)

### **LSTA 2022-23 Grant Program**

The application for the LSTA 2022-2023 Local and Collaborative Competitive Grants program is now closed. <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/library-services-technology-act/competitive/> Proposals are currently under review. Email [lstagrants@library.ca.gov](mailto:lstagrants@library.ca.gov) for more information.