

California State Library, Library Development Services

Cooperative Library System Liaison Report

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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 and statewide resources available.

California State Library Parks Passes

Everyone should have their full amount of parks passes at this point. If you have not received your passes, or an email with instructions for the program, please contact parkspass@library.ca.gov. The user survey that is linked to the QR code on the back of the passes is live as of April 29, 2022. Please encourage people who check out a pass to fill it out – a quarterly giveaway of an Annual Pass will be held this summer for survey takers.

New this month are [blank posters and flyers](#) for putting in translations, [a flyer that details all types of CA State Park passes](#) available, free or otherwise, and a [list of eligible parks](#). They are currently in Dropbox as they move through Parks approval to be added to the Partner Toolkit. Please contact parkspass@library.ca.gov if you have trouble accessing them. The [FAQs page](#) has a [map of parks](#) accepting the pass overlaid with library branches, cataloging and circulations information, a link to the [Partner Toolkit with marketing resources](#), [a recorded webinar on parks-based programming](#), a [sample programs page](#), and the answers to many common questions. We would love to see examples of how you've packaged or marketed the passes, or any parks-based programming you're hosting. For more information, please contact parkspass@library.ca.gov.

Open+ opportunity

Califa Group and the California State Library invite California public libraries to apply to extend self-service open hours for a single branch location through the installation of [Bibliotheca's Open+ system](#). The Libraries Open+: Reimagining & Extending Library Access project is part of the California State Library's Stronger Together: Improving Library Access program.

Bibliotheca's Open+ service allows patrons to use their library card to gain access to the library space and use services such as high-speed broadband and Wi-Fi, computers, hold shelves, and any other self-service option the library chooses to make available.

Ten libraries will be selected to receive funding to install Bibliotheca Open+ technologies in one branch location. Grant funding will pay for Open+ services for the grant period, ending in March of 2024. There will be an informational webinar on June 16th at 10 am. [Register for the webinar via this link](#). Apply for this [grant online](#). **The application deadline is June 24, 2022.**

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.

- 2022/23 CopyCat Grants program will be opening in the coming weeks. In the meantime, be sure to check out our new CopyCat toolkits: Book to Action, Día De Los Ninos, Seed Library, and Workforce Partnership Initiative!
- 2021/22 CopyCat grant Narrative and Financial report forms for activities and expenditures 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

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

Plan your team’s professional development by visiting www.callacademy.org and check the frequently updated [calendar](#) to explore the options. Free courses, weekly webinars, and cohort-based learning continue throughout the year. 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](#).

2022 Library Service Area Populations

[Population Certification Memo from the State Librarian](#)

The State Library produces an annual report of the unduplicated population served by each California public library, titled [Persons Served by California Public Libraries](#) according to the provisions of Education Code Section 18021.

Links are also available on the [State Library’s statistics page](#) under the heading “Library Service Area Populations.” [Contact the State Data Coordinator](#) with any questions.

FY20-21 Public Library Survey results

A very big thank you to all California public library directors and staff who gathered and submitted data about libraries’ finances, services, programs, and collections; 100% of California public libraries participated! Datasets are now available in the new [California Library Statistics database](#).

Upcoming Data Conversations

This summer, the State Library will begin conversations with public library directors and staff about their use of data, including areas of expertise and opportunities for training; current and future methods for equity-centered collection, analysis, and visualization; useful tools and best practices, and more. We look forward to your participation in the conversation! [Contact Meg DePriest](#) with questions, suggestions, comments, and to express interest in participating in a working or advisory group.

Summer Reading and Learning

The 2022 Summer @ Your Library Participation Survey questions are now available for your planning purposes. Data collected from this survey will show the impact of public library summer programs across California.

Data will be collected in Counting Opinions, and a link to the online submission form will be available in the near future. In the meantime, please see the following resources needed to submit required statistics and programming information for your library's 2022 summer programs.

- [Summer Survey Questions and Guidance](#): Use this document to familiarize yourself with the questions and to reference while submitting statistics online.
- [Summer at Your Library reporting form](#): A streamlined excel version of the questions to aid with data collection.

For your reference, these documents can also be found on the [California State Library's Statistics webpage](#).

Directors 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 on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022**, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Sustainable California Libraries Upcoming Networking Session

The California State Library, in collaboration with Pacific Library Partnership, is creating a report and action plan for Sustainable California Libraries. Throughout the Spring and Summer of 2022, the State Library will convene several meetings of a new Advisory Group and host two open Networking Sessions. Input will be actively encouraged through a short survey (now closed), participating in networking sessions, interviews, and field research. Look out for opportunities to get involved and ways to help create more Sustainable California Libraries in the coming weeks.

Sustainable California Libraries Networking Sessions

The Sustainable California Libraries Networking Sessions are open to all California library staff members.

Networking Session: Focus on Sustainable Operations, Services, and Infrastructure

[Register for Session](#)

June 29, 2022, 11:00 am – noon

Join us for the Sustainable California Libraries Networking Session #2. We will be focusing on library operations and services, infrastructure, buildings, landscaping and grounds, and library sustainability certification. Guest speakers include:

- *Lawrence Nussbaum, from the California Green Business Network*, will share information about successful Green Business Certification for several California libraries

- *Sarah Solis, Facilities Manager at San Diego County Library*, who will share about their Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification kick-off, Zero Net Energy libraries, and how the system is shifting towards a zero-carbon future

Learn more at: <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/sustainable/>

Email sustainability@library.ca.gov with any questions or comments.

California Library Literacy Services

Applications have closed for the 2022-2023 year, and awards will be announced in July. Please contact beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov or allyson.jeffredo@library.ca.gov for more information. CLLS networking calls and trainings will continue on a regular basis, with upcoming sessions helping libraries prepare for new ESL services and more.

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 and report forms can be found at [Zip Books - California State Library](#). For questions, please contact zipbooks@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 training program, the Developing Leaders in California Libraries project offers a series of "My Leadership Journey" webinars open to all staff to attend. To see upcoming My Leadership Journey events and view past recordings, please visit [My Leadership Journey | CLA Leadership](#).

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 and email questions to BuildingForward@library.ca.gov

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 few months. Contact arpa@library.ca.gov for more information.

eBooks for All CA

An update to previous eBooks for All CA announcements – Overdrive is now fully integrated. Palace can now serve as your patron's one stop-shop for Overdrive, Cloudlibrary and Statewide eBooks.

Every public library in California can now participate in the statewide "eBooks for All" project" Full details can be found on the [State Library's e-book page](#). Joining is as simple as emailing casupport@thepalaceproject.org and saying, 'My library is interested in joining.' The project implementation team will take it from there.

You likely have questions on how this will impact existing collection development practices and how it works with your current eBook ecosystem. We have generated an FAQ and recorded a live Q and A session to help answer those questions directly.

[FAQ](#)

[Recorded Answer Session](#)

This program is now expanding to include eAudiobooks! More details are to follow, but the collection will soon include approximately 700 titles accounting for 16,000 copies. All the licenses are one-copy-one-user and perpetual, so the base of the collection will serve California well going forward.

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 on the Staff Support page at <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/career-pathways/> and <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.

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. 2021/22 PLSEP grant report information can be found at [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#) The 2021/22 grant year ends 7/31/2022 and the Final Financial Report, Tracking Report, Expenditure Detail Report and Final Program Narrative Report are **due by 8/30/2022**. For questions, please contact 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 for more information.