

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 Library Literacy Services

CLLS is launching an AmeriCorps Initiative, placing up to 70 AmeriCorps members in library literacy programs across the state. A full information session was held on August 10. A recording is available and other CLLS AmeriCorps information can be accessed at on the CLLS AmeriCorps page at <https://libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/ameri-corps/>. Programs wanting to participate can complete the CLLS AmeriCorps Application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLLSappAmeriCorps>. Member slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so CLLS libraries should apply as soon as possible. Programs will recruit and enroll members through August and September with a projected start date of October 3, 2022. Training for AmeriCorps members will be provided. 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. Upcoming training sessions will help libraries prepare for AmeriCorps, new ESL services and more. Please visit the new CLLS training and meeting [calendar](#)! The 2021-2022 CLLS annual final report is projected to open in early September and be due in October 2022.

NEW Sustainable California Libraries LSTA Grant Opportunity and General Update

The LSTA-funded Sustainable California Libraries themed grant opportunity provides libraries the opportunity to design programming and educational opportunities focused on sustainability and climate resilience, by collaborating with project partners, community connections, and community members.

California libraries may apply for funding.

- Project minimum request: \$10,000
- Project maximum request: \$30,000
- Library jurisdictions with up to 14 outlets may apply for one grant
- Library jurisdictions with 15–30 outlets may apply for two grants
- Library jurisdictions with 31 or more outlets may apply for three grants

We invite you to check out this [13-minute video of the Sustainable California Libraries Info Session material](#) today. Our hope is that this video provides a flexible approach to sharing grant information and a good overview of the program in a digestible and accessible format. Let us know what you think. Video URL: <https://youtu.be/aZS3lwZKCJo>

On the grant page, you'll find more than a **dozen program ideas of various levels**, including creation of a Library of Things, Fix-It Clinics / Repair Café series, Earth week programming, climate resilience hub creation, and more! Other program ideas and innovations are welcome.

Timeline:

- [Register for Information Session 2](#): August 17, 2022, 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Before the session, please also review the following:
 - Main page: <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/sustainable/>
 - Grant page: <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/sustainability/>
- **Application deadline: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 12:00 pm (noon)**
- Application review period: September 2022
- Application status and selection notification: October 2022

Learn more at: <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/sustainability/>
Email sustainability@library.ca.gov with any questions or comments.

CopyCat Grants

The 2022/23 [CopyCat grant](#) application deadline closed August 4, 2022 at 12 p.m. (noon). For CopyCat questions, please contact the LSTA team at LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov

For 2021/22 CopyCat report forms, please visit [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#). The 2021/22 CopyCat grant period ends 8/31/2022 and final reports are due by 9/30/2022.

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

Please look for information about the 2022/2023 Leadership Development cohort application coming soon. This year CALL will also be offering Leadership for All courses and workshops, open to all library staff at no cost. Also new is CALL Homegrown, learning opportunities suggested and designed by California library staff. Our first homegrown webinar for the year is [Purchasing Manga for Your Library](#), on August 25. If you have an idea for a great program, fill out the [CALL for Presentations!](#) 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](#).

FY21-22 Public Libraries Survey

The portal for data submission will open September 1, 2022. [Register now](#) for the annual Info Session, where we'll cover new data elements, tips for avoiding edit checks, reacquaint you with LibPAS, and answer your questions is now open. The info session will occur Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

On the [State Library's statistics page](#), you will find a [Monthly Stats Workbook](#) (Excel) that should be helpful to you in collecting monthly statistics, such as library visits and hours open, and programming statistics broken down by age, format, and location. Please feel free to share this with any and all of your colleagues who track data during the year.

FY20-21 Public Libraries 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](#).

California State Library Parks Passes

Thank you for submitting your additional parks pass requests, and circulation data. Additional passes will be distributed in November.

Parks pass users (people who have checked out the parks passes) can fill out the user survey now and get entered into a contest for an Explorer Pass – an annual State Parks pass worth \$195. The drawings will occur quarterly (the next one at the end of October). We have [half-page flyers](#) being printed now and heading to your library. Please place the half page flyers in with the parks passes, or ask your staff to hand them out when people check out or return the parks passes. Since we only want people to fill out the survey if they have used the pass, we are not doing any marketing to the general public, but appreciate your help with getting the word out. People who have checked out the passes in the past, but didn't fill it out, [can access the survey online](#). The pass is also available by scanning the QR code on the back.

[Vaccinate All 58](#) is mailing out some activity sheets and information flyers about covid-19 and vaccines. Since there is some clear overlap in health outcomes

between the parks passes and covid-19 safety, and there is a statewide initiative to get people correct health information, Vaccinate All 58 printed some materials that could be put in with the parks passes when you circulate them if you choose. These should have arrived by now.

An [updated toolkit for the Parks Pass program](#) is on the CSL website, with links to flyers, circulation guidelines, and more.

First Partner's Summer Book Club Titles through eBooks for All California

[The First Partner's Summer Book Club](#) is a 9-week initiative to promote children's literacy and participation in summer reading programs hosted by local libraries throughout the state. Through the Summer at Your Library project, the State Library and CLA are sending books from the 2022 First Partner's Summer Book Club lists to California's public libraries. Copies of the titles from the [grades 3-5 and grades 6-8 book lists](#) are also available in the eBooks for All California collection. These titles can be accessed via the Palace Project's app through September 30th 2022. For a complete list of the 2022 Summer Book Club titles, visit <https://www.library.ca.gov/summer-reading/>

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 and an invitation to participate is sent out on the directors' listserv as dates are scheduled. There will not be a call in August. The next Directors Networking call will be on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022** from 3:30-5pm. Registration information will be sent in early September.

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 soon. 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

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. We have also added ~\$800,000 worth of audiobooks to the collection.

Integrating Overdrive with Palace should have no effect on your user's experiences inside of Libby or the Overdrive app and will not share your Overdrive collection with any new entities.

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.

CAreer Pathways: Digital Learning Platforms for All California Public Libraries

The California State Library is entering into contract talks with Brainfuse, Coursera, EBSCO, GetSetUp, LinkedIn, Northstar, and Skillshare for an additional two years of access to the platforms. We expect to make further announcements about platform availability, next steps for libraries, trainings, outreach and more at the end of August or beginning of September.

For current implementation, 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/>.

If you or your team have questions about the platforms or CAreer Pathways in general, please email julianna.robbins@library.ca.gov and 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 8/31/2022**. For questions, please contact PLSEP@library.ca.gov.

California Library Connect

The California Library Connect Program grant (formerly the High Speed Broadband in California Public Libraries) is now live and accepting applications: <https://californialibraryconnect.org/>

This program supports California public libraries by connecting them to high-speed internet through the California Research and Education Network (CalREN) — a high-capacity public-sector broadband network. Since 2015, California Library Connect has connected over 90 percent of its public library jurisdictions. California Library Connect is supported through the partnership of the California State Library, CENIC, and CTC Technology & Energy.

Get Connected! California/Affordable Connectivity Program

All California Libraries are invited to participate in the Get Connected! Initiative. Get Connected! promotes the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides a monthly discount of up to \$30 off home internet to qualifying families. Saturday, August 27 is the first Get Connected! Day in California. Enrollment events will be hosted throughout the state. These enrollment events will support eligible families interested in applying for ACP, answer questions about the ACP benefit, and provide hands-on assistance with the application. Patrons will be encouraged to bring the required documents to apply.

To participate in an enrollment event and share how you can contribute to a successful Get Connected! month and day, please visit

<https://forms.gle/k6YiHeH8Suwhvxy97> . For more information on ACP please visit: www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday.