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## State Library News

**LSTA News:** This is a reminder about the federal government’s transition from the use of the D-U-N-S Number to the use of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). D-U-N-S numbers are no longer in use. Current federal award recipients and all future applicants/recipients will need to have an active UEI to be eligible to receive or continue to receive federal award funds. To register and/or for more information, please visit [SAM.gov | Entity Registrations](https://sam.gov). If you have questions regarding this, please contact [LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov](mailto:LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov).

### FY22-23 California Public Libraries Survey

The portal for reporting FY22-23 data for the California Public Libraries Survey dataset opened on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. **Data will be due no later than Monday, November 6, 2023.**

Resources necessary to complete reporting are available on the [State Library’s Statistics page](#). Contact [LibraryStatistics@library.ca.gov](mailto:LibraryStatistics@library.ca.gov) with any questions.

### Lunch at the Library Application announcement

The California State Library is pleased to announce updates to the 2024 application period for [Lunch at the Library](#), a \$5.4 million state-funded grant program available for all California public libraries to support summer meal service for children and youth. Libraries can take part by serving meals at the library or taking pop-up libraries to local community meal sites, or both!

This year applications to receive funding for *Lunch at your Library* will open in **mid-September and close November 29th, 2023.**

Funding for Summer 2024 will begin in February 2024, and end January 2025.

To view the most current information on this and other grant opportunities, please visit the [Grant Opportunities](#) page. To join the ongoing Lunch at the Library conversation, please subscribe to our listserv by emailing [lunch@library.ca.gov](mailto:lunch@library.ca.gov) with the subject “Listserv”.

If you are considering the Lunch at the Library program for the first time, CSL staff are available to guide you through the process, including determining if you are eligible to serve as a USDA meal site. Please reach out with any questions to our team at [lunch@library.ca.gov](mailto:lunch@library.ca.gov).

## Open Opportunities

### LSTA Inspiration Grants

The FY23-24 Inspiration Grants opportunity is now open. The opportunity closes **November 30, 2023 at 12:00 noon**, or once all available funds have been awarded. Inspiration Grants provide Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding for California libraries that are inspired to

implement projects outside of the State Library's other funding opportunities. Inspiration Grants provide funding for projects that may not fit within the bounds of the other grants offered by the State Library and/or for ideas that are generated outside of other funding opportunity application timeframes. For full information, including timeline, guidelines and a link to the online application, visit the [LSTA Inspiration Grants](#) website.

#### [Broadband: California Library Connect and Collaborative Connectivity Grant– Rolling Due Dates](#)

The [California Library Connect Program](#) is now accepting applications. Libraries may apply for grants to cover eligible IT/network infrastructure equipment and expenses, as well as the first-year costs of upgrading or installing a new high speed Internet circuit. This program also 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. We have also launched the [California Collaborative Connectivity Grant](#), a separate grant opportunity that provides gap funding for libraries and partner anchor institutions to construct broadband circuits to connect underserved communities. State of CA funded.

For California Library Connect questions, please contact us at [admin@californialibraryconnect.com](mailto:admin@californialibraryconnect.com), the California Library Connect Grants Coordinator email [grants@californialibraryconnect.com](mailto:grants@californialibraryconnect.com) or through our help line at 213-297-0109 (Monday-Friday, 7:00AM-3:00PM PST).

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.

#### [Career Online High School](#)

The [Career Online High School](#) (COHS) program **no longer requires libraries to provide a local cash match commitment to participate**. Libraries may opt into the COHS program at any time using the [COHS Interest Form](#), and will receive training and implementation support, have access to the California State Library's universal scholarship supply, and complete a short mid-year and end-of-year report. COHS questions can be sent to [cohs@library.ca.gov](mailto:cohs@library.ca.gov)

### **Current Projects and Services**

#### [Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program](#)

The out-of-state advisory panel has completed their reviews of the Building Forward Round 2 applications. We are planning to make funding announcements in late September. We received funding requests totaling approximately \$500 million, and there is approximately \$175 million to award.

#### [California Library Literacy Services - Ongoing](#)

The [annual final report](#) for CLLS libraries for 2022/2023 opened in Counting Opinions on August 1 and is due September 28, 2023. Training continues for CLLS program staff and volunteers,

including monthly networking calls and more, and an in-person new directors' and coordinators' training will be scheduled for early 2024. Please visit the CLLS training and meeting [calendar](#). LSTA and state funded.

#### California Libraries Learn (CALL) - Ongoing

The state's new library leadership program, [Catalyst](#), hosts information sessions on September 8 and 12, and will be opening the application process for this year's cohort in September. Applications are due September 27. Plan your professional development by visiting [www.callacademy.org](http://www.callacademy.org) and the CALL [calendar](#) to explore the options. CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can [subscribe](#) directly. CALL will be launching a printable schedule in August for libraries to distribute to staff without newsletter access. Have a good idea? CALL Homegrown features learning opportunities suggested and designed by California library staff; anyone can complete the [CALL for Presentations](#). Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#). LSTA funded.

#### Get Connected! Affordable Connectivity Program & State Digital Equity Plan - Ongoing

Help close the Digital Divide by informing your community about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP): ACP is helping millions of eligible households throughout the U.S. save hundreds of dollars on Home Internet. This federally funded initiative offers a \$30 monthly discount on Home Internet (up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal Lands) and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a computer or a tablet. Even better: when the ACP discount is used with the right plan, Home Internet can be FREE for your family. To learn more and to enroll in ACP please visit [www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday](http://www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday) and to find resources to promote the Affordable Connectivity Program at your library visit [www.internetforallnow.org/acp-toolkit](http://www.internetforallnow.org/acp-toolkit).

For more information on getting involved in the State Digital Equity Plan visit:

<https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/state-digital-equity-plan/>

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#### Digital Navigators / Connected California – Info Session Recording Now Available

The free Digital Navigators service helps all Californians get more information about free and low-cost internet and devices, and access resources that help them build digital skills and digital literacy. All California public libraries can request free printed material, access social media assets, and sample press releases in the Outreach Toolkit under [Digital Navigators and Your Library](#). Extend your library staff capacity and support digital equity. English & Spanish Navigators are current or former library staff. No application or reporting.

An information session was held on July 18, 2023 for all California libraries and literacy staff to learn how the Connected California Digital Navigators service helps libraries and communities.

[View the recorded session on CALL Academy.](#)

The information session covers:

- What the Digital Navigators service does, including connecting patrons to the internet, getting them devices, and helping them learn to navigate the digital world
- How staff can refer patrons
- How this free service can help your library, your patrons, and can amplify your digital equity efforts

For more information, email: [DigNavs@library.ca.gov](mailto:DigNavs@library.ca.gov)

### Tutoring Project – Ongoing

Every internet connected Californian is now able to access live, 24/7 online tutoring and homework help in all K-12 subjects. The passing of [AB 128](#) by the California State Legislature enabled the California State Library to partner with the Pacific Library Partnership in bringing this service to all CA Public Libraries. All California public libraries are able to offer Brainfuse's online tutoring and homework assistance service, HelpNow, to their users for two years at no cost. Every California student, with or without a library card, has access to 24/7 online tutoring in core K-12 subjects. Spanish language tutors will be available as well as tutors fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog.

[See here for Full details on the Statewide tutoring project.](#) State of CA funded.

For Online Tutoring questions, email [catutoring@library.ca.gov](mailto:catutoring@library.ca.gov).

### Parks Pass Program – Ongoing

Lisa Nowlain's last day at CSL was July 25. Cindy Zalog, who is a full-time Parks Pass manager, can be reached for all questions, ideas, and feedback at [cindy.zalog@library.ca.gov](mailto:cindy.zalog@library.ca.gov).

Current Parks Pass Program priorities include:

- Final reports have been collected for Round 1 grantees and are being reviewed.
- Targeted grants are being finalized for additional programming, marketing, and backpacks.

A reminder that there is a [toolkit](#) to support marketing, circulation, programming, and more. It has been updated to make the information cleaner and more accessible.

If you need more parks passes, bookmarks, or survey flyers, [please fill out the new order form from State Parks.](#)

For any questions, email [parkspass@library.ca.gov](mailto:parkspass@library.ca.gov). State of CA funded.

### Ready or Not

The "[Ready—Or Not](#)" Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project team invites California-based cultural heritage organizations to join them for information sessions tailored to organizations just getting started on their disaster plan, community archives, organizations with limited resources, remote and rural museums, tribal cultural heritage organizations, and public libraries. These half-hour online information sessions summarize the state-funded project and explore ways to engage in emergency preparedness consultations. Secure your spot by registering in advance at [nedcc.org/CAready](https://nedcc.org/CAready). State of CA funded.

- **Disaster Preparedness with Limited Resources:** September 14th, 9:30 am-10 am (PDT)
- **Disaster Planning for Remote and Rural Museums:** September 29th, 10 am-10:30 am (PDT)
- **Disaster Planning for Tribal Cultural Heritage Organizations:** October 12th, 12:30 pm-1 pm (PDT)
- **Getting Your Library Ready for Disaster:** October 23rd, 9:30 am-10 am (PDT)

If you have additional questions, reach out to the team at [CAready@nedcc.org](mailto:CAready@nedcc.org)

#### [Zip Books Program - Ongoing](#)

2023-24 [Zip Books](#) grant award notification was sent out August 2023. State of CA funded. For questions, please contact [zipbooks@library.ca.gov](mailto:zipbooks@library.ca.gov)

## Networking and Training

### [Career Pathways Workforce & Upskilling Resources: Webinars Open to All Library Staff](#)

Register for upcoming webinars by clicking the links below or visiting the [CAreer Pathways Staff Resource page](#), where you can also find platform details, administration, marketing materials and more.

- [CAreer Pathways Resources: Using LearningExpress Library Complete and Job & Career Accelerator \(EBSCO\)](#)  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [CAreer Pathways Resource: Northstar for Admins](#)  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [CAreer Pathways Resource: Using LinkedIn Learning](#)  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [CAreer Pathways Resources: Using VetNow and GetSetUp](#)  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- [Access recorded webinars on the CALL Academy Career Pathways channel.](#)

New to the library or not sure which platforms your library offers? Check out the [CAreer Pathways Services Locator map](#). State of CA funded. Questions? [CAPathways@library.ca.gov](mailto:CAPathways@library.ca.gov)

### Online Tutoring Training 2023

The statewide online tutoring project (HelpNow/BrainFuse) has trainings available for you or your staff. All trainings are archived on [our tutoring page](#).

### Next Directors Networking Call – September 20, 2023 – Register Now!

We look forward to hearing from our special guests, sharing State Library news, and having time for open discussion in small groups. If you have any suggestions for topics for small group discussions, or future meetings, please note that [on the registration](#).

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**Special Guests – HeatReadyCA** - Lori Hanley, Strategist, Public Education, Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications

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