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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.

Open Opportunities

[Partner Opportunity: State Broadband Grants Manager for Libraries](#)

The State of California has provided \$35 million in one-time funding for public libraries to partner with other community anchor institutions in underserved areas to pursue the construction of fiber broadband connections to their facilities, thereby bringing affordable Internet access to their communities. The California State Library seeks a Grants Manager who will enter into an agreement with the State Library to act from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, as its administrative and fiscal partner for these funds.

Applications due 12/13/2023.

[Apply to be the State Broadband Grants Manager.](#)

[Download the State Broadband Grants Manager application documents, including necessary attachments.](#)

[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.

[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

Current Projects and Services

California Library Literacy Services - Ongoing

The Writer to Writer Challenge for adult learners will be held on a statewide basis for the 40th anniversary of CLLS in 2023-2024, with **entries due no later than Feb. 15, 2024**. More information is available in the [October CLLS networking call](#) and additional webinars. We have also added networking calls for small/rural CLLS libraries and anticipate additional communities of practice to be announced later this year. 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](#).

The Year 4/5 application for currently participating ESL libraries is open and is **due December 15, 2024**. Please note that no new libraries will be added to the ESL funding cohort. LSTA and state funded.

California Libraries Learn (CALL) - Ongoing

Plan your professional development by visiting www.callacademy.org and the CALL [calendar](#) to explore the options. Any library worker may subscribe to the [Leadership for All monthly mailings](#). CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can [subscribe](#) directly. CALL also launched a printable schedule 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.

Connected California Digital Navigators – Quick Survey for California Libraries

Do you use the [Connected California Digital Navigator](#) service? We'd love to hear from you! Don't use the service? We'd love to hear from you too! Please take this short, anonymous survey: https://bit.ly/ConnectedCA_Survey

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. No application or reporting.

LSTA funded. For more information, email: DigNavs@library.ca.gov

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 and to find resources to promote the Affordable Connectivity Program at your library visit 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/> State of CA funded.

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.

Parks Pass Program – Ongoing

Cindy Zalog, who is the full-time Parks Pass manager, can be reached at cindy.zalog@library.ca.gov for all questions, ideas, and feedback.

Current Parks Pass Program priorities include:

- The SCLC Backpack Project is accepting applications **through November 30, 2023**.
 - Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C6LYKRH>
 - Overview Presentation can be [found here](#).

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. State of CA funded.

Public Library Staff Education Program

The [California Public Library Staff Education Program](#), developed in partnership with the Southern California Library Cooperative, received 209 student applications for the 2023-24 year. Thank you to those who applied, and applicants will be notified of selection status in December 2023. LSTA funded.

Ready or Not

The [“Ready – Or Not” Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](#) team invites California-based cultural heritage organizations to view 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. State of CA funded.

Recordings can be viewed at ["Ready – Or Not": Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](#). If you have additional questions, reach out to the team at CAready@nedcc.org

Networking and Training

Community-Centered Libraries: Harnessing the Power of Data to Equitably Serve Your Community

A yearlong initiative brought to you by the State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership, [Community-Centered Libraries](#) offers training and tools to help libraries make data-driven decisions for community impact. Training is offered in multiple formats to meet the needs of all California Library Staff. Read more in the CALL blogpost [Choose Your Own Data Adventure!](#)

This initiative includes [free PolicyMap accounts](#) for all California public library staff. The online mapping tool, which includes library jurisdiction boundaries, enables users to view rich data about the communities in your service areas. [View a recording of the initial training session](#) and [request an account today!](#)

CAreer Pathways Workforce & Upskilling Resources

The 2023 CAreer Pathways webinar series is now complete. Learn more about the online resources on the [CAreer Pathways Staff Resource page](#), where you can find platform details,

administration, marketing materials and more. Your staff can also [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

Online Tutoring Training 2024

HelpNow New Year Reminders for Your Students

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 3:30–4:30 pm

As students head back to the classroom after the holidays, now is the perfect time to share the many ways HelpNow can help students achieve their academic goals. Learn what's new with HelpNow and discover strategies for sharing this statewide service with your community.

This webinar is for all library workers and educators, from frontline staff to administrators. The webinar will be recorded for future viewing.

[Register in advance for the New Year Reminders webinar](#)

Next Directors Networking Call

We look forward to hearing from our special guests, sharing State Library news, and having time for open discussion in small groups. The next Public Library Directors Networking Call is scheduled for **Wednesday January 17, 2024, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Registration information will be available soon.

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