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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).

## LDS Newsletter

Please sign up today for our forthcoming new [newsletter!](#) Please share this with your teams as well.

## Upcoming Opportunities:

### Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project Grant Opportunity Coming Soon

The California State Library, in partnership with Myriad Consulting & Training, is happy to share exciting news that over \$1 million in funding is available for cultural heritage emergency preparedness projects in California. Funded by the state of California, this opportunity launches in January 2024.

#### Grant Highlights:

- **Goals:** To provide funds and resources to institutions with historically and culturally significant collections, prioritizing those that document underrepresented and historically excluded communities.
- **Scope:** A California-wide initiative to strengthen emergency readiness for institutions with collections, including archives, museums, libraries, historical societies and sites, nonprofits, higher education institutions, local governments, and Native American Tribal governments.
- **Awards:** Maximum award amount of \$15,000, with options for emergency preparedness support, including disaster planning development, recovery kits, training, supplies and equipment, and more.

#### ► Subscribe for Future Updates:

Don't miss out on this funding opportunity! [Join our mailing list](#) to stay informed.

#### How to Apply:

Applications will open mid-**January 2024** on a rolling basis. Application guidelines will be available soon on our [website](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged (but not required) to receive a free [Ready or Not consultation](#) before applying. *For more information, please contact Grace Bautista at [grace@myriadconsultants.org](mailto:grace@myriadconsultants.org).*

As natural disasters continue to threaten California's cultural heritage, we hope you'll join us in safeguarding your collections and communities through this extraordinary opportunity.

## Open Opportunities

### [Community Impact Grants, Play for All, Sustainable California Libraries, Teens Succeed and eBooks for All](#)

Please check this [webpage](#) for all the information you need about all the opportunities, including funding amounts and application guidelines. To prepare your application, please familiarize yourself with the [California State Library LSTA Five-Year Investment Plan](#). The California State Library LSTA Team will host an information session **on Wednesday January 17, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Please register for the [Zoom meeting](#) to learn more about these opportunities.

### [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

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

The combined CLLS 2023-2024 Mid-Year Report and 2024-2025 Pre-Application opened in Counting Opinions on January 3, 2024, and is due no later than 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**. For more information, contact [clls@library.ca.gov](mailto:clls@library.ca.gov). Please note that the final 10% of 2023-2024 adult literacy funding will be released to libraries when the mid-year report is approved. The pre-application is required and helps the State Library calculate 2024-2025 award projections. In addition, if your library has not yet completed updates on the 2022-2023 final report, please complete these as quickly as possible to enable the State Library to approve the reports and calculate 2024-2025 award projections.

The Writer to Writer Challenge for adult learners will be held on a statewide basis, in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CLLS in 2023-2024, with **entries due no later than Feb. 15, 2024**. We have also added networking calls for **small/rural CLLS libraries** and anticipate additional communities of practice to be announced later this fiscal year. Training continues for CLLS program staff and volunteers, including monthly networking calls and more. Please visit the CLLS training and meeting [calendar](#).

There is an **in-person team orientation for new CLLS coordinators**, new directors at CLLS libraries, and coordinators/directors working with someone new to CLLS. We intend the orientation to involve both the coordinator and the director. The date is February 7, 2024, at the San Diego Central Library. The Literacy Initiatives grant will reimburse travel costs. For more information, contact [clls@library.ca.gov](mailto:clls@library.ca.gov).

### [California Libraries Learn \(CALL\) - Ongoing](#)

Plan your professional development by visiting [www.callacademy.org](http://www.callacademy.org) and the CALL [calendar](#) to explore the options. Look at the CALL [blog](#) for relevant training on grant writing, co-design, and other high-interest topics. Any library worker may subscribe to the [Leadership for All monthly mailings](#). CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users may [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 - Ongoing](#)

The free, virtual, bilingual (English & Spanish) [Connected California](#) Digital Navigators service helps Californians:

- access free and low-cost internet and devices
- grow digital skills
- discover library and community resources

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/> 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](mailto:catutoring@library.ca.gov).

### Parks Pass Program – Ongoing

Cindy Zalog, the full-time Parks Pass manager, can be reached at [cindy.zalog@library.ca.gov](mailto:cindy.zalog@library.ca.gov) for all questions, ideas, and feedback.

A [toolkit](#) is available to support marketing, circulation, programming, and more. It has been updated to make the information cleaner and more accessible. The public can access information on the State Parks Pass at [checkoutcastateparks.com](http://checkoutcastateparks.com).

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.

### 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 are notified of selection status in January 2024. LSTA funded.

### PebbleGo Science: Early Literacy in STEM - Ongoing

The PebbleGo Science resource provides age-appropriate content (for ages preschool through second grade) and interactive activities in STEM subjects (science, math, technology and engineering), and is available in both English and Spanish. The resource also includes a collection of 25 interactive eBooks in both languages as well.

Fill out the [form](#) on the [PebbleGo California site](#) to be sent information on how to connect to your Integrated Library System. The setup form is created for the school library environment, but if you fill it out, it will open a ticket with Capstone and a technician will get in touch with your library to walk you through the authentication process.

## 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. 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](mailto:CAready@nedcc.org) State of CA funded.

## Networking and Training

### [TeachingBooks: Prepare for Summer Reading with TeachingBooks](#)

The California State Library invites you to join us on Thursday, January 18, 2:00pm-2:40pm for this informative webinar: **Prepare for Summer Reading with TeachingBooks**

Find new inspiration and discover how your state-funded access to TeachingBooks resources can be easily integrated into your summer reading program. Locate lists of themed summer reading titles, whether you’re using CSLP or iRead. Designing your own program? Use TeachingBooks to create unique lists and discover how to find, share, and incorporate Meet-the-Author recordings, book trailers, and activity kits to enrich the summer reading experience.

### [Register in advance for the webinar](#)

This webinar is for all public library staff. Funding is provided by the State of California for education at the direction of the California State Library.

### [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!](#) LSTA funded.

### [Building Equity-Based Summers Learning Series](#)

For information on the Building Equity Based Summers Project please visit: [Building Equity-Based Summers - California State Library](#) or email [bebs@cla-net.org](mailto:bebs@cla-net.org)

### [CAreer Pathways Workforce & Upskilling Resources: 2024 Webinars & Resources](#)

The 2024 CAreer Pathways webinar series is now posted. Learn more about the online resources on the [CAreer Pathways Staff Resource page](#), where you can find platform details, administration, marketing materials and more. Library staff can also [view the archived webinars on the CALL Academy CAreer Pathways channel](#).

Register for upcoming CAreer Pathways webinars by following the links below:

- **[Troubleshooting and FAQs for CAreer Pathways Resources](#)**  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **[Northstar: Implementation and Outreach](#)**  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **[Northstar: How Patrons Can Use It](#)**  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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 2024](#)

[HelpNow for Spanish Speakers](#)  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 3:30–4:30 pm

HelpNow provides 24/7 assistance in Spanish for Language Arts and Mathematics. Other core subjects are available in Spanish 10am to 10pm every day. Join us to learn more about options available to Spanish speakers and how to promote this statewide service to ensure it is accessible for everyone.

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 Spanish Speakers 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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