

**California State Library, Library Development Services  
Cooperative System Report, June 10, 2021**

**\*Funding Opportunities Through the California State Library**

A funding timetable and new funding opportunities from the California State Library will be available in July.

**\*Workforce Development**

We recently met with Summer @ your Library folks to introduce them to a [folder of materials](#) available to use at summer reading sites, lunch sites, and any curbside or grab and go locations. The materials invite patrons to use the tools for job seeking. Questions about this or anything else related to JobNow/VetNow/LearnNow can be directed to [Jody.Thomas@library.ca.gov](mailto:Jody.Thomas@library.ca.gov).

A(nother) snapshot survey was sent out to better understand what tools and platforms public libraries are using for skill building, adult learning, and workforce development, and what tools and platforms you would like to have if money were not an impediment. We had 91 responses (almost 50%). The survey results were sent out on the directors' list and can be seen [here](#).

**\*Statewide Library Branch Map**

The State Library has developed a [statewide library branch map](#) that provides contact information, opening status, and services available for every library branch building in California. Please [contact Meg DePriest](#) if you have not had a chance to update your library; she will provide you a link to the update form.

**\*Lunch at the Library and Summer @ Your Library**

**Summer @ Your Library**

The First Partner's Summer Book Club has launched! The Book Club encourages families to take part in their local library's summer reading program. It includes:

- Weekly, online story times read by First Partner, Jennifer Seibel Newsom
- Booklists of diverse children's books, with a focus on social emotional learning, for pre-schoolers and elementary-aged children – selected in partnership with California public librarians!
- A book shelf of titles from the list for every California public library, provided by CLA's LSTA-funded Summer @ Your Library project
- A Book Club badge in Beanstack that kids can earn by watching one of the storytimes or reading a book from the list
- A Book Club website

We will send libraries:

- Social media-ready posts for libraries to encourage children and families to take part in the book club
- Information about how to share the storytimes with families

Is your library on the summer reading map? <https://www.library.ca.gov/summer-reading/>

The First Partner's Office is promoting California public libraries' summer reading and meals programs with this interactive map developed by the State Library. You can add or update your library's information using the following link: <https://arcg.is/1inDnK>

**Summer @ Your Library** also provides California public library staff with program planning resources, training, a set of quality principles and indicators, and a framework and support for presenting outcomes-based summer programs. All California public libraries are eligible to receive:

- Free iREAD summer reading & learning resource guides.
  - A free premium subscription to the Beanstack online literacy tool and platform (through May 2023).
- Please contact Summer @ Your Library project staff at [summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org](mailto:summeratyourlibrary@cla-net.org) to request your iREAD resource guides, or to get started with Beanstack.

### **Lunch at the Library**

You can be part of Lunch at the Library if you:

- Take learning and enrichment materials (pop-up libraries) out to community meal sites
- Serve meals at your library

If you're not already receiving project funds and you plan to take pop-up libraries to meal sites or serve summer meals at the library, please contact project staff. Staff can also assist with helping to connect with meal providers and/or community partners or with any other summer meal program needs. Send us an email and let's start a conversation! Contact:

- Trish Garone, Lunch at the Library Program Manager: [garone@plpinfo.org](mailto:garone@plpinfo.org)
- Kari Johnson, Lunch at the Library Meals and Partnerships Coordinator: [johnson@plpinfo.org](mailto:johnson@plpinfo.org)

### **\*California Libraries Learn (CALL)**

Look forward to a summer of great free learning opportunities through CALL. In a few weeks, CALL will open applications for teams to join The Partnership Project pilot, a three-session learning experience about engaging and developing stronger community partners. Registration for October's Association for Rural and Small Libraries 2021 conference also opens soon. Also look for courses and training from: The Grantsmanship Center, supporting you in preparing stronger proposals for funding opportunities; Dare to Lead, helping develop brave leaders and courageous cultures; and a new series for those who are "Curious about Supervision." Visit [www.callacademy.org](http://www.callacademy.org) and check the frequently updated [calendar](#) to explore the options.

CALL now has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can subscribe directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Please do take a moment and [subscribe today](#). Also encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#).

### **Funding Recently Announced: Hotspots and Chromebooks for CIPA compliant libraries**

108 CIPA compliant library jurisdictions were eligible for funds or equipment to help bridge the digital divide with Hotspots and Chromebooks. This CAREs act funded project totals 1.6 million dollars.

For more information contact Chris Durr at [chris.durr@library.ca.gov](mailto:chris.durr@library.ca.gov)

### **Interactive Family Learning in California's Libraries**

California public libraries are designing and delivering high quality, interactive learning opportunities to engage young children and their families all across the state. The newly published report [\*\*Together, Learning More! Interactive Family Learning in California's Libraries\*\*](#) highlights innovative programs that encourage social interaction and provides a research-backed lens on the impact on children's life-long learning and social-emotional development. The webinar with the report's author is available as a self-guided learning module on CALL Academy - <https://my.nicheacademy.com/callacademy/course/29106>. For more information, contact [Shana Sojoyner](#).

### **California Revealed**

California Revealed previews three upcoming grant opportunities for work with historical records, images, and outreach. For more information, visit [www.californiarevealed.org](http://www.californiarevealed.org) and <https://californiarevealed.org/content/news>.

#### [California Revealed: Digitization and Preservation Assistance](#)

Application due: Friday, August 13, 2021

#### [Cataloging California: Description Assistance](#)

Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021

#### [Our Collections, Our Communities: Outreach Assistance](#)

Application due: Friday, December 3, 2021

### **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. Information and reports can be found at [Public Library Staff Education Program - California State Library](#). For questions, please contact [Lena.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:Lena.pham@library.ca.gov)

### **Developing Leaders in California Libraries**

In partnership with the California State Library, the California Library Association (CLA) presented exciting new Leadership Development opportunities for library staff in California. In addition to the Leadership Cohort, New Leaders Cohort, and Leadership Challenge Cohort programs, the Developing Leaders in California Libraries project offered a series of "My Leadership Journey" webinars open to all staff to attend. To view past webinars, please visit <https://claleadership.org/webinars/>

### **Networking Conversations**

Networking conversations for California libraries continue, are posted on CLA's calendar as they are scheduled ([https://www.cla-net.org/events/event\\_list.asp](https://www.cla-net.org/events/event_list.asp)), and we encourage you to register to attend. There are calls for a variety of interest groups, including frontline staff, youth services staff, branch supervisors, assistant directors, and marketing and PR professionals. Directors' calls occur once a month in 2021. Upcoming calls include:

- Wednesday, June 16, 3:30-5 p.m., **Library Directors**
- Wednesday, July 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., **Library Directors**
- Wednesday, Aug 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., **Library Directors**

### **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. This opportunity was open to all public libraries, and it is well suited to those with limited capacity for developing and testing new programming. 2020/21 report forms can be found at [Copycat Grant Toolkits - California State Library](#) under "Manage Your Grant." For questions, contact [lana.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:lana.pham@library.ca.gov)

### **California COVID Diaries**

Californians can share the impact the COVID-19 pandemic on their lives through a community-based archive. The aim of [California COVID Diaries](#) is to collect, preserve and make available to the public materials created by Californians, documenting their personal experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. A [Spanish-language version](#) of the submission form is also available. Visit <https://covididiaries.library.ca.gov/> or e-mail [covididiaries@library.ca.gov](mailto:covididiaries@library.ca.gov) for more information.