

**California State Library, Library Development Services
Cooperative System Report, October 9, 2020**

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Opportunities:

1. **CopyCat Grants, 2020-2021:** For applicants who want to bring proven, successful programs to their communities this fiscal year

Applications are due by Monday, November 9, 2020

The CopyCat Grants program invites California public libraries to apply for funding to “copy” an effective, replicable project that can be accomplished in a nine-month period (December 2020-August 2021). These grants are intended to help libraries easily implement tried-and-tested programming and extend the impact of previously funded, successful projects. Libraries may apply to copy one of 13 innovative projects that we’ve identified from public libraries across California, or they may propose to receive funding to replicate a different project that fits within the guidelines. New this year are Memory Lab and NASA@ My Library toolkits. For each of the identified projects, a toolkit has been developed to help libraries apply for and implement a CopyCat grant based on that project. Programs may be adapted to accommodate restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Please see the CopyCat Grants website for more information and to apply:

<http://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/copycat-grants/>

For CopyCat grant questions, please contact Lena Pham at lena.pham@library.ca.gov / 916-651-0376.

2. **Local and Collaborative Grants, 2021-2022:** For agencies to apply now for projects taking place next fiscal year.

Intent to Apply forms are due by Friday, November 20, 2020, at 11:59pm

Local and Collaborative competitive grants help libraries respond effectively to local needs and align services with local community aspirations, and support experimentation and R&D in California’s libraries. The funding period is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

An information session for potential applicants is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2:00pm-3:00pm: [Registration form](#)

Full information and a link to apply is available at the [State Library’s website](#)

For Local and Collaborative grant questions, please contact:

- LSTA Coordinator, Lynne Oliva: lynne.oliva@library.ca.gov
- Assistant Bureau Chief, Library Development Services, Natalie Cole: natalie.cole@library.ca.gov

California Libraries Learn

For 2020-21, the California State Library and California Library Association offer a comprehensive training portfolio for your library staff members. Look for ongoing information about California Libraries Learn (CALL), including statewide Niche Academy staff training, named CALL Academy, and many more opportunities. Visit www.callacademy.org for more!

On October 29, CALL will host a webinar with Reopening Archives, Libraries and Museums (REALM), the research project of IMLS, Battelle Labs, and OCLC about how to handle materials in the pandemic. You'll soon be hearing about opportunities for more virtual conferences, leadership training, mental health education, community engagement training, self-care workshops for library staff, and more. We'll be partnering with American Library Association, Library Juice Academy, PCI webinars with Andrew Sanderbeck, Infopeople, and many more. Contact Bev Schwartzberg at Beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov for more information.

California Library Literacy Services

The CLLS Final Report form is open and is due **November 13, 2020**.

Please note: This year, we also ask you to report on changes to your program resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These questions are in a separate SurveyMonkey form but they must be completed before you can submit the Final Report form in Counting Opinions. The pandemic-related questions are intended to help us get a clear picture of everything you've been doing as a result of the pandemic and to help tell the story of California's library literacy programs. The data is not intended to inform future funding decisions.

We will present an information session to review both reporting forms and respond to questions on Thursday, October 22, 2:00pm-3:00pm. To register go to: <https://forms.gle/rEM7GLXdaofGibHw5>

To log into your Final Report form in Counting Opinions, please follow these steps:

- 1) Go to the Counting Opinions login site at <https://ca.countingopinions.com/login.php>
- 2) Enter your Username and Password, then hit enter (Note: if you need help locating this information please contact Annly at annly.roman@library.ca.gov).
- 3) Select the "Enter to complete a CLLS Final Report" Button on the main page
- 4) If you have any problems locating or opening your report contact Annly Roman at annly.roman@library.ca.gov

To access the SurveyMonkey form, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLLSCOVID1920>

If you need assistance with either of the forms or locating your password, please contact Annly Roman at: annly.roman@library.ca.gov

JobNow and VetNow

Using CARES funds, the California State Library has purchased the JobNow and VetNow platforms for all public libraries in the State. These workforce support tools will help public library staff assist patrons in gaining employment, increasing skills, changing careers, and preparing for certification testing in a variety of fields.

All but twelve public libraries in California have now subscribed to these platforms. If your library jurisdiction already subscribes to JobNow or VetNow, you may be qualified for a pro-rated refund. Brainfuse has or will reach out to you to discuss that. If you don't already subscribe to JobNow or VetNow, and would like to add them to your online services, contact Jody Thomas at

jody.thomas@library.ca.gov. Training, marketing support, and analytics are all part of the subscription, which will be available to libraries for a period of two years.

Public Library Survey

The California Public Library Survey portal opened September 7th and will close November 6, 2020. Libraries will report data for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Find instructions (and the archived **webinar** providing an overview of additions and changes to the survey that originally aired Wednesday, August 19) at <https://www.library.ca.gov/services/to-libraries/statistics/>. Let's acknowledge all the many things that *were* accomplished during this very difficult year.

Public Access Survey

We would like to encourage you to spend a couple of minutes filling out the Public Access Survey. Library Directors all over the State would like to know whether other libraries are open, in what capacity, and providing what services. However, we need people to fill out the survey in order to provide any meaningful information. The very short, five question survey may be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CALibrariesStatusSeptember2020>

Summer Reading 2021 Programming Webinar Oct. 22

iREAD's 2021 summer reading theme is Reading Colors Your World. Presentations from iREAD and California's Summer at Your Library Program Committee will address programming ideas for all ages, as well as outreach and inclusion, virtual programming & distance friendly non-digital program ideas, and much more! Learn how to best provide summer reading and learning for early learners, children, tweens, teens, and adults in this fun and fast-paced session! Registration for this program is FREE: <https://www.cla-net.org/events/register.aspx?id=1424988&itemid=6dda5151-32a0-4145-82ec-51b19590044b>.

The iREAD Summer Reading Resource Guides and artwork are provided free-of-charge to all interested California public libraries thanks to IMLS/LSTA funding. The Resource Guide is created in partnership with the Illinois Library Association's iREAD program — a leader in summer reading program development for over 30 years.

Building Equity Based Summers Through CA Libraries and Communities

The California State Library and the Summer@Your Library project have launched a new project to co-design an equity and social justice framework for summer reading program activities and services. Twelve library teams were selected and began work in September 2020. Materials created during the process will be finalized early next year and workshops on integrating the new framework into summer planning will be presented in the spring.

Questions? Please contact Trish Garone at pgarone@cla-net.org.

ProQuest K-12 Database available through the state library's K-12 Online Content Project

Contact Mary Beth Barber at Marybeth.barber@library.ca.gov for instructions on how to add ProQuest to your online resources for school kids in your community.

California COVID Diaries

Californians can share the impact the COVID-19 pandemic on their lives through a new 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.

All Californians are welcome to submit typed or handwritten journals, letters, e-mail narratives and blog posts; photographs, videos and audio; written or recorded interviews with family or friends; artwork and drawings; and other storytelling methods. Some of you have created your own COVID-19 archives, and we invite you to share submissions so we can showcase them on a statewide level. Many underserved communities throughout the state that aren't able to conduct similar collecting efforts, so please share California COVID Diaries with your communities so that we may share their experiences.

Visit <https://covididiaries.library.ca.gov/> or e-mail covididiaries@library.ca.gov for more information.

Resources to help California Library Literacy Services take part are available at:

<https://libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/covid-diaries/> Resources to help libraries included California COVID Diaries as part of their summer reading programs are available at: calchallenge.org

California at 170

The state turns 170 years old in 2020! For 170 stories celebrating the history of California, visit the State Library project CAL@170 at <https://cal170.library.ca.gov/>. Stories highlight innovation, people and places, law and politics, civil rights, sports, and arts and culture.

Remote and Distance-friendly Programming Database

The database of remote and distance-friendly programming ideas suggested by California public library staff is now live and can be accessed on the California State Library's page:

<https://www.library.ca.gov/services/remote-resources>

We encourage you to search the database for inspiration! Filter results by target audience, program type and title, and library jurisdiction. If you choose, you can also download the whole dataset.

Programming that aligns with the California COVID Diaries project is tagged with a COVID Diaries tag.

Please continue to share your ideas by using this form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OnlineProgrammingResourcesforCALibraries>

California Digital Newspaper Collection

This digital newspaper collection currently contains 531,301 issues comprising 5,705,437 pages and 39,566,623 articles and can be found at <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/> This database is open, free, and supports reading and research of California's rich history and communities. The link maybe added to your website to enlarge your online resources.

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), 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 every two weeks. Upcoming conversations include:

- Thursday, October 15, 2020, 3:30-5:00 pm, Library Directors
- Thursday, October 29, 2020, 3:30-5:00 pm, Library Directors

California Center for the Book

Book-to-Action program - for more information and recordings of discussions, see www.calbook.org. Book to Action will be a hybrid program this year, with programming being possible at the local level, but also State-wide programming that participating libraries will be able to promote and participate in. The topic and book or short list of books will be a state-wide choice, making Book to Action a One State, One Book type of program. The Center for the Book will also be bringing a series of adult programming webinars to you throughout the year. The first, on community partnerships, will be Wed., Oct. 21, at 2 p.m.

Career Online High School

California's libraries now have over 1700 COHS graduates. Applications for a new library to join the program and for existing libraries to apply for additional scholarships are December 10, March 10, June 10, and September 10 of each year.

Staff News

Lynne Oliva joins Library Development Services as LSTA Coordinator on October 5, 2020. Chris Durr joined Library Development Services as Library Programs Coordinator on September 1, 2020. Chris comes to the State Library from the Sacramento Public Library. Shana Sojoyner joined Library Development Services as Library Programs Consultant on August 17, 2020. Many of you will know Shana from her consulting work with various statewide initiatives.