California State Library, Library Development Services
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Public Library Directors Forum

The Public Library Directors Forum is going online in April! The Forum will focus on racial equity and inclusion, preparing for and recovering from crises and disasters, and creating authentic community connections. Please look for more information shortly. If you have questions, please contact natalie.cole@library.ca.gov.

Seguimos Creando Enlaces

The annual bilingual, bicultural Seguimos Creando Enlaces conference returns on March 25 and 26, this year online and focusing on the topic Civic Engagement in Action. Proposals are still being accepted through February 15. This year's event, presented in English and Spanish, is co-sponsored by Library 2.0 and San Jose State University. Please join the over 1,000 people worldwide who have already registered for this path-breaking event. Sign up at http://creandoenlaces.org/registration/.

California Library Literacy Services

Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2021, for libraries seeking to join (or re-join, after a break) California Library Literacy Services. Returning programs must file an interest statement/intent to apply form (open soon) in order to be able to fill out an application for 2021-22 funding. For more information, contact beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov.

Grant Opportunity: Programs for School-Aged Youth

Due February 16: grant applications to support virtual programming for school-aged youth in your communities. The full details of the grant opportunity are listed here: https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/library-services-technology-act/virtual-programming/. Grantees must agree to present at least four virtual programs before August 31, 2021. This new initiative helps libraries purchase technology and develop content to create meaningful and rewarding online programming for school-aged audiences.
All participating libraries will receive $12,000 for technology needed for virtual programming and training from the California State Library, the California Department of Education, and the California State Parks on connecting with audiences and on virtual programming resources. Grantees will also engage monthly with a cohort of library staff focused on developing skills related to virtual programming for school aged children. Additionally, twenty libraries will receive an additional $1,000 to support the purchase and implementation of a Learning Management System, and will take part in programming organized by the State Library. Programming will include virtual author visits involving multiple library sites, and a partnership with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) which will bring the Western Region National Student Poet for a virtual visit to local libraries.

Lunch at the Library and Summer @ Your Library

Lunch at the Library supports public library summer meal programs. If your library jurisdiction is interested in starting a meal program for the first time (or taking library materials or programming to community-based meal sites) or you already host meal programs and need assistance connecting with meal providers or community partners, please contact Trish Garone, Summer @ Your Library Program Manager <pgarone@cla-net.org> and Kari Johnson, Summer @ Your Library Community Meals and Partnerships Coordinator <kjohnson@cla-net.org>.

Summer @ Your Library 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 to request your iREAD resource guides, or to get started with Beanstack.

Developing Leaders in California Libraries

In partnership with the California State Library, the California Library Association (CLA) is presenting another year of 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 is offering a series of "My Leadership Journey" webinars open to all staff to attend:
- Feb 26th @ 4pm Siobhan O'Loughlin Reardon
- March 26th @ 4pm Chris Brown
- April 23rd @ 4pm Tracie Hall
- May 21st @ 4pm TBA
To register for webinars, please visit DLCL WEBINARS | CLA Leadership

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 once a month in 2021. Upcoming calls include:
- Tuesdays, Feb. 16, March 16, 3:30-5 p.m., **Library Directors**
- Wednesdays, Feb. 17, March 3, March 10, March 17, April 7, April 21, 2-3:30 p.m., **Literacy/CLLS**
- Wednesday, March 10, 3 p.m., **Deputy and Assistant Directors**

Cultural Collections Protection Survey

The state is conducting a comprehensive survey of California's archives, galleries, historical societies, libraries, museums, and tribal nations to better understand and protect cultural collections in a time of increased risk and limited resources. The goal is for this survey to be an instrument to educate decision-makers about the value of investing in the state's arts and cultural heritage. The survey was sent out in November. **The State Library will be gathering survey data through February 22, 2021.**

The existence of these unique collections that help tell California's story is often unknown, particularly at the state level. Many rare and unique materials are at significant risk from natural disasters exacerbated by climate change, inadequate storage facilities, scarce resources, and simple decay over time. The Cultural Collections Protection Survey aims to close this information gap by gathering data on the nature and condition of California's culturally significant assets. It takes 30 minutes to 60 minutes to complete – and the result will be well worth the small time commitment. Registration link to receive the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSLSurveyRegistration Further information is available at: https://www.library.ca.gov/Content/pdf/pressreleases/2020-10-12-CulturalCollectionSurvey.pdf

California Libraries Learn (CALL)

For 2020-21, the California State Library and California Library Association offer a comprehensive, no-cost training portfolio for your library staff members. California Libraries Learn (CALL) offers statewide, 24/7 online professional development. Read the weekly newsletter and visit www.callacademy.org to explore the options.

Please encourage your staff members to create a login to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through CALL Academy. We have recently streamlined the process so that access to PCI webinars and modules are available through the same login.

Upcoming opportunities include courses from Library Journal and Library Juice Academy, a two-session Strategic Planning workshop from ALA and Catherine Hakala-Ausperk, and with the month-long "The Connection" virtual event from the Library Collaborative. **Please note there will be support for staff to attend the annual CLA (virtual) conference in May.** Contact Bev Schwartzberg for more information.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Opportunities:

Local and Collaborative Grants, 2021-2022: selected libraries who filed an Intent to Apply form have been invited to submit a full application, due Feb. 24, 2021. The funding period is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. For Local and Collaborative grant questions, please contact: LSTA Coordinator, Lynne Oliva, lynne.oliva@library.ca.gov, or Bureau Chief, Library Development Services, Natalie Cole, natalie.cole@library.ca.gov.

Digital Navigator Training

Broadband Access, Adoption, and Training are essential components of digital equity for California's diverse populations. But with the variety of Internet Service Providers and maze of rules for subscribing to low-cost internet, those populations with low economic power and low technical literacy can be left on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Executive Order N-73-20 directs the state library to, in partnership with local libraries, **promote low cost internet subscription plans**. There was a Digital Navigator Webinar, which aims to instruct public libraries on how to help patrons find available offers, navigate signing up, and utilize already existing pathways on the road to internet connectivity. Email chris.durr@library.ca.gov for more information.

JobNow and VetNow

Segmented statistics are available for specific databases for each library system. They are available with a unique log-in that was sent to the person at each library designated at sign-up. Questions about this or anything else related to JobNow/VetNow/LearnNow can be directed to Jody.Thomas@library.ca.gov.

If there is interest in having a personal training for staff on some of the features of these databases, please direct your request to Jody Thomas.

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