

**California State Library, Library Development Services
Cooperative System Report, April 7, 2021**

Research Institute for California Public Libraries (RIPL)

RIPL is open for registration, and seats are filling quickly! This two-day virtual event, **happening May 25-26**, will NOT be your typical online conference or webinar. Instead, it will provide an immersive learning experience, with interactive sessions that include application and discussion, and opportunities to form connections with other library staff interested in data and evaluation. Registration is limited to 125 participants. Learn more and register here: <https://www.ripleffect.org/ca2021/> or contact [Meg DePriest](#) for more information.

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.

An [April 13th webinar](#) with the report's author will delve into the research behind the report and will discuss key components of interactive learning, the research-backed value of play, the role of social-emotional development, and priorities related to the training of library staff. For more information, contact [Shana Sojoyner](#).

Public Library Directors Forum

The Public Library Directors Forum is taking place online on the last four Thursdays in April, beginning April 8. 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 haven't registered yet or have questions, please contact natalie.cole@library.ca.gov.

Funding Recently Announced: Hotspots and Chromebooks for CIPA compliant libraries

108 CIPA compliant library jurisdictions will be eligible for funds or equipment to help bridge the digital divide with Hotspots and Chromebooks. This CAREs act funded project will total 1.6 million dollars. For more information contact Chris Durr at chris.durr@library.ca.gov

California Library Literacy Services

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 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 by March 15, 2021, in order to be able to fill out an application for 2021-22 funding. For more information, contact beverly.schwartzberg@library.ca.gov.

Lunch at the Library and Summer @ Your Library

Please contact Summer @ Your Library / Lunch at the Library project staff for assistance with starting a library summer meal program, or for assistance with your already established summer meal programs. Program staff can assist with helping to connect with meal providers and/or community partners; or can assist with questions about reimbursement funds 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, pgarone@cla-net.org
- Kari Johnson, Lunch at the Library 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.

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. Financial and Tracking [Reports](#) are due from grantees by 4/30/21. For questions, please contact Lena.pham@library.ca.gov

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:

- April 23rd @ 4pm Tracie Hall
- May 21st @ 4pm John Szabo

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:

- Wednesday, April 21, 2-3:30 p.m., **Literacy/CLLS**
- Tuesday, May 18, 3:30-5 p.m., **Library Directors**

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, Infopeople, and Library Juice Academy, plus multiple live webinars and workshops each week.

Grant Recently Closed: Programs for School-Aged Youth

49 Libraries recently applied for \$12,000 in funding to support the creation of virtual programming in their library. The opportunity has recently closed (February 16th) and grantees are being notified. This grant also featured partnerships with the State Park system, the California Department of Education, and the California School Libraries Association.

LSTA Updates: CopyCat Grants

For 2020-21 CopyCat Grants, 36 applications out of 46 were awarded. Congratulations to selected libraries and thank you to all libraries that took the time to apply! Mid-year reports for project activities from Dec 2020-April 2021 are **due by 5/31/21**. Report forms can be found at [Copycat Grant Toolkits - California State Library](#) under "Manage Your Grant." Grantees first point of contact are their project advisor. Other questions? Contact lena.pham@library.ca.gov

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 Center for the Book

The Adult Services Symposium will be offered as a pre-conference session at the CLA conference this year. This event typically offers a wealth of ideas for worthwhile programs for adults. The theme this year will be "Radical Renewal."

Book to Action, all virtual this year, will co-host a series of three statewide events in addition to the local events: Josh Tickell, environmental thought leader and award winning director and author of *Kiss the Ground*, Lori Gottlieb, a psychotherapist and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, and Ibram X. Kendi, professor, anti-racist activist, and author of *How to Be An Antiracist*. Look for announcements for these high profile events.

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 for more information.

New Staff Member

We are very pleased to announce that Reed Strege is the new Assistant Bureau Chief in Library Development Services. Please join us in welcoming Reed to the team.