



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 2022

10:00am – 12:00pm

Via Zoom:

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Agenda

All items may be considered for action.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call Erin Christmas
2. Public Comment Erin Christmas
Opportunity for any guest or member of the public to address the committee on any item of Administrative Council business.
3. Consent Calendar Erin Christmas
All items on the consent calendar may be approved by a single motion. Any Council member may request an item be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the agenda for discussion.
 - a. Draft Minutes from the September 15, 2022 Administrative Council meeting.
 - b. Draft Minutes from the October 19, 2022 Administrative Council Special meeting.
 - c. AB361 Renewal
4. Adoption of the Agenda Erin Christmas
5. SCLC Personnel Update Gary Shaffer/Wayne Walker
6. Budget Status Report FY2022/23 Caryn Shapiro
7. CLSA FY2022/23 Update Wayne Walker
8. Pension Liability Update Erin Christmas
9. Bibliotheca – cloudLibrary Wayne Walker
10. State Library Liaison Report Julianna Robbins



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| 11. Administrative Council Chair Report | Erin Christmas |
| 12. Other | Erin Christmas |
| 13. Adjournment | Erin Christmas |
| 14. What's New at Your Library | |



ACTION ITEMS

Meeting: _____ Inland Administrative Council Meeting _____

Date: _____ December 15, 2022 _____

Library: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Agenda Item: _____

_____ Aye _____ Motion

_____ Nay _____ Second

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Agenda Item: _____

_____ Aye _____ Motion

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2022

10:00am – 12:00pm

Hybrid meeting – In-Person and Virtual

In Person: Murrieta Public Library

8 Town Square Murrieta, CA 92562

Minutes Draft

Attendance

Caines, Kathye – Hemet
Carter, George – Victorville
Christmas, Erin – Riverside Public
Erjavek, Ed – San Bernardino Public
Espinosa, Aaron – Rancho Mirage
Kays, Jeannie – Palm Springs
Masters, Nancy – Inyo
Orosco, Melanie – San Bernardino County
Racelis, Melvin – Murrieta
Solomon, Jon – Riverside County
Sowles, Julie – Rancho Cucamonga
Sunio, Maria – Moreno Valley
Thrasher, Shawn – Ontario
Williams, Kime – Palo Verde
Van Valkenburg, Kelly – Beaumont

Other

dePriest, Meg – CSL
Garcia, Wess – Rancho Cucamonga
Graver, Lori – SCLC
Lemberger, Jen – CSL
Robbins, Julianna – CSL
Shapiro, Caryn – SCLC
Snodgrass, Nerissa – SCLC
Walker, Wayne - SCLC

Absent

Hurtado, Yuri – Upland
Lee, Kevin – Banning
Lenning, Abigail – Corona
Pedroza, Edward – Colton

1. Call to Order and Roll Call Julie Sowles
 Meeting called to order at 10:02am.
2. Public Comment Julie Sowles
Opportunity for any guest or member of the public to address the committee on any item of Administrative Council business.
 None.
3. Consent Calendar Julie Sowles
All items on the consent calendar may be approved by a single motion. Any Council member may request an item be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the agenda for discussion.

 - a. Draft Minutes from the May 11, 2022 Administrative Council meeting.
 - b. Draft Minutes from the May 24, 2022 Administrative Council Special meeting.
 - c. Draft Minutes from the June 9, 2022 Administrative Council Special meeting.
 - d. AB361 Renewal
 MSP (Erjavek/Carter) to approve the Consent Calendar.
 (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
4. Adoption of the Agenda Julie Sowles
 MSP (Caines/Christmas) to adopt the Agenda, as presented.
 (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
5. Budget Status Report FY2021/22 Wayne Walker
 All revenues have been paid. Expenditures currently fall within the projected cost for the fiscal year. After a careful assessment of the funds remaining in the San Bernardino County accounts, it was determined that these funds are unrestricted. The funds (\$119,369.79 + Interest of \$239.54) were transferred into Inland's operating account shortly after the close of the 21/22 fiscal year. Increase of \$119,609.33 in unrestricted revenue.
6. Budget Status Report FY2022/23 Wayne Walker
 A complete Budget Status Report was not able to be compiled for Fiscal Year 2022/23 in time for this meeting due to staffing constraints. All bank payments through August 31, 2022 are listed below. CLSA funding for FY2022/2023 will be approved at the October CLSB meeting. Membership dues are being received and processed. The 2022/23 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) has not been announced by the State Library yet. After a careful assessment of the funds remaining in the San Bernardino County accounts, it was determined that these funds are unrestricted. The funds (\$119,369.79 + Interest of \$239.54) were transferred into Inland's operating account shortly after the close of the 21/22 fiscal year: Due to the brevity of the fiscal year, only a few expenses have been incurred during the reconciled period. The FY2022/23 Bibliotheca renewal has been paid for \$52,473 and Kergyl Books invoices for \$3,691.51. A full budget status report will be presented at the December meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION Julie Sowles
 Pension Liability Update
 Closed Session began at 10:17am.
8. Reconvene from Closed Session Julie Sowles
 Council reconvened Open Session at 10:36am. Noted that the Executive Committee recommended not to sign the Agreement with Riverside County. MSP (Carter/Caines) to : 1) not to sign the County of Riverside Settlement Agreement; 2) to move forward with the Pension Liability Subcommittee to make public records requests to both City of Riverside and Riverside County; and 3) appoint the incoming Vice Chair in Waiting to the Pension Liability Sub-Committee.
 (12 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain)
9. Election of Officers for FY2022/23 Julie Sowles
 MSP (Espinosa/Sunio) to approve an updated slate of officers for FY2022/23 and FY2023/24 as follows: Erin Christmas to assume role as Chair, Melanie Orosco to assume the role as Vice-Chair, Kathye Caines appointed as new Vice-Chair in Waiting, and Caines will also be added to the Pension Liability Subcommittee.
 (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
10. Signature Authority Update Nerissa Snodgrass
 MSP (Espinosa/Caines) to authorize SCLC to update the Bank of America signature authority as follows:
 1. Add Erin Christmas, Chair, to the Inland Bank of America account.
 2. Add Melanie Orosco, Vice Chair, to the Inland Bank of America account.
 3. Retain Project Manager Nerissa Snodgrass as an authorized signer to the Inland Bank of America account.
 4. Remove outgoing Chair Julie Sowles as an authorized signer to the Inland Bank of America account.
 5. Remove previous Chair Aaron Espinosa as an authorized signer to the Inland Bank of America account.
 6. Remove retired Executive Director (Diane Bednarski) as an authorized signer to the Inland Library System Bank of America account.
 (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
11. CLSA Annual Report FY2021/22 Wayne Walker
 MSP (Caines/Kays) to authorize the Interim Executive Director to work with the Chair to complete the CLSA 2021/22 Annual Report for submission to the State Library by the extended due date of September 16, 2022.
 (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

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| <p>12. eBooks for All</p> <p>The Palace Project (https://market.thepalaceproject.org/) is a State Library project, funded by ARPA funds, to create equity in access to eBooks. Once ARPA funds end, funding for collection maintenance is being explored via LSTA and other funding sources. FAQ is found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XtiPn3Fm8-MoRseidlAlapyldLI03-JCTtsHV7IWro/edit?usp=sharing . Presentation slides here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1sz_Efcezq55rAsH6aiWbNY1fa1d0KxAAQqML2zTbpi5c/edit#slide=id.p</p> | <p>Jen Lemberger</p> |
| <p>13. State Library Liaison Report</p> <p>Request to review the report included in the Agenda Packet. The next Directors' Networking Conversation is September 21st at 3:30pm. The Governor's press release announces online tutoring for all in California.</p> | <p>Meg dePriest</p> |
| <p>14. Administrative Council Chair Report</p> <p>None.</p> | <p>Julie Sowles</p> |
| <p>15. Other</p> <p>December meeting will be hosted in Riverside Public, March meeting in Ontario, and May meeting in Hemet.</p> | <p>Julie Sowles</p> |
| <p>16. Adjournment</p> <p>MSP (Carter/Sunio) to adjourn meeting at 11:21am.</p> | <p>Julie Sowles</p> |
| <p>17. What's New at Your Library</p> | <p>Julie Sowles</p> |

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Minutes draft

Attendance

Caines, Kathye – Hemet
Carter, George – Victorville
Christmas, Erin – Riverside Public
Dickinson, Luren – Beaumont
Erjavek, Ed – San Bernardino Public
Espinosa, Aaron – Rancho Mirage
Garcia, Wes – Rancho Cucamonga
Howison, Barbara – Riverside County
Hurtado, Yuri – Upland
Kays, Jeannie – Palm Springs
Lenning, Abigail – Corona
Orosco, Melanie – San Bernardino County
Racelis, Melvin – Murrieta
Sunio, Maria – Moreno Valley
Thrasher, Shawn – Ontario
Williams, Kime – Palo Verde Valley

Other

Graver, Lori – SCLC
Shapiro, Caryn – SCLC
Walker, Wayne - SCLC

Absent

Lee, Kevin – Banning
Masters, Nancy – Inyo
Pedroza, Edward – Colton

1. Call to Order and Roll Call Erin Christmas
Meeting called to order at 12:35pm.
2. Public Comment Erin Christmas
Opportunity for any guest or member of the public to address the committee on any item of Administrative Council business.
None.
3. Adoption of the Agenda Erin Christmas
Chair adopted Agenda as presented, without objection.

- 4. Pension Liability Erin Christmas
MSP (Dickinson/Carter) to authorize Vice Chair Orosco to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release with County of Riverside County, in which County of Riverside agrees to payment of \$709,258.63, covering the remaining balance owed to SBcera, and the Settlement Agreement which releases the County of Riverside from all outstanding and future pension liability obligations.
15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

- 5. Other Erin Christmas
None.

- 6. Adjournment Erin Christmas
Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:48pm.

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AC Agenda Item 03c

DATE: December 15, 2022
TO: Administrative Council
FROM: Wayne Walker – Interim Executive Director, SCLC
SUBJECT: AB 361: Brown Act – Remote Meetings During State of Emergency

BACKGROUND: On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361 which allows local agencies to continue to use teleconferencing during a declared state of emergency without adhering to certain Brown Act provisions. Absent this legislation, local agencies would have had to return to traditional Brown Act meeting requirements beginning on October 1, 2021.

The Inland Administrative Council adopted an AB 361 resolution at the meeting of March 17, 2022.

AB 361 requires said resolution to be reaffirmed by majority vote every 30 days or at each subsequent meeting if more than 30 days have elapsed. With the continuation of the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for virtual meetings continues.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: Reaffirm the resolution attesting to a continued state of emergency and need to follow the provisions allowed by AB 361:

Be it resolved that the Inland Administrative Council reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency declared by the Governor and at least one of the following is true: (1) The state of emergency, continues to directly impact the ability of the members of this legislative body to meet safely in person; and/or (2) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.”



AC Agenda Item 05

DATE: December 15, 2022
TO: Administrative Council
FROM: Gary Shaffer – Administrative Council Chair - SCLC
Wayne Walker – Interim Executive Director SCLC/Inland
SUBJECT: SCLC Personnel Update

BACKGROUND: Executive Director Recruitment - The SCLC Interim Executive Director, Heather Cousin, accepted a permanent Director position at the Torrance Public Library in July. Wayne Walker has been serving as the Interim Executive Director. Recruitment for the SCLC Executive Director closed through the professional recruitment firm Teri Black & Company on September 11th. The SCLC Administrative Council is entering the final stages of the recruitment process for the new Executive Director. It is anticipated the new ED will start in January.

Controller Recruitment - After fulfilling a 5.5-year tenure, SCLC Controller, Carol Dinuzzo, accepted an offer from an outside organization in early August. SCLC contracted with Caryn Shapiro, CPA, for an immediate temporary solution to manage the Controller duties while a permanent option is identified. The recruitment for the permanent Controller is occurring with candidates being interviewed. It is anticipated the new permanent Controller will start in January.

An update on the California Library Association will be provided.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational



AC Agenda Item 06

DATE: December 15, 2022
TO: Inland Administrative Council
FROM: Caryn Shapiro, Interim Controller, SCLC/Inland
SUBJECT: Budget Status, FY2022/23

BACKGROUND: A complete Budget Status Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23 is attached for your review. Bank Reconciliations up to November 30, 2022, are reflected in the Budget Status Report.

REVENUE: CLSA funding for FY2022/2023 was approved at the October 5th CLSB meeting but still not collected. Membership dues for the fiscal year have been collected by 57 percent. The 2022/23 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) has not been announced by the State Library yet.

SAN BERNARDINO ACCOUNTS: After a careful assessment of the funds remaining in the San Bernardino County accounts, it was determined that these funds are unrestricted. The funds (\$119,369.79 + Interest of \$239.54) were transferred into Inland's operating account shortly after the close of the 21/22 fiscal year.

EXPENSES: Due to the brevity of the fiscal year, only a few expenses have been incurred during the reconciled period. The FY 2022/23 Bibliotheca renewal has been paid for \$52,473 and Kerygl Books invoices for \$8,493. Legal Fees for the Pension issue in the amount of \$2,556 have been paid.

FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures are on budget. The Unrestricted Cash has been recalculated and the balance as of November 30th 2022 is \$201,041.65.

RECCOMENDATION: Informational.

| REVENUES/EXPENSES | Proposed | Prior Year | Actuals | Balance | % | Notes |
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| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| CLSA Communications & Delivery | \$ 299,743 | \$ 304,272 | \$ - | \$ 299,743 | 0% | CLSB approved Oct 5, 2022 - Not yet received. |
| CLSA System Administration | \$ 74,937 | \$ 76,069 | \$ - | \$ 74,937 | 0% | CLSB approved Oct 5, 2022 - Not yet received. |
| Grant Project Revenue | \$ - | \$ 40,572 | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | TBD |
| Grant Indirect | \$ - | \$ 4,057 | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | TBD |
| Membership Dues | \$ 50,283 | \$ 50,170 | \$ 28,903 | \$ 21,380 | 57% | 57% of Membership Dues Paid. |
| Inland System Administration | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - | 0.00 | Local matching funds |
| Interest Income | \$ - | | \$ 240 | \$ (240) | 0% | Interest on Cash Balance. |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 424,963 | \$ 475,140 | \$ 29,143 | \$ 395,820 | | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| System Administration CLSA Funds | \$ 74,937 | \$ 76,069 | \$ - | \$ 74,937 | 0% | To be paid to SCLC at end of Fiscal Year. |
| System Administration Inland Funds | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | TBD |
| E-Resources | \$ 52,473 | \$ 265,653 | \$ 52,473 | \$ - | 0% | Bibliotheca-Paid 7/26/22. |
| Remaining CLSA Funds | \$ 215,189 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 215,189 | 0% | Allocations to be determined. |
| Delivery | \$ 26,500 | \$ 24,000 | \$ 8,493 | \$ 18,007 | 32% | Kergyl Books, paid \$ for Fiscal 21/22 |
| Telecommunications | \$ 500 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - | \$ 500 | 0% | Zoom, Website. |
| Audit Fees | \$ 5,081 | \$ 4,619 | \$ - | \$ 5,081 | 0% | Fedak-No audit for 20/21 every other year. |
| Other | \$ - | | \$ 2,556 | \$ (2,556) | 0% | Legal Fees for Pension Issue. |
| Operating Expenses Subtotal | \$ 374,680 | \$ 380,341 | \$ 63,522 | \$ 311,158 | | |
| Grant Expenses | | | | | | |
| PLSEP | \$ - | \$ 44,629 | \$ - | \$ - | 0% | TBD |
| Grant Expenses Subtotal | \$ - | \$ 44,629 | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 374,680 | \$ 424,970 | \$ 63,522 | \$ 311,158 | | |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 50,283 | \$ 50,170 | \$ (34,379) | | | |

INLAND ACCOUNT BALANCES

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| Bank of America as of June 30, 2022 | \$ 763,170 | \$ 745,063 | As of November 30, 2022 (201,042 Unrestricted) |
| SB County Accounts as of June 30, 2022 | \$ 119,370 | \$ - | As of November 30, 2022 (Unrestricted) |



AC Agenda Item 07

DATE: December 15, 2022
TO: Administrative Council
FROM: Wayne Walker – Interim Executive Director SCLC/Inland
SUBJECT: CLSA 2022/23 Update

BACKGROUND: The California Library Services Board (CLSB) met on October 5th. The FY2022/23 CLSA Plan of Service and Budget produced by Inland and SCLC Staff submitted in June 2022 was on the agenda for review and approval. The CLSB approved the Plan of Service and Budget as submitted by Inland. SCLC staff has worked with the CA State Library to complete needed paperwork to claim the funds. The CLSA funds will be distributed to Inland/SCLC system office in a lump sum check by the end of the calendar year.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$299,743 in baseline funds and \$74,937 in System Administration funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational



AC Agenda Item 08

DATE: December 15, 2022
TO: Administrative Council
FROM: Erin Christmas, Chair
SUBJECT: Pension Liability Update

BACKGROUND: On October 19, 2022 the Administrative Council agreed to sign a Settlement Agreement releasing Riverside County from all outstanding and future pension liability obligations. In return for signing the Agreement, Riverside County agreed to pay the remaining balance owed to SBcera by Inland Library System \$709,258.63. SBCERA has agreed to hold against further interest accruing on the balance, with the understanding that swift action will be taken by the County of Riverside upon receiving a signed Settlement Agreement.

Melanie Orosco, Vice Chair, and representatives from Riverside County have signed the agreement.

Further updates will be provided verbally at the ILS Administrative Council Meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file



AC Agenda Item 09

DATE: December 15, 2022
TO: Administrative Council
FROM: Wayne Walker – Interim Executive Director SCLC/Inland
SUBJECT: Bibliotheca – cloudLibrary

BACKGROUND: At its May 20, 2021 meeting, the Inland Administrative Council discussed whether Inland should continue with Overdrive Magazines or consider adopting Bibliotheca Newsstand due in part to platform fees that Overdrive will commence assessing to those libraries who do not subscribe to other Overdrive services. It was decided to cancel the Overdrive subscription and subscribe to Bibliotheca's cloudLibrary newsStand database in the Fall of 2021.

This is a check in to see how the cloudLibrary newsStand database is performing overall for member libraries and if there may be a desire to discuss other solutions at a future meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: TBD

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 Cooperative Library System Liaison Report
 December 7, 2022

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State Library News

CA State Library and Library Development Services News and Updates

Open Opportunities

Visit the [grants page](#) of the California State Library website for a listing and timetable of new and upcoming funding opportunities and statewide resources available.

[eBooks for All CA – Due December 9, 2022](#)

The LSTA eBooks for All grant program is now accepting applications! We have allocated \$1.25 million in LSTA funds to support collection development grants inside of the statewide collection. With these grants, your library or library collaborative will be able to guide and develop a collection that is accessible to all public libraries across the state. Further details on the project, including how to apply, [can be found here](#). The deadline to apply is December 9, 2022 at 5 pm. LSTA funded.

[Career Online High School – Due December 12, 2022](#)

California libraries can offer a no-cost, online high school diploma program to residents ages 19 and up. Career Online High School graduates receive an accredited diploma and a career certificate in one of ten fields. Enrollees have up to 18 months to complete the program. The next deadline for [new libraries to join](#) Career Online High School or for current participants to apply for [additional scholarships](#) is December 10, 2022.

[California Library Literacy Services – Due December 15, 2022](#)

CLLS has opened an additional application round for ESL funding for CLLS libraries who have not yet applied. Round “2.5” applications are now open and due no later than December 15, 2022 for funding that starts with the budget period January-June 2023. The final round of applications for new participants will open in early 2023 for funding that starts July 1, 2023. Contact [Bev Schwartzberg](#) or [Allyson Jeffredo](#) for information.

[Inspiration Grants – Due December 30, 2022](#)

LSTA-funded [Inspiration Grants](#) enable libraries to seek support for programs that don't necessarily fit within the parameters of other funding opportunities.

Because the Inspiration award cycle is different from the typical LSTA grant year, library staff are empowered to react to “a-ha moments,” meet their communities’ expressed needs and aspirations, and carry out innovative projects mid-year.

The application period is now open and will close on December 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and funds will be distributed as they are available. Project periods will vary depending on when applications are received and the needs of each individual project. Questions? Email LSTAgrants@library.ca.gov and include “Inspiration” in the subject line.

[Public Library Staff Education Program - Due December 2022](#)

The [Public Library Staff Education Program](#) is a tuition reimbursement program developed by the California State Library to improve library services to California’s diverse communities. To support the professional development of California public libraries, the California State Library works with cooperative library systems to provide public and county law library staff with tuition reimbursement for courses required for a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science.

The student application call for the 2022-2023 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) closed and student applications are in the review process. Cooperative library system applications are due in December 2022. For questions, contact PLSEP@library.ca.gov

[California Library Connect – Rolling Due Date](#)

The [California Library Connect Program](#) grant (formerly the High-Speed Broadband in California Public Libraries) is now live and accepting applications. Libraries may apply for grants to cover eligible IT/network infrastructure equipment and expenses, as well as the first-year costs of upgrading or installing a new high speed Internet circuit. This program also supports California public libraries by connecting them to high-speed internet through the California Research and Education Network (CalREN) — a high-capacity public-sector broadband network. Since 2015, California Library Connect has connected over 90 percent of its public library jurisdictions. California Library Connect is supported through the partnership of the California State Library, CENIC, and CTC Technology & Energy. We have also launched the California Collaborative Connectivity Grant, a separate grant opportunity that provides gap funding for libraries and partner anchor institutions to construct broadband circuits to connect underserved communities.

Upcoming Opportunities

[Building Forward Infrastructure Funding for California Libraries – Optional Statement of Interest Due December 16, 2022](#)

We are currently preparing Round Two of the Building Forward Infrastructure Program. This opportunity will open in the first quarter of 2023. With new funding providing the legislature, the State Library has approximately \$174 million dollars left to award.

We invite California cities, counties, and special library districts to submit Statements of Interest for Round Two of the Building Forward Grant Program. Statements of Interest are non-binding. Potential applicants are not required to submit Statements of Interest. Information submitted during the Statement of Interest period will be used by the State Library to ensure that the Building Forward program continues to align with the needs of California's communities. The Statement of Interest form was emailed to each California Public Library Director on Tuesday, November 15th. The form is also available on our website at <https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/infrastructure>. The form will close on Friday, December 16, 2022. With any questions, email buildingforward@library.ca.gov

[California State Library Parks Passes – Opening December 2022](#)

21,000 additional parks passes have been shipped and should be arriving shortly. All libraries will be getting either what they requested or more, and can hold passes back to be replacements, rather than waiting for Parks to ship a replacement. You can begin planning marketing, programming, and outreach to get the passes into the communities that may face park access barriers now. I hope the [updated toolkit for the Parks Pass program](#) is on the CSL website, with links to flyers, circulation guidelines, and more are useful – please let me know how I can help. The Evaluation Toolkit now has a [Spanish version of the survey](#). If you don't receive the passes by November 30, or don't receive the correct number, please let me know.

A new and expanded Parks Pass grant opportunity will be opening up in December, so as you get your additional passes and start to imagine complementary programming and outreach to underserved communities who may face parks access barriers, please dream big. Current grantees are welcome to apply. Please feel free to contact parkspass@library.ca.gov with any questions.

Current Projects and Services

[California Library Literacy Services Training - Ongoing](#)

CLLS networking calls and trainings continue on a regular basis. Upcoming training sessions will help libraries prepare for AmeriCorps, new ESL services and more. Please visit the new CLLS training and meeting [calendar](#)!

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

CALL Homegrown features learning opportunities suggested and designed by California library staff. If you have an idea for a great program, fill out the [CALL for Presentations](#)! Plan your team's professional development by visiting www.callacademy.org and check the frequently updated [calendar](#) to explore the options. Free courses, weekly webinars, and cohort-based learning continue throughout the year. CALL has its own newsletter, *CALL Letters*, and users can [subscribe](#) directly for up-to-date information on staff professional development needs. Encourage your staff members to [create a login](#) to access the many online, self-paced learning opportunities available through [CALL Academy](#).

[CopyCat Grants](#)

The 2022/23 [CopyCat Grants](#) call for application has closed. Thirty-two library jurisdictions have been selected to receive funding! Applicants have been issued award letters. For Grant Guide information, please visit [Manage Your Current Grant - California State Library](#). Grantees' first point of contact is their project advisor. For other CopyCat questions, please contact us at LSTAGrants@library.ca.gov

[Digital Navigators / Connected California - Ongoing](#)

Digital Navigators help Californians find low-cost internet and devices, learn digital skills, and use online resources to improve their lives. The service is available in English and Spanish, free to libraries and Californians. Learn more about the [Digital Navigators program](#).

Questions? DigNavs@library.ca.gov.

[Get Connected! California/Affordable Connectivity Program - Ongoing](#)

All California Libraries are invited to participate in the Get Connected! Initiative. Get Connected! promotes the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides a monthly discount of up to \$30 off home internet to qualifying families. Libraries are encouraged to host enrollment events, with the support of CETF and Get Connected! These enrollment events will support eligible families

interested in applying for ACP, answer questions about the ACP benefit, and provide hands-on assistance with the application. Patrons will be encouraged to bring the required documents to apply. To participate in an enrollment event and learn how you can help your patrons Get Connected! please visit <https://forms.gle/k6YiHeH8Suwhvxy97>. For more information on ACP please visit: www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday.

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](#)

Questions? If you have questions about the Statewide Online Tutoring Program, please contact the California State Library at catutoring@library.ca.gov or our onboarding partner, the Pacific Library Partnership, at tutoring at tutoring@plpinfo.org

Zip Books Program

Zip books allows users to have library items purchased and directly shipped to their home address. The 2022/23 Zip Books program call for applications has closed. Congratulations to the 96 library jurisdictions that have been issued award letters! Program information can be found at [Zip Books Program - California State Library](#)

For Zip Books questions, please contact us at ZipBooks@library.ca.gov

Networking and Training

[CAreer Pathways Webinar: Marketing, Outreach and Partnerships Best Practices – December 14, 2022](#)

CAreer Pathways workforce development and upskilling resources for the next two years have been announced! Join us Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm for [CAreer Pathways Marketing, Outreach, and Partnership Best Practices](#). All webinars will be recorded and shared on [CALL Academy](#).

More webinars announced soon for January – June 2023. Learn more and register for upcoming trainings on the [CA Career Pathways Staff Resources page](#).

Questions? CAPathways@library.ca.gov

Directors Networking Conversations – January 2023

Networking conversations for library directors continue and an invitation to participate is sent out on the directors' listserv as dates are scheduled. There will not be a Directors call in December. The next call will be held in January 2023, date and time TBD.



Inland Meeting Dates
Approved May 11, 2022
Updated December 9, 2022

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Thursday, September 15, 2022

9am Executive
10am Administrative
Murrieta

Thursday, October 19, 2022 – Special Meeting

12:30pm Administrative
Online via Zoom

Thursday, December 15, 2022

9am Executive
10am Administrative
~~*Riverside Public – cancelled*~~
Online via Zoom only

Thursday, March 16, 2023

9am Executive
10am Administrative
Ontario

Thursday, May 11, 2023

9am Executive
10am Administrative
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