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**California State Library provides funds for libraries hit hard by summer wildfires through federal Library Services and Technology Act**

**Sacramento, Calif.** – Several county libraries have even more reason to be thankful this holiday season. The California State Library is providing grant funds to five county libraries affected by last summer’s devastating wildfires. The one-time funding will help these libraries add materials and resources that will assist county residents affected by the fires.

Counties that lost 25,000 to 100,000 acres are receiving \$10,000 for collection development. These include Kern, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Siskiyou Counties. Counties that lost more than 100,000 acres will receive \$15,000. Monterey County will receive \$15,000 in grant funds.

According to the California State Librarian Greg Lucas, “It is clear how essential libraries are to the affected counties. Hopefully, this grant money will help these county libraries respond to the unique challenges created by the wildfires that have ravaged these communities.”

The [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#) supports libraries in the 50 states through funding from the federal [Library Services and Technology Act \(LSTA\)](#), which is administered in California by the State Librarian. The grants to county libraries affected by the wildfires will help them rebuild their collections and meet the needs of their communities.

**About the State Library:** Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state’s rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners’ diaries, newspapers and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. [www.library.ca.gov](http://www.library.ca.gov)