

The California Library Services Board

Connie Williams, President
Anne Bernardo, Vice President
Greg Lucas, Chief Executive Officer
James Lau
Paymaneh Maghsoudi
Elizabeth O. Murguia
Dr. Maria Nieto Senour
Sandra Tauler
Sharon Weissman

Library Development Services Bureau 900 N Street, Suite 400 P.O. Box 942837 Sacramento, California 94237-0001 (916) 653-7532 phone (916) 653-8443 fax

May 28, 2024 BOARD MEETING

California Library Services Board Mission

The mission of the California Library Services Board is to foster lifelong learning by ensuring that all Californians have free and convenient access to all library resources and services.

California Library Services Board Vision

The California Library Services Board values literacy, cooperation, diversity, service to the underserved, and access.

- **Literacy:** Promote the importance of reading and the skills needed by individuals to participate fully in society.
- **Cooperation:** Encourage the sharing of resources and collaboration among libraries and other government agencies, organizations, and diverse community groups.
- **Diversity:** Support programs and services that reflect the diverse population of California.
- Service to the underserved: Strengthen equitable distribution of resources and services to any population segment, regardless of economic status and other circumstances, whose needs are not adequately met by traditional library services patterns.
- **Access:** Affirm the principles of equitable access to resource across library systems through local control, local financing, and resource sharing.



MEETING NOTICE

California Library Services Board

May 28, 2024 10:00am – 1:00pm

This meeting will be a Zoom meeting

If you would like to listen and/or participate in this meeting, please contact Monica Rivas for the Zoom meeting information at:

For further information contact:

Monica Rivas
California State Library
P.O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA 94237-0001
(916) 603-7159
Monica.rivas@library.ca.gov

For Physical Meeting Locations See the Next Page

California State Library Building

State Librarian's Office Suite 914 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA, 95814

Camarena Memorial Library

850 Encinas Avenue Calexico CA, 92231

Glendale Public Library

Administration Conference Room Central Branch 222 East Harvard St. Glendale, CA, 91205

Whittier Public Library

Central library Conference room 7344 Washington Ave. Whittier, CA, 90602

Tulare County Public Law Library

Kenneth E. Conn Conference Room 221 S Mooney Blvd Visalia, CA, 93291

Petaluma Regional Library

Board Room 100 Fairgrounds Dr. Petaluma, CA, 94962

San Diego Community College

District Board Office 3375 Camino del Rio South San Diego, CA, 92108

The Humboldt County Library

1313 3rd Street Eureka, CA, 95501

A. BOARD OPENING

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions of Board members, staff, and audience

2. Adoption of Agenda

Consider agenda as presented or amended

3. Approval of February 01, 2024, Board Minutes – Document 1

Consider minutes as presented or amended

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. Board President's Report

Report on activities since last Board meeting

2. Board Vice-President's Report

Report on activities since last Board meeting

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Report on activities since last Board meeting

4. Zip Books Grant Program Report

Zip Books Update

C. CALIFORNIA LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

BUDGET AND PLANNING

Library Services Act Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-2025 – Document 2
 Consider FY 2024-2025 preliminary budget

RESOURCE SHARING

1. Annual Report for FY 2022-2023 – Document 3

Review and discuss System Annual Report for FY 2022-2023

Correction to 2023-24 Population and Membership Figures – Document 4 Santiago Library System Cooperative member numbers need to be updated to correct number

3. Library Withdrawal from System Cooperative – Document 5

Palo Verde Valley District Library withdrawal from Inland Library System Cooperative

D. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Overview of Legislation Affecting Libraries FY 2024-2025

Consider areas of legislative concern for the upcoming fiscal year

E. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS FY 2024-2025

Discussion items brought forward by the Board that fall under their purview

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment on any item or issue that is under the purview of the California Library Services Board and is not on the agenda

G. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS

Board member or officer comment on any item or issues that is under the purview of the California Library Services Board and is not on the agenda

H. OLD BUSINESS

Any old business the Board members wish to discuss

1. Palm Desert Library Affiliation Update – Document 6

California State Library received Ordinance-1408 from Palm Desert Library completing the process of their affiliation to Inland Library System

2. Update on Administrative Assistant II position

Update on the hiring status of the Administrative Assistant II to the California Library Services Board position

3. Update on CLSA Forms

Update on the new CLSA forms used for reporting

I. AGENDA BUILDING

Input on agenda items for subsequent Board meetings

J. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting

1	Document 1
2	ACTION
3	California Library Services Board Meeting
4	February 01, 2024
5	Remote Meeting: Zoom
6	BOARD OPENING
7	Welcome and Introductions
8	President Williams called the California Library Services Board meeting to order
9	on February 01, 2024, at 11:00 am.
10	Board Members Present:
11	Anne Bernardo, James Lau, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, Elizabeth Murguia, Maria
12	Nieto Senour, Sandra Tauler, Sharon Weissman, and Connie Williams.
13	California State Library Staff Present:
14	Natalie Cole, California State Librarian Greg Lucas, Monica Rivas, Annly
15	Roman, Shana Sojoyner, Reed Strenge, Scott Taylor, and Deputy State Librarian,
16	Rebecca Wendt.
17	Adoption of Agenda
18	It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi/Lau) with seven ayes and
19	one abstention (Murguia) that the California Library Services
20	Board adopts the agenda for the February 01, 2024, meeting.
21	Approval of October 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes
22	It was moved, seconded (Weissman/Nieto) with seven ayes and
23	one abstention (Murguia) that the California Library Services
24	Board approves, as amended, the draft minutes of the October
25	19, 2023, California Library Services Board meeting.
26	Meeting Dates – Winter & Spring 2024
27	California Library Services Act Coordinator Monica Rivas said she would send
28	out a doodle poll for possible dates for the upcoming Spring and Fall 2024
29	meeting. The expressed preference was for the Spring meeting to be in in April,
30	March and May dates would also be considered.
31	Connie Williams inquired about Fall 2024 meeting and Monica Rivas stated
32	that a doddle poll would go out for dates in September, since August was cutting
33	in close to draft documents. She state staff would try to avoid going into October
34	or November.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Board President's Report

President Williams reported that the California School Library Association conference was a considerable success, they had lots of meetings, fabulous speakers, emphasized advocacy, and they are looking at various legislative items. President Williams pointed out that this time of the year the Department of Education asks school libraries to respond to a state of the library survey, and she's hoping for participation while getting the word out. Williams also invited everyone to her local library in Petaluma, which is hosting LumaCon, a free all day comic convention.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Anne Bernardo reported that Law Libraries are disappointed that they didn't get their funding and are working on additional funding. Bernardo stated Law Libraries continue to work on additional projects to point out the importance of public Law Libraries in access to justice initiatives. Bernardo continues to monitor ALA listservs and the Northern California Law Library Chapter Service.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

State Librarian Greg Lucas reported that since the last meeting the focus of the State Library had been on awarding grants across several programs, including the remaining Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program funds. Funding in the amount of \$171 million was awarded to 34 applicants. The Governor's budget proposal called for taking back \$131 million of those funds. It was agreed that the Board would further discuss this issue in the legislative portion of the meeting.

BUDGET AND PLANNING

Resource Sharing

Monica Rivas stated Palm Desert Public Library was separating from Riverside County effective July 01,2024 and establishing their own library They had requested affiliation with Inland Library System and had submitted all appropriate documentation except for the finalized ordinance. Annly Roman stated the finalized ordinance would confirm the creation of the library but that it had yet to be officially passed. Roman when on to state Plam Desert Library would like to be able to join effective at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Board could approve their request pending the submission, to the State Library, of the completed documentation. Sharon Weissman confirmed that the library would be operated by the city.

It was moved and seconded (Lau/Weissman) and carried with seven ayes and one abstention (Murguia) that the California Library Services Board approve the affiliation of the Palm Desert Public Library with the Inland Library System effective July 1, 2024, pending the submission of the local ordinance or other official establishing documentation from the City of Palm Desert to the California State Library and the California Library Services Board.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

President Williams stated that the position of Administrative Assistant II to the California Library Services Board, which was held by Iulia, was now open as she had accepted an offer from another department. Rebecca Wendt stated Iulia Bodeanu had left in November. The open position had been posted and would be open until February 05, 2024. Wendt asked the Board if they want to use the hiring model they had previously used where most of the hiring work was done by State Library staff, with one Board members, perhaps Connie Williams, participating in interviews. The State Library would weed the applications and determine the eligible high-ranking candidates to be interviewed. The interview panel would have one Board member that would take part in the decision process. The Board agreed that this model worked well previously.

It was moved and seconded (Bernardo/Maghsoudi) and carried with seven ayes and one abstention (Murguia) that the California Library Services Board authorized the California State Library to conduct the hiring process for the Administrative Assistant II position on their behalf. California Library Services Board will appoint a representative to participate in the hiring process.

Annly Roman asked the Board who would they like to nominate as the representative on the hiring panel. The Board could choose the same representative as before, Connie Williams, or was there an interest from another board member.

It was moved and seconded (Maghsoudi /Lau) and carried with seven ayes and one abstention (Murguia) that the California Library Services Board appoint Connie Williams to sit on the hiring panel to represent the Board in the hiring process of the Administrative Assistant II position.

1 President Williams thanked all the staff that has taken up the work since Iulia left.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State Librarian Greg Lucas reported that the State Legislative Analyst reported that the State of California had a budget gap of \$60 billion between its spending commitments and money coming in the door. The Governor's budget, unveiled in January, said the gap was \$40 billion and the proposed is based on closing the \$40 billion gap. Among the items in the proposed budget that could impact libraries was the proposal that \$131 million of the \$489 that was given to the State Library for facility improvements at local public libraries not be spent and instead by used to help close the gap.

Lucas stated there's also a pot of \$35 million that had been earmarked to facilitate broadband projects where libraries work in collaboration with schools and telehealth providers to help connect hard to connect areas. Lucas stated those funds have been dormant for the last two years for a variety of reasons. The Department of Finance stated since those funds have haven't been used, they are going to use it to fix the budget. Lucas stated the State Library provided several proposals to the administration on programs the library would like to continue or expand and all of those were rejected because of the State's fiscal condition.

The first issue of the Library Development Services Newsletter spoke to the potential losses in services because of the budget requests being denied. Lucas stated one of those services affected is Brainfuse, a product available at no charge to California school kids through every library in the state. In the first nine months this service was accessed by 250,000 kids. This was a pilot program paid for with one time money over a two-year period. The same could be said for similar online services that are being used like LinkedIn Learning and Skillshare that were being paid for by one-time covid money. The State Library attempted to have those programs continues, but the Department of Finance said no.

The Department of Finance did authorize, with federal money, a full-time position to act as a Tribal liaison. Lucas stated there are a lot of funding opportunities available for California's tribal nations both from the State and the Federal Government. The State Library hopes that, by having a full-time liaison, we can connect California's tribal nations to these resources. The State Library is having initial conversations with other cultural heritage entities in state government, like the Arts Council, to see how the liaison can convey some of the opportunities they might have.

State Librarian Lucas stated that the May revision would provide a better picture of the budget, since it will have updated revenue numbers. Potentially the

budget situation could improve, and some of the reductions or policy changes in the January budget may not be as dire in the May revision.

On the Federal level, every five years the different federal agencies come up for reauthorization. The Institute of Museum and Library Services will go through the process of reauthorization in 2025. Through reauthorization certain programs are reevaluated for their effectiveness and if they haven't met certain benchmarks, they are not continued. Lucas stated that there was already some groundwork being laid by members of Congress.

Lucas attended a conference last October were Senator Jack Reed, one of the biggest library advocates in Congress, stated he would carry the reauthorization bill. Senator Reed stated that he would like to see Federal money be able to be used for facilities. People attending the conference were curious how that would look. Would they authorize more funds or just slice the pie thinner. Lucas compared the scenario with the State Library Zip Books program, were the State Library gets more than a million and half request for funding and we only have a million dollars to award; people keep joining and we just keep slicing the pizza thinner and thinner.

The State Association that includes all the State Librarians is advocating for the United States of America, the richest country on earth, to spend at least \$1 per person on public libraries. Lucas stated that would be about in the range of about \$332 million, as opposed to the \$200 million spent now.

State Librarian Lucas also noted that AB 1825 was introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi; a spot bill not the finish product. The bill expresses the intent to provide some sort of defense or protection against book challenges that have been occurring primary in schools, but also in places like Fresno and Huntington Beach. Another bill out there is SB 321 by Senator Ashby that was passed last year, it calls upon the State Library to help local libraries put more library cards into hands of school kids. The bill enshrines in law that issuing a library card to a kid doesn't violate student privacy law.

Murguia asked State Librarian Lucas what amount is being asked from the State Library to close the budget gap. Lucas stated it would be \$131 million from the Building Forward Project and \$35 million from broadband. Murguia asked if the Zip Books Program will be affected by the budget cuts and the Lucas replied the only two items identified were Building Forward and broadband, but the economy could get worse, and they could add other programs to the list. Murguia was curious how you could pull back funds from these local jurisdictions. Lucas stated that they have received no guidance on what to do and how to effectuate the changes. The \$489 million in question was already encumbered. Murguia suggests the Board weigh in with the legislature about this issue.

Lucas stated that pre-hearings had begun, and the legislature was beginning the process. Lucas believed the process would wrap up a month before the May Revision on May 14.

Williams wonder if the \$1 per person being recommended would fall under IMLS or as a budget item. Lucas responded the intent would be that it come through IMLS. Williams asked if the Affordable Connectivity Program was ending. Lucas stated there was an advocacy group that focuses on broadband and connectivity that has been meeting and it was their top priority to keep that program. Williams was curious if it had a material effect on libraries since it delt with broadband. Lucas stated it was broader, but libraries are a part of it. Willimas asked the State Librarian if he was familiar with AB 1078. Lucas committed to get more familiar with it and have a conversation with Muratsuchi office to create a memo that speaks to what AB 1078 is trying to do.

Murguia asked if the California Library Association was aware of the Governor's proposals and if the jurisdictions are aware that \$131 million of funding could being taken back. Lucas stated, yes, the Legislative Committee for CLA met, and as of right now no strategy had been formulated but they did meet monthly.

Weissman stated she would be conducting a few lobbying trips to Sacramento and Washington and would be meeting with Senator Gonzalez's Chief of Staff, Cynthia Alvarez, in her other capacity as a Board member of the Harbor Commission for the Port of Long Beach. Weissman wanted to know if there was a process or procedure for speaking to elected officials and their staff as she would like to bring up the issues being discussed and address the priorities of the Board. Murguia stated that as Board members they can advocate for libraries. Weissman wanted to clarify who she should speak to after she has her meetings with Alvarez and Congressman Robert Garcia. Williams stated if she relayed the information from her meeting, she would be happy to pass the information to Annly Roman and Greg Lucas. Lucas suggested the State Library put together talking points for all the Board members to use when speaking to legislators. A commitment was made to have the talking points ready before Weissman meeting on February 20th.

Anthony Halstead from Napa requested a formal statement from the State Library advocating for Brainfuse and the Parks Pass Program, it could possibly include highlight of programs success. Halstead stated the Commission in his areas could not speak out unless it had a formal recommendation. Halstead stated that they were fortunate to be able to provide Brainfuse on their own, but the Parks Pass Program was not something they can replicate locally. The Parks Pass Program had garnered public awareness and was very valuable.

James Lau stated that he serves on the California State Parks Foundation Board and the Parks Pass program was one of the programs they had been advocating for. The California State Parks Foundation Board sent notices to members of the legislature to contact the Governor and the Budget Chair and advocate to keep the program. The Parks Pass program was very beneficial and a lot of people were using it, to have the program excluded would be unfortunate stated Lau.

State Librarian Lucas stated that the State Library, like Parks, was part of the Administration and not able to advocate. The Parks Department had a Foundation to take a stand against the elimination of the State Parks Pass Program. The State Library was precluded from making a public action like that, the Library Board was not, they could write a letter about what the Board priorities are for state spending on libraries. A letter from the Board might satisfy the Commission Member that Halstead spoke of, but it could not come from the State Library as a State Agency that's not supposed to engage in advocacy work. Halstead suggested emailing Lau from the California State Parks Foundation Board for help. Lau agreed to forward the Foundation's email and Blog and stated the staff at Foundation is continuously advocating and galvanizing their membership, there was a sizeable base that could advocate. Lau stated that advocacy day for State Parks Foundation was in May, and the Library Parks Pass would be on the agenda. Lau stated the media had been writing about the program itself and the staff of the State Parks Foundation had been reaching out to press and it had helped to get the message out.

Lucas provided the LSTA funding update stating nothing in the current fiscal year was in jeopardy. If Congress passed a budget the federal programs would be funded through March, and everyone would get their check, if that didn't happen the checks would be later. The Federal budget delays, at the moment, were not creating any jeopardy for our programmatic commitments.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS FY 2024-2025

Establishment of Legislative Advocacy Goals

The Board began a discussion on what the Board can do about advocacy, what they want to do, and how to move forward. One of the items was to write another letter and the creation of talking points. Murguia recommended framed the Board's request with the understanding that the \$166 million that the State Library was being asked to give up was unfair. Murguia suggested the Board advocate for maintaining the Parks Program, Zip Books, and requesting the State make good on the commitments for the projects funded under Building Forward.

Weissman suggested libraries needed a library champion in the legislature and asked if anyone is aware of who that person might be, maybe someone who had been supportive in the past. Libraries needed someone willing to speak on priorities the Board identified. Williams posed the question if Weissman request was to the Board, asking personally, or as a constituent and was concerned if there were any limitations on the Board. Weissman clarified that if there were any prohibitions against the Board asking, she would be willing to ask as an individual or on behalf of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation. Weissman provided an example of the Long Beach Public Library which was able to get a \$1.4 million increase in its budget, which hadn't seen an increase in more than a decade because one person championed for more money. Weissman believed a champion could be effective and that the Board needed to argue for no cuts, especially money that had already been awarded.

Lucas believed there was no prohibition on the Board having a champion. He stated it was a good idea to have somebody who was knowledgeable and could champion library causes. Lucas stated one way of approaching the issue would be to look at the backgrounds of some of the members of the legislature who had introduced bills on libraries. Lucas provided the example of Senator Ashby who introduced a bill on libraries and suggested that looking at those legislators could let to a more receptive audience. Lucas also noted a new Assemblyman from San Luis Obispo who had contacted the State Library to ask about library issues.

Willimas asked about creating a document with talking points and data, that could be used to champion the Board priorities. The Board or the State Librarian could later identify possible candidates that could be a champion and provide them with data they needed to be aware of to continue supporting libraries. Lucas stated that the State Library routinely sent reports to the legislature and emails to the Chiefs of Staff of every member as well as several people in the Governor's office. He suggest that the Board could direct the State Library to do something similar.

Nikki Winslow pointed out the Assembly member in her area, Chris Holden, was very pro-library, and had helped Altadena and Pasadena Library. Assemblymember Holden was about to be termed out, this would be his last year, but he would be a good candidate for a library champion.

Lucas suggested if the Board could articulate what they would like to see happen around the State budget. The State Library could draft a document and present it to every legislator's office. He suggested the Board put forward priorities that would have the most chance for success, those priorities that demonstrate they are going to save the State of California money. Murguia asked Lucas if he had any ideas on how the State Library would save the State money by expending the \$131 million, was there a way of framing the issue so that the State fulfilled that commitment. The State Librarian replied, no.

Lucas stated the law said the State Library was to be given \$489 million dollars, the priority was for the funds to be used to help the least resourced communities

in California, and these funds are going to address life and safety related issues. These funds were prioritized for projects such as putting on a roof and replacing HVAC systems in communities that can least afford it. Lau asked if we had a list of libraries that would be affected to target those elected officials Lucas replied that the State Library did have the list of the project awardees, which he could provide to the Board.

 Weissman stated that she had done a little research on how libraries save money and provided an example of incarcerated people. Weissman stated she was unclear of the percentage of prisoners that were illiterate, but she believed it was high, and libraries teach people how to read. Weissman believed libraries save individuals money not the State. The Building Forward money had gone to those libraries with the least number of resources. The argument should be, the cuts effected people who were in the lowest income level communities, that were most disadvantaged, and most likely were communities of color. That was the cruelest cut, because it cut those who had the least, and it was not what the legislature should be doing.

Lucas pointed out the State Library website had a section on the Value of Libraries. Lucas stated that the return on investment in supporting libraries was substantial, if you invested \$1 in libraires you got back \$5. If you taught someone how to read, they were going to get a better job and pay more in taxes. Weissman also pointed out that during covid libraries worked with schools to help curb decreasing reading levels. Weissman believed libraries save both the State and individuals money and were a resource for those individuals that couldn't afford to purchase books.

Murguia suggested that the Board reiterate the previous letter that was sent to the Governor in November and add that the Governor restore the proposed cuts that were in the budget. Murguia also suggested sending a letter to both the heads of the Assembly and the Senate, or a targeted email. Murguia stated she would be happy to covey such a letter to her Senator who was now the new leader of the Senate, and her Assemblymember, who were advocates for libraries. Weissman asked if the libraries effected had already made financial commitments with the funding. Lucas replied, that over \$300 million of the total went out the door and grantees are well along in the process. The libraries effected had made commitments and were working on their respective projects.

The Board agreed to send a shorter and more directive version of the previous letter and make it clear the Board opposes the proposed cuts. The Board also requested talking points and State Library staff agreed to supply them with the document. Williams ask if there was a list of the facilities that would lose out because of the funding. Lucas stated the State Library had no guidance on how to effectuate this issue, as of now the budget is premised on saving \$131 million by not spending that on local library facility improvements.

The State Library would draft a letter and talking points on the Board's behalf as soon as possible to enable Weissman to use it at her meetings. Lucas also committed to create a document with the Federal issues and priorities. Willimas stated that the Board should plan on doing legislative meetings on their own.

Weissman brought up the issue of the homeless and how it affected libraries. Weissman wanted to know if the library had any information or resources on how to deal with people not from a social work standpoint, but the legal issues of dealing with people who were disruptive. Had the State Library ever prepared any information or was there any information they could provide that would help libraries know what they could and could not do in dealing with disruptive people. Lucas stated traditionally different jurisdictions had established different standards and rules for dealing with those issues. The State Library did not have statewide guidance. The State Library did have a compendium of state laws that relate to libraries.

Murguia stated the State Library had provided training to help address this issue. Natalie Cole stated the State Library had a mental health initiative for several years, and that was not a project that we were currently operating. The resources were on our website, but the information was not up to date because it was not something that we were currently working on. The State Library continued to offer training in partnership with the California Library Association through a project called California Libraries Learn (CALL), and there was a lot of training resources for the library community on this topic there.

Weissman stated because of inadequate resources from the city they had to close the library on more than one occasion because of safety issues. There were more people experiencing homelessness and it was a huge challenge for the city, not just libraries. Weissman also wanted to know If there was any race equity training. Williams responded that in her area they had equity training along with wellness training. Weissman asked if there were any materials she could share. Cole stated there were resources available at the CALL training academy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

 There was no public comment brought forward.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS

No further comments were discussed all were covered under Board Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought forward.

AGENDA BUILDING

Williams stated we would continue to discuss the budget as more information came in. Weissman took a minute to thank all librarians for all their hard work.

1 ADJOURNMENT

- 2 President Connie Williams called for the adjournment of the California Library
- 3 Services Board meeting at 12:40 pm.

AGENDA ITEM: Preliminary CLSA Budget for FY 2024-2025

ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:

Consider the preliminary CLSA budget for FY 2024-2025

1. RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:

I move that the California Library Services Board adopt, contingent upon the passage of the State Budget Act, the 2024-2025 CLSA budget as directed in the proposed 2024-2025 budget, totaling \$3,630,000 for allocation to Cooperative Library Systems.

2. RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:

I move that the California Library Services Board approve, contingent upon the passage of the State Budget Act, the \$1 million allocated in the 2024-2025 budget to invest in the Zip Books program to ensure timely and cost-effective access to information in California's hard-to-reach and underserved communities.

BACKGROUND:

The Governor's proposed budget, released in January for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, included a proposal to provide \$3,630,000 million in funding for the California Library Services Act and \$1 million in on-going funding for the Zip Books program.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board adopt the preliminary budget Exhibit A at this meeting so that the systems have preliminary numbers to base their plans of service on.

RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

Review and approve System Plans of Service and Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Exhibit A

CLSA Preliminary System Budget Allocations- FY 2024/25

Communications and Delivery Program

System	Baseline Budget	System Administration	Total	Zipbooks
Black Gold	\$ 111,269	\$ 27,817	\$ 139.086	
49-99	\$ 120,190	\$ 30,048	\$ 150,238	
Inland	\$ 299,108	\$ 74,778	\$ 373,886	
NorthNet	\$ 666,360	\$ 166,590	\$ 832,950	
PLP	\$ 568,138	\$ 142,035	\$ 710,173	
SJVLS	\$ 192,158	\$ 48,040	\$ 240,198	
Santiago	\$ 176,620	\$ 44,155	\$ 220,775	
Serra	\$ 212,485	\$ 53,121	\$ 265,606	
SCLC	\$ 557,672	\$ 139,416	\$ 697,088	
Total funding	\$ 2,904,000	\$ 726,000	\$ 3,630,000	\$ 1,000,000

CLSA Preliminary System Budget Allocations \$1,880,000- FY 2024/25

Communications and Delivery Program

System	Baseline Budget	System Administration	Total	Zipbooks
Black Gold	\$ 57,627	\$ 14,407	\$ 72,034	
49-99	\$ 62,248	\$ 15,562	\$ 77,810	
Inland	\$ 154,910	\$ 38,729	\$ 193,639	
NorthNet	\$ 345,112	\$ 86,278	\$ 431,390	
PLP	\$ 294,242	\$ 73,561	\$ 367,803	
SJVLS	\$ 99,520	\$ 24,880	\$ 124,400	
Santiago	\$ 91,472	\$ 22,867	\$ 114,339	
Serra	\$ 110,047	\$ 27,512	\$ 137,559	
SCIC	\$ 288,822	\$ 72,204	\$ 361,026	
Total funding	\$ 1,504,000	\$ 376,000	\$ 1,880,000	\$ 1,000,000

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA System Annual Report, FY 2022/23

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CLSA funds continue to support the Communications and Delivery (C&D) program at the cooperative system level. In FY 2022/23, C&D funds supported all or a portion of each System's physical delivery of materials and the use of shared e-resources. Exhibit A provides a summary of System activities for 2022-2023 and shows how communities benefited through state funding. Exhibit B displays a summary of the actual workload statistics for 2022/23.

RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

Consideration of 2024/25 System Plans of Service.

Staff Liaison: Monica Rivas

California Library Services Act System Program Annual Report FY 2022/2023

Southern California library Cooperative (SCLC): Executive Director Christine Powers

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$704,171.

Approved Baselines Funds: \$563,338

Program	Budgeted from funding of FY 2022/2023	Expended from budget of FY 2022/2023	Encumbered Funds in 2022-2023	Rollover to FY 2023/2024 From FY 2022/2023	Additional funds used	Additional funds being rolled over
E-Resources	\$445,338	\$0	\$16,592 22-23 \$288,419 21-22 \$64,636 20-21	\$428,746	\$1,212 20-21	
Delivery	\$66,500	\$44,646		\$21,854	\$22,013 2021-2022	
Office Supplies	\$9,300	\$5,907		\$3,393		
Audit	\$12,200	\$8,964		\$3,236	\$6,905 21-22	
Telecommunications	\$30,000	\$0		\$30,000	\$18,223 2021-2022	\$3,519 21-22
Resource Sharing (Digilab)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$35,000 21-22	
TOTAL	\$563,338	\$59,517	\$369,647	\$487,229	\$83,353	\$3,519 21-22

Approved System Administration Funds: \$140,833

			-		
Salaries &	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
Benefits	2022/2023	2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
			From FY		rolled over
			2022/2023		
Executive	\$49,488	\$49,488			
Director					
Deputy	\$17,939	\$17,939			
Director					
Controller	\$34,146	\$34,146			
Project	\$19,263	\$19,263			
Manager					
Administrative	\$19,997	\$19,997			
Assistant					
TOTAL	\$140,833	\$140,833			

Southern California library Cooperative (SCLC) Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) goals for the Communications and Delivery Program were met through the ongoing CLSA funding.

SCLC's use of CLSA funds for a Shared Delivery has been essential. Without this service, members libraries would otherwise be spending several tens of thousands of dollars to return books. Member libraries have several patrons who are homebound due to health issues, and the swift delivery turnaround serves as a rapid lifeline, granting them access to a broader range of collections locally.

SCLC utilizes CLSA e-Resources funds to provide their patrons with access to PressReader which offers digital access to newspapers and magazines from around the world. A majority of SCLC's jurisdiction consists of Los Angeles County – home to one of the most diverse regions in the United States, where one in three people are born outside the U.S. and over 200 languages are spoken. Given the wide range of publications from throughout the world available through PressReader, members of its diverse community can continue to access publications in their native language/country. It should also be noted that SCLC member library patrons can access PressReader from anywhere in the world with their library card, and usage statistics show that this service is indeed utilized from other parts of the world.

The Gale Archives of Sexuality and Gender is another CLSA e-Resource utilized by SCLC. It provides a vast and comprehensive compilation that member libraries may not be able to otherwise replicate. It provides meaningful context to the diverse SCLC member library patron community, particularly at a time where the challenges and threats to the safety and autonomy of the LGBTQ+ community are escalating. Providing a resource available 24/7 and accessible from anywhere allows users to explore topics safely and privately from a vetted, reliable source. Information Desk staff refer patrons to this resource regularly, and member libraries highlight this resource during Pride Month.

SCLC member libraries also utilized CLSA funds on Digilab. The scanners provided by Digilab have aided in completing local history research requests for patrons. At one member library, it enabled high school students to research projects because of the unique access it has provided to local history books, including year books. Local newspaper journalists have also used Digilab archives to provide supporting information in their articles.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- SCLC staff provide in-office support for contracted courier delivery services.
- Listserv subscription for member libraries and interest groups to communicate via email.

Inland Library System: Executive Director Christine Powers

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$374,680.

Approved Baselines Funds: \$299,743

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds
	of FY	of FY	From FY		being
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		rolled
					over
E-Resources	\$260,897	\$260,897	\$0	\$213,180	
				2021/2022	
Delivery	\$26,500	\$26,500			
Audit	\$5,081	\$5,081		\$4,619 21-22	
Telecommunications	\$7,265	\$7,265	\$0	\$8,481 21-22	
TOTAL	\$299,743	\$299,743	\$0	\$226,280	

Approved System Administration Funds: \$74,937

Salaries &	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
Benefits	2022/2023	2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
			From FY		rolled over
			2022/2023		
Executive	\$21,516	\$21,516			
Director					
Deputy	\$1,496	\$1,496			
Director					
Controller	\$32,594	\$32,594			
Project	\$1,027	\$1,027			
Manager					
Administrative	\$18,304	\$18,304			
Assistant					
TOTAL	\$74,937	\$74,937			

Inland Library System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

The goals of the Inland Library System (ILS) for the Communications and Delivery Program were met through ongoing CLSA funding.

Inland uses a portion of its Communications and Delivery Program funds for a systemwide Bibliotheca collection. The Bibliotheca collection provides access to additional ematerials for the patrons of member libraries, including e-magazines. Without this resource, some member libraries would not have been able to offer a digital magazine collection, as their physical magazine collection is very small. The digital collection gives patrons access to broader collection of magazines, including access to non-English language magazines. The Bibliotheca collection has been vital in keeping member libraries' magazine collections current and robust. It also allows libraries to free up shelves for additional, physical collection items.

Inland members also utilize funds for shared delivery services. The delivery services assist with interlibrary loan requests, providing convenience to patrons to return materials to other surrounding libraries. Most importantly, it provides patrons across ILS's jurisdiction access to additional titles that are not available at their library location or have long waits on the holds lists.

Inland annual practice to allocate its remaining CLSA funds to be distributed to members for either E-Resources or Telecommunications using a population-based formula.

The e-Resources funding allowed one member library to provide the children in their community with a multimedia resource that supports science and social studies through Truflix. This helps students improve their literacy skills, content-area knowledge, and the ability to cultivate critical skills that assist with their academic success. Another member library used the funds for Hoopla. Another member library, which is in a very rural region, used the funds to offset the cost of providing e-materials via Overdrive.

Telecommunications funding makes high-speed internet possible and the equipment to maintain a 10 GBT network for the member library's community; without these funds, this would not be something that the library could provide to its patrons.

Inland also conducted their biennial audit.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- Member email groups provide effective networking, information sharing, and discussion forums for the region, so that member libraries stay abreast of developments in the area and share experiences and advice with one another.
- The Murrieta Public Library (MPL) has an agreement with the Riverside County Library System (RCLS) for automated services that provide for additional sharing of RCLS e-resources for MPL patrons and use of their delivery system for direct material sharing between the systems among other services.

49-99 Cooperative Library System: Executive Director Christine Powers

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$150,196.

Approved Baselines Funds: \$120,157

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds
	of FY	of FY	From FY		being
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		rolled
					over
Resource Sharing: LINK+	\$113,857	\$113,857			
Audit	\$6,300	\$6,300			
TOTAL	\$120,157	\$120,157			

Approved System Administration Funds: \$30,039

Salaries & Benefits	Budgeted 2022/2023	Expended 2022/2023	Rollover to FY 2023/2024 From FY 2022/2023	Additional funds used	Additional funds being rolled over
Executive Director	\$6,025	\$6,025			
Deputy Director	\$10,465	\$10,465			
Controller	\$8,692	\$8,692			
Project Manager	\$513	\$513			
Administrative Assistant	\$4,344	\$4,344			
TOTAL	\$30,039	\$30,039			

49-99 Cooperative Library System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

The goals of the Communication and Delivery Program were successfully met. LINK+ continues to be a major boost to the collections for the six participating libraries. 49-99 member libraries borrowed 62,000 items in FY 22/23. Libraries collectively loaned over 30,000 items out to the LINK+ member libraries.

The service continues to be a benefit to the community for access to materials that some of the 49-99 libraries may not have in their collections. It also provides a quicker loaning period, so community members are not waiting on hold lists for materials.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- Book Club in a Box is a service provided by 49-99 which enables not only the library's book clubs to offer many different reading options but local book clubs as well.
- Stockton is the hub for LINK+ at no cost to the member libraries. They provide training and support; Stockton sorts all the 49-99 materials and Unity picks up from Stockton which is a substantial savings for the member libraries.
- Member libraries offer each other various support as needed such as grant
 writing assistance, E-Rate application help, and assistance with general questions
 individual libraries may have.

Serra Cooperative Library System: Executive Director Christine Powers

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$266,703

Approved Baselines Funds: \$213,362

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
	of FY	of FY	From FY		rolled
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		over
E-Resource	\$67,734	\$67,633	\$101	\$32,266 2021-2022	
Audit	\$6,300	\$4,240	\$2,060	\$2,671 21-22	
Delivery	\$15,500	\$12,017	\$3,483		
Telecommunications	\$500	\$500			
Resource Sharing	\$123,328	\$0	\$123,328	\$50,446 21-22	\$34,736 21-22
TOTAL	\$213,362	\$84,390	\$128,972	\$85,383	\$34,736

Approved System Administration Funds: \$53,359

Salaries &	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
Benefits	2022/2023	2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
			From FY		rolled over
			2022/2023		
Executive	\$21,947	\$21,947			
Director					
Deputy	\$747	\$747			
Director					
Controller	\$21,729	\$21,729			
Project	\$514	\$514			
Manager					
Administrative	\$8,404	\$8,404			
Assistant					
TOTAL	\$53,341	\$53,341			

Serra Cooperative Library System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

Serra achieved the Communications and Delivery objectives. The community greatly benefitted from Serra's OverDrive collection, shared Delivery, Flipster, and LINK+.

Serra member libraries who participate in a shared OverDrive collection report a great benefit to patrons, as patrons have increased their use of digital resources in recent years. This is especially true for patrons who lack transportation to access libraries and are only able to take advantage of library offerings online.

Serra member libraries also have shared Delivery service, allowing member library patrons the ability to conveniently return items checked out at neighboring libraries.

Flipster is another service that Serra members utilize with CLSA funds allocated to e-Resources. Patrons of member libraries appreciate having both Overdrive and Flipster e-Magazines. Flipster allows libraries to offer patrons access to more magazines than they had previously been able to and helps retain users and allow them to find what they are looking for. This also frees up space in libraries to be utilized in other ways.

Serra members also utilize CLSA funds for LINK. Having the ability to borrow titles from other libraries has allowed libraries to supplement their collections. In addition to serving as a benefit to patrons, it also allows member libraries to circulate items with lower demand to other communities. The LINK+ service has also proved useful with assisting many book club members to find copy titles without libraries having to purchase more copies.

The annual audit was successfully completed.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- Serra also sponsors San Diego Museum Month, a program that promotes arts, culture, and history by highlighting the offerings of local museums and providing admission incentives. As a sponsor, Serra member libraries distribute free museum passes and collaborate in joint marketing efforts.
- Serra continues to maintain active committees for Adult Services, Youth Services and Technology as forums for sharing best practices and fostering continuing education amongst staff.
- The Discover & Go Program is a Serra collaborative effort that provides free family day passes to local attractions, including San Diego's new Children's Museum, the Museum of Us, the San Diego Museum of Art, Children's Discovery Museum, and Skateworld. Passes can be reserved online, in-person, or over the phone with a valid library card from a member library.

Santiago Library System: Executive Director Christine Powers

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$221,254

Approved Baselines Funds: \$177,003

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds
	of FY	of FY	From FY		being
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		rolled
					over
Telecommunications	\$89,682	\$89,682	\$0	\$108,201 21-22	
Audit	\$6,175	\$6,175	\$0	\$686 21-22	
E-Resources	\$81,146	\$81,146	\$0	\$48,697 20-21	
TOTAL	\$177,003	\$177,003	\$0	\$157,584	\$48,697

Approved System Administration Funds: \$44,251

Salaries & Benefits	Budgeted 2022/2023	Expended 2022/2023	Rollover to FY 2023/2024 From FY 2022/2023	Additional funds used	Additional funds being rolled over
Executive Director	\$23,668	\$23,668			
Deputy Director	\$1,794	\$1,794			
Controller	\$10,555	\$10,555			
Project Manager	\$899	\$899			
Administrative Assistant	\$7,335	\$7,335			
TOTAL	\$44,251	\$44,251			

Santiago Library System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

The System's goals for the Communications and Delivery Program were met. It is Santiago's annual practice to allocate annual CLSA funds to be distributed to members for either E-Resources or Telecommunications using a population-based formula.

E-Books continue to be a popular resource for Santiago's community members. E-Book titles have a positive impact on a largely underserved community, as they expand access and allow for greater parity and equity between communities of varying socioeconomic status throughout Orange County.

E-Resource offerings continue to see very high demand, and the CLSA funds enable member libraries the ability to add more new titles rather than simply filling demand for titles with long waiting lists. As the collections grow, libraries can increase the breadth of interests with e-Resources and purchase more titles requested by patrons.

In addition to expanding e-Book and e-Audiobook offerings, OverDrive Magazines funded by CLSA funds allow member libraries to offer a large volume of magazines to their communities. This resource is especially important to the system's multilingual communities, as it features magazines in 24 different languages. This allows libraries to provide more non-English offerings in their general collections of print and non-print materials for the public.

Collectively, these resources benefited Santiago's communities by providing convenient and easily accessible materials at any time, allowing access to more diverse and inclusive materials that cater to different learning styles that engage a broader community. Additionally, providing e-Books to the community has helped provide more equitable access to library materials by expanding access for those that may not be able to visit the library in-person due to mobility or transportation issues, allowed access to library materials beyond the scope of traditional operating hours, increased title availability for those who are experiencing vision or hearing impairments, and helped to provide reading materials to younger generations that have a stronger connection with a digital experience.

CLSA funds helped provide broadband to Santiago's communities, providing digital equity access to all members of the Orange County community and the annual audit was completed.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- Santiago member libraries coordinate delivery amongst their libraries, with each member library handling their own pickup and delivery to designated branches of Orange County Public Library (OCPL). OCPL manages distribution which enables them to move items through the Santiago Library System quickly and with minimal cost.
- Santiago coordinated its annual Performers Showcase, which brings library
 performers from the region together so that library staff from the region can come
 see these performers, and book them for their libraries' programming.

Pacific Library Partnership (PLP): Executive Director Carol Frost

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$700,760

Approved Baselines Funds: \$560,608

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Addition
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/2024	funds used	al funds
	of FY	of FY	From FY		being
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		rolled
					over
Delivery	\$213,977	\$203,167	\$10,810	\$7,287 FY21-22	
Local Cost (office supplies, postage, website, zoom, communications)	\$9,253	\$8,263	\$990	\$4,482 FY 21-22	
e-Resources (Link+, enki, OverDrive, CloudLibrary, Palace eBooks, Broadband, and future purchases)	\$295,853	\$192,763	\$103,090	\$151,386 FY21-22	
Flipster	\$41,525	\$41,525			
TOTAL	\$560,608	\$445,718	\$114,890	\$163,155	

Approved System Administration Funds: \$140,152

Salaries & Benefits	Budgeted 2022/2023	Expended 2022/2023	Rollover to FY 2023/2024 From FY	Additional funds used	Additional funds being rolled over
Chief Executive	\$98,854	\$98,854	2022/2023		
Officer					
Assistant Director	\$13,173	\$13,173			
Controller	\$16,199	\$16,199			
Operations Manager	\$5,348	\$5,348			
Accounting Clerk	\$4,430	\$4,430			
Admin Assistant II	\$2,148	\$2,148			
TOTAL	\$140,152	\$140,152			

Pacific Library Partnership Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

The goals for the Communications & Delivery Program were met through the ongoing CLSA funding.

PLP member libraries continue to prioritize delivery services for use of CLSA system funding. Libraries throughout the system depend on the ability to share materials and resources as a mechanism to enhance the breadth and depth of their individual collections and Delivery is the critical component that makes this sharing possible. PLP currently provides Delivery in four separate service areas within the region, with each service area receiving a CLSA subsidy for operations according to a formula approved by the PLP Executive Committee. All communities benefit from the reliable sharing of resources enabled by Delivery, which enhances collections and allows materials to move from library to library in a timely manner.

CLSA funds were also used to fund communications items. Libraries were given the option to choose from the following menu choices:

enki, OverDrive, Bibliotheca's CloudLibrary Consortia product; Palace Ebooks-for-All, Broadband hardware costs; SimplyE; PLP negotiated shared eContent platform for select libraries; curbside pickup; remote reference; or CENIC telecommunication costs.

Non-CLSA funded activities

Member libraries spend local funds to support Communications and Delivery in four primary categories:

- Local funding for delivery
- Inter-Library Loan Services: Libraries funded inter-library loan services locally, including OCLC World Share and Link+.
- Broadband: PLP libraries used local funds to invest in their connectivity via broadband to the CENIC network. Costs included ongoing connection costs as well as hardware and software costs.
- Digital Collections: Shared eMaterials collection for its member libraries. Other PLP libraries purchased eBooks, eAudio, digital magazines and eMusic for their patrons and contributed local funds.

NorthNet Library System (NLS): Executive Director Carol Frost

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$832,503

Approved Baselines Funds: \$666,002

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds
	of FY	of FY	From FY		being
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		rolled
					over
Delivery	\$187,500	\$187,500	\$0		
Local Cost (office	\$3,116	\$3,116	\$0	\$1,934 FY21-22	
supplies,	ψο,110	φο,ττο	40	Ψ1,701112122	
conferencing					
services, website)					
e-Resources (\$475,386	\$475,386	\$0	\$92,428 FY21-22	
eBooks,eMagazines.					
Broadband, and					
Link+)					
TOTAL	\$666,002	\$666,002	\$0	\$94,362	

Approved System Administration Funds: \$166,501

Salaries &	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
Benefits	2022/2023	2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
			From FY		rolled over
			2022/2023		
NLS	\$50,700	\$50,700			
Coordinator					
PLP CEO	\$26,424	\$26,424			
PLP Controller	\$24,937	\$24,937			
PLP Operations	\$27,810	\$27,810			
Manager					
PLP	\$6,705	\$6,705			
Accounting					
Clerk					
Administrative	\$4,192	\$4,192			
Assistant II					
Administrative	\$4,410	\$4,410			
Assistant					
Fiscal Admin	\$12,167	\$12,167			
Svs. Specialists					
TOTAL (salaries)	\$157,345	\$157,345			
Indirect Cost	\$9,156				
Total w/Indirect Cost	\$166,501				

NorthNet Library System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

The goals for the NorthNet Library System (NLS) Communication and Delivery programs were met through the on-going CLSA funding. NLS completed all the funding objections described in the Plan of Service.

The NorthNet Library System distributes its CLSA funds back to the libraries, for them to choose to use the funds for shared courier delivery services, a shared eMagazine collection, a shared OverDrive collection, local shared OverDrive collections among 3 or more libraries, broadband hardware, and Link+.

Shared e-resources remain a priority for all members, especially those in smaller, more geographically remote areas. The Library-to-Go consortium-shared OverDrive shared eBook, eMagazine, and eAudio collection which can be accessed 24/7 through a custom library portal continues to be popular with NLS patrons. Each library builds their individual library collection from the OverDrive catalog of more than 3.3 million titles in 100+ languages from over 5,000 publishers and shared the collection with the other NLS participating libraries.

NLS also has a shared eMagazine collection through OverDrive. The shared eMagazine collection circulation among 23-member library systems totaled 100,430 items.

17 NLS libraires now offer Link+ services to their communities.

Five member libraries allocated CLSA funds to help cover their CENIC costs. One member library allocated CLSA funds to support their OCLC/ILL costs.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- The ILL/Link+ contracts that are in place at this time will allow NLS Link+ members
 the opportunity to review additional ILL options and identify long-term and
 sustainable means of continuing to improve and enhance resource sharing
 among all member libraries.
- Libraries used local funds to support shared collections such as OverDrive,
 Bibliotheca Cloud Library, and the statewide Palace eBook-for-all project.

San Joaquin Valley Library System (SJVLS): Administrative Librarian Christopher Wymer

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$240,976

Approved Baselines Funds: \$192,781

• SJVLS combines their administrative funds with their Baseline funds to use their total budget of \$240,976 on the Baseline

Program	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Addition
	from funding	from budget	FY 2023/202	funds used	al funds
	of FY	of FY	From FY		being
	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023		rolled
					over
Delivery	\$209,000	\$209,000	\$ 0		
Bibliotheca Cloud Library	\$31,976	\$31,976	\$ 0	\$9,702 21-22 funds	
TOTAL	\$240,976	\$240,976	\$0	\$9,702	

Approved System Administration Funds: \$48,195

• System Administration funds are combined with the Baseline

Salaries &	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
Benefits	2022/2023	2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
			From FY		rolled over
			2022/2023		
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0		

San Joaquin Valley Library System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

SJVL's goals for the use of CLSA funds focused on supporting resource sharing amongst its members at 125 library branches and bookmobiles. The funding was used to fund delivery services to move materials between member libraries, and to purchase titles from the shared CloudLibrary collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks.

A large share of SJVLS's CLSA funding was utilized to operate delivery services, which allows patrons to request materials from other SNLS libraries. The \$209,000 in CLSA funding for delivery services facilitated the shipment of nearly 728,533 items to fill patron requests for materials and continues to be an important service for the communities we serve.

The remaining \$31,976 in CLSA funding combined with \$9,702 in rollover was allocated to purchase eBooks and eAudiobooks. SJVLS was able to add 1,202 titles to the shared CloudLibrary collection.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- While CLSA funds cover delivery costs and subsidize part of our telecommunications and e-resources purchases, other portions of our Communications and Delivery budget are funded through local funding.
- Additional activities funded outside of CLSA are online materials, research
 database subscriptions, collections services through Unique Management,
 cataloging services, network telecommunications costs, and a shared
 integrated library system (ILS). These services provide all SJVLS library
 branches with equal access to the consortia shared collections and
 materials.
- Telecommunications costs are a core service that provides network connectivity from each library branch back to our data center and facilitates resource sharing and internet connectivity for our members.

Black Gold Cooperative System: Executive Director Glynis Fitzgerald

CLSA funding allocated by the CLSA Board for FY 2022/2023: \$138,757

Approved Baselines Funds: \$111,006

• Black Gold combines their administrative funds with their Baseline funds to use their total budget of \$138,757 on the Baseline

Program	Budgeted from funding of FY 2022/2023	Expended from budget of FY 2022/2023	Rollover to FY 2023/2024 From FY 2022/2023	Additional funds used	Additional funds being rolled over
Delivery	\$60,382	\$60,382	\$0		
e-Resources (OVERDRIVE)	\$29,445	\$29,445	\$0		
Shared ILS	\$48,930	\$48,930			
TOTAL	\$138,757	\$138,757	\$0		

Approved System Administration Funds: \$27,751

• System Administration funds are combined with the Baseline

Salaries &	Budgeted	Expended	Rollover to	Additional	Additional
Benefits	2022/2023	2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	funds used	funds being
			From FY		rolled over
			2022/2023		
TOTAL	\$0	\$0			

Black Gold Cooperative System Continued

Were Goals Met-How did the Community Benefit?

Black Gold members share an integrated library system (ILS). This allows patrons to place holds on items throughout the Black Gold Libraries and request pickup at their local library. Their courier service is a vital part of this sharing model. Black Gold primary use of CLSA funds has always been the delivery of materials between library jurisdictions.

CLSA funds we also allocated to purchase Black Gold's Shared OverDrive collection.

Non-CLSA funded activities

- Local funds paid for the network connections from 17 branch locations and the Black Gold technical services server located in San Luis Obispo for access to the ILS and Public Access Catalog. 16 of the locations are on CENIC.
- Local funds also paid for a telephone service which integrates with the shared ILS
 and allows patrons to call in to renew items via an 800 number and the system calls
 out to patrons to inform them when a requested hold is available or when items
 are overdue.
- Local funds paid for 40% of the shared ILS costs
- Local funds paid for 45% of the Overdrive costs for our shared collection
- Local funds paid for 100% of the shared OverDrive Magazine subscriptions

Exhibit B

System Communications & Delivery Program 2022/23 Methods and Workloads

Annual Cost of Service	Black Gold	49-99	Inland	NorthNet	PLP	SJVLS	Santiago	Serra	SCLC	Total of all Systems
Phone/Faxed	\$6,960	\$1,149	\$1,149	N/A	\$5,927	153,772	\$1,149	\$1,149	\$1,149	\$172,404
Internet/Email	\$2,241	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$3,865	\$5,272	0	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$17,108
Other	\$232,500	\$420	\$420	\$1,185	\$1,546	0	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$237,331
Total of Individual System Cost	\$241,701	\$2,715	\$2,715	\$5,050	\$12,745	\$153,772	\$2,715	\$2,715	\$2,715	\$426,843

Workload Statistics	Black Gold	49-99	Inland	NorthNet	PLP	SJVLS	Santiago	Serra	SCLC	Total of all Systems
Delivery Workload Items	532,077	62,533	5,467	812,038	2,880,696	741,449	n/a	30,531	n/a	5,064,886
System Van	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Contracted Delivery	98%	100%	99%	99.99%	98.9%	100%	0%	99%	99%	
US Mail	2%	0%	1%	0.01%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	
United Parcel Service	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Other Services	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.1%	0%	100%	0%	0%	
Traveled Miles	38,304	40,000	22,236	194,947	128,828	74,337	3,122	7,213	45,000	553,987

2023/24 Population and Membership Figures

SYSTEM/MEMBER	POPULATION
Pacific Library Partnership – 36 Members (BALIS+MOBAC+PLS+SVLS)	7,014,057
BALIS – 11 Members Alameda County Library Alameda Free Library Berkeley Public Library Contra Costa County Library Hayward Public Library Livermore Public Library Oakland Public Library Pleasanton Public Library Richmond Public Library San Francisco Public Library	3,615,550
MOBAC – 10 Members Carmel (Harrison) Memorial Library Monterey County Free Library Monterey Public Library Pacific Grove Public Library Salinas Public Library San Benito County Free Library San Juan Bautista City Library Santa Cruz Public Library Watsonville Public Library + King City/Monterey County	771,902
PENINSULA – 8 Members Burlingame Public Library Daly City Public Library Menlo Park Public Library Redwood City Public Library San Bruno Public Library San Mateo County Library San Mateo Public Library South San Francisco Public Library	740,526
SILICON VALLEY – 7 Members Los Gatos Public Library Mountain View Public Library Palo Alto City Library San Jose Public Library Santa Clara City Library Santa Clara County Library District Sunnyvale Public Library	1,886,079

SYSTEM/MEMBERS **POPULATION BLACK GOLD - 6 Members** 404,204 Carpinteria Library Goleta Public Library Lompoc Public Library Paso Robles Public Library Santa Maria Public Library Santa Paula (Blanchard Community) Library 49-99 - 6 Members 1,471,401 **Amador County Library** Calaveras County Library Lodi Public Library Stanislaus County Free Library Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library **Tuolumne County Free Library** INLAND - 19 Members 4,387,428 Banning Unified School District Library **Beaumont Library District** Colton Public Library Corona Public Library Hemet Public Library Inyo County Free Library Moreno Valley Public Library Murrieta Public Library **Ontario City Library** Palm Springs Public Library Palo Verde Valley Library District Rancho Cucamonga Public Library Rancho Mirage Public Library Riverside County Library System Riverside Public Library San Bernardino County Library San Bernardino Public Library **Upland Public Library** Victorville Public Library 3,137,164 **SANTIAGO - 11 Members Anaheim Public Library** Buena Park Library District **Fullerton Public Library Huntington Beach Public Library** Mission Viejo Public Library **Newport Beach Public Library** Orange County Public Library Orange Public Library

Placentia Library District Santa Ana Public Library Yorba Linda Public Library

SYSTEM/MEMBERS POPULATION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIBRARY COOPERATIVE – 40 Members (MCLS+SSCLS)

10,018,031

6,365,118

MCLS - 36 Members

Alhambra Public Library

Altadena Library District

Arcadia Public Library

Azusa City Library

Beverly Hills Public Library

Burbank Public Library

Calabasas Public Library

Camarillo Public Library

City of Commerce Public Library

Covina Public Library

Downey City Library

El Segundo Public Library

Glendale Public Library

Glendora Library & Cultural Center

Irwindale Public Library

Long Beach Public Library

Los Angeles Public Library

Monrovia Public Library

Monterey Park (Bruggemeyer) Memorial Library

Moorpark City Library

Oxnard Public Library

Palos Verdes Library District

Pomona Public Library

Redondo Beach Public Library

San Marino Public Library

Santa Clarita Public Library

Santa Fe Springs City Library

Santa Monica Public Library

Sierra Madre Public Library

Signal Hill Public Library

Simi Valley Public Library

South Pasadena Public Library

Thousand Oaks Library

Torrance Public Library

Ventura County Library Services Agency

Whittier Public Library

SOUTH STATE - 4 Members

County of Los Angeles Public Library

Inglewood Public Library

Palmdale City Library

Pasadena Public Library

3,652,913

SYSTEM/MEMBERS

NorthNet Library System – 44 Members (MVLS+NBC+NSCLS)

5,037,684

POPULATION

MVLS – 14 Members

Alpine County Library

Colusa County Free Library

El Dorado County Library

Folsom Public Library

Lincoln Public Library

Mono County Free Library

Nevada County Library

Placer County Library

Roseville Public Library

Sacramento Public Library

Sutter County Library

Woodland Public Library

Yolo County Library

Yuba County Library

NORTH BAY - 17 Members

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency

Benicia Public Library

Dixon Library District

Lake County Library

Larkspur Public Library

Marin County Free Library

Mendocino County Library

Mill Valley Public Library

Napa City-County Library

San Anselmo Public Library

San Rafael Public Library

Sausalito Public Library

Solano County Library

Sonoma County Library

St. Helena Public Library

- + Vacaville/Solano
- + Calistoga/Napa

NORTH STATE - 13 Members

Butte County Library

Del Norte County Library District

Humboldt County Library

Lassen Library District

Modoc County Library

Orland Free Library

Plumas County Library

Shasta Public Libraries

Siskiyou County Free Library

Tehama County Library

Trinity County Library

Willows Public Library

+ Crescent City/Del Norte

2,697,890

1,590,434

749,360

SYSTEM/MEMBERS POPULATION

SYSTEM/MEMBERS POPULATION

SJVLS - 10 Members 2,984,159

Coalinga-Huron Unified School District Library

Fresno County Public Library

Kern County Library

Kings County Library

Madera County Library

Mariposa County Library

Merced County Library

Porterville Public Library

Tulare County Free Library

Tulare Public Library

SERRA – 13 Members 3,449,231

Brawley Public Library

Calexico (Camarena Memorial) Public Library

Carlsbad City Library

Chula Vista Public Library

Coronado Public Library

El Centro Public Library

Escondido Public Library

Imperial County Library

Imperial Public Library

National City Public Library

Oceanside Public Library

San Diego County Library

San Diego Public Library

GRAND TOTALS 37,903,359

All System Members: 185*

All System Population: 37,903,359

Unaffiliated Public Libraries – 6 Libraries 422,795

LA Cerritos Public Library

P Loomis Library and Learning Center +

SB Redlands (A.K. Smiley) Public Library

LA Vernon Public Library

SB Santa Barbara Public Library

SLO San Luis Obispo City-County Library -

Jurisdictions that don't have service 17,109

LA Industry +

Las Lassen County (remainder of county not +

Served by Susanville)

TOTAL STATE POPULATION: 38,343,263

*Includes Consolidations since 1/1/78

P:SH/Cooperative Systems/system population worksheet – blank

Rev. 3/4/2024

Palo Verde Valley District Library

125 W. Chanslorway Blythe, California, 92225 (760) 922-5371 (760) 922-5334 Fax

January 12, 2024

Inland Library System c/o SCLC Christine Powers, Exec. Director 254 N. Lake Ave. #874 Pasadena, CA 91101

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that effective June 30, 2024 the Palo Verde Valley District Library in Blythe, California will be resigning from membership in Inland Library System cooperative.

Sincerely,

Kime Williams, Director

ORDINANCE NO. 1408

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 2.74 TO TITLE 2 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL LIBRARY FOR THE CITY, AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on October 12, 2023, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert adopted Resolution No. 2023-047, after conducting a public hearing and providing the required notice pursuant to Education Code section 19100 et seq., approving the City's withdrawal from the Riverside County Library System ("RCLS"), assuming the provision of library services in the City of Palm Desert, and indicating the City's intent to establish an independent municipal library; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-047, as of July 1, 2024, or upon the transfer of property, whichever is later, the City of Palm Desert will withdraw from the RCLS and shall assume the responsibility for the provision of library services within the City's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to establish a municipal public library pursuant to Section 101 of the City of Palm Desert Charter, and Article XI, Section 5 of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the Palm Desert Public Library be established as a municipal public library to be operated by the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. Recitals. The recitals above are each incorporated by reference and adopted as findings by the City Council.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Establishment. The City Council of the City of Palm Desert hereby establishes the Palm Desert Public Library to provide library services directly to the public as a municipal library and directs city staff to take all necessary steps and actions in order to effectuate the transition of the Palm Desert Library from the Riverside County Library System to a municipal library.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Amendment to Code. The Palm Desert Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 2.74, Public Library, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, to read as follows:

Section 2.74.010 Public Library Established.

The City Council of the City of Palm Desert hereby establishes and provides for

Ordinance No. 1408 Page 2

the regulation and maintenance of a public library in the city to be known as the Palm Desert Public Library. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that the Palm Desert Public Library provides a quiet, orderly, and safe environment in which people may read, study, use library materials and equipment, and attend programs.

Section 2.74.020 Governance and Operation of Library.

The city manager or their designee shall direct and control all affairs of the library. The city manager shall cause to be employed a Director of Library Services, and authorize the Director of Library Services to employ such assistants and employees as may be necessary for the proper management of the library, and fix their compensation; provided, however, that prior to such employment, the compensation of the Director of Library Services, assistants and employees shall have been fixed and approved by a majority of the members of the city council voting in favor thereof.

Section 2.74.030 Rules and Regulations.

The city manager or their designee shall establish the rules of conduct for library patrons. The city manager or their designee may do and perform any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

Section 2.74.030 Library Fund and Expenditures.

- A. The legislative body of the city shall annually allocate from the general funds of the city a sum of money, the amount of which shall be determined by the legislative body, which sum, together with all money acquired by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise for the purposes of the library shall be apportioned to a fund to be designated the library fund and be applied to the purposes authorized under this chapter.
- B. If such payment into the treasury should be inconsistent with the conditions or terms of any such gift, devise, or bequest, the city shall provide for the safety and preservation of the same, and the application thereof to the use of the library, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such gift, devise, or bequest.
- C. Payments from the fund shall be made in the same manner as provided for the payment of other demands against the city; provided, that all demands on such fund shall be first presented to the city council and approved by it before being ordered paid.

Section 2.74.040 Title to Property.

The title to all property acquired for the purposes of the library established under this chapter, when not inconsistent with the terms of its acquisition, or otherwise designated, shall vest in the city and, in the name of the city, may be sued for and defended by action at law or otherwise.

<u>SECTION</u> <u>4.</u> Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any part hereof is for any reason held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by the decision of any court of competent

Ordinance No. 1408 Page 3

jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. the City Council of the City of Palm Desert hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases would be declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable.

SECTION 5. CEQA. The City Council finds that this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed changes are not anticipated to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will the proposed changes have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its passage; and prior to fifteen (15) days after its passage, the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Ordinance to be published in accordance with the provisions of the law. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2024.	
DocuSigned by:	
Karina Quintanilla	
3F301G0F7G2G4D7	
01 00 100 E 1 0 E 0 F 0 E 0 F 0 E 0 E 0 E 0 E 0 E 0 E	KARINA QUINTANILLA
	MAYOR
ATTEST:	WATOR
ATTEST. DocuSigned by:	
anthony J. Mejia	
ANTHONY J. MEJIA	
CITY CLERK	

Ordinance No. 1408 Page 4

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1408 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was introduced at a regular meeting of the Palm Desert City Council on January 25, 2024, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 15, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: HARNIK, KELLY, NESTANDE, TRUBEE, AND QUINTANILLA

NOES: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE RECUSED: NONE

_IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on $_2$ 11 6 12 0 24 _____

Inthony J. Myia

ANTHONY J. MEJIA CITY CLERK