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New York Times Access Now Available for Free in All California Public Libraries

(Sacramento) California's 23 million library card holders in the state may access NYTimes.com by visiting nytimes.com/register on a library computer, or on their own device while connected to the library's Wi-Fi. Library card holders can access nytimes.com from anywhere through their library's website. Residents without a library card may visit their local branch to apply for one. The program will also include monthly events at select library branches.

"A library card is the best bargain around, and having free access to The New York Times makes your library card even more valuable," said Greg Lucas, California's state librarian. "We're excited to partner with The Times to make an important news source available to Californians at their local library. To say nothing of the creative lesson plans in the Learning Network."

Library patrons may access unlimited NYTimes.com content including video, photos and multimedia like VR and AR features, as well as personalized access to The Times's collection of email newsletters, such as California Today. Spanish and Mandarin Chinese versions are also available, and patrons can access content dating back to 1851.

"California is home to one of our biggest cohorts of readers, so we know that Californians value quality journalism that helps them understand not just the news that impacts their communities, but also what's happening at the global level," said Hannah Yang, head of subscription growth at The New York Times. "While we've been in most of the major city libraries throughout the state for some time, this state-wide initiative will provide all residents with an incredible opportunity to explore the depths of Times journalism in all of its forms, across dozens of topics ranging from news and politics to food and culture."

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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