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To: California Public Library Directors

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Subject: Books4U

We are excited to announce that one time LSTA funds will be made available this year for California's public libraries to purchase new print materials in six collection areas. Through discussions and by listening to your LSTA Pitches, we have become keenly aware that collections need to be bolstered throughout the State. The name of the program is Books4U and the six collection areas are as follows:

- ✓ Early Literacy/Parenting
- ✓ Workforce Development
- ✓ Non-English Language/ESL
- ✓ Reference- CORE~ Legal~ Ready
- ✓ Children's/Teen
- ✓ Popular Fiction

There are 2 factors that weigh on our decision to move in this direction during the current year:

- California is facing cuts of about \$600,000 in LSTA for FY 13/14 due to sequestration, and
- There may be further cuts in FY14/15 due to California not meeting its MOE for LSTA.

Given this scenario it would be prudent to assist you now not knowing what will happen over the next couple of years. We will be partnering with CALIFA, who will handle the payment of invoices commencing with the release of this memo.

We have looked at several ways to come up with a formula for deciding funding levels, and in a state as big and diverse as California, no solution is perfect. We have decided to group libraries by their local income per capita (LIPC) as contained in the FY11/12 data submitted by your library.

Here are the library groupings and award amounts:

- LIPC under \$50 - \$10,000
- LIPC of \$50-\$99.99 - \$7,500
- LIPC of \$100 and over - \$5,000

Please see the attached table to find the LIPC for your library. Also attached are the forms that will assist CALIFA in processing your award. We are reducing paperwork on your end and only a one

page report is required to explain the benefit to your library community. No invoices will be processed until that report is handed in. The deadline for receipt of orders is June 30, 2013 and the deadline for the report is July 15, 2013.

We realize that some very large libraries are receiving very small amounts, but we are trying to leverage LSTA funds to best meet the needs of the majority of libraries in California knowing that there is simply not enough to meet everyone's need.

For questions on the forms required by CALIFA, please contact Wayne Walker, wwalker@califa.org, 650-356-2125

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