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To: California Public Library Directors  
California County Law Library Directors

From: Gerald Maginnity  
Acting State Librarian of California

RE: 2013/14 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP)

We are pleased to announce the 2013/14 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP). This program was developed by a team of public library directors and staff to assist you in your efforts to encourage existing staff members to pursue their MLIS degree or to pursue a Library Support Staff Certification through ALA. Cooperative Library Systems will continue to manage the reimbursement and reporting processes. The program guidelines and application for this competitive tuition reimbursement grant program are available on our website at <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/apply.html>. Deadline for application submission is July 24, 2013.

For 2013/14, in addition to accepting applications from continuing students, we are again opening the PLSEP application process to new applicants. PLSEP funds will be awarded to successful new applicants for one year. Currently we are unable to commit PLSEP grant funds for more than one year at a time. We give priority to past grant recipients who are continuing in their studies toward their MLIS degree or Certification, and we hope to add 30 new students this year.

Thank you for your support of this program, and your assistance in recruiting students who will be staffing and leading our libraries in the future. If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact Lena Pham at [lena.pham@library.ca.gov](mailto:lena.pham@library.ca.gov), (916) 651-0376.

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