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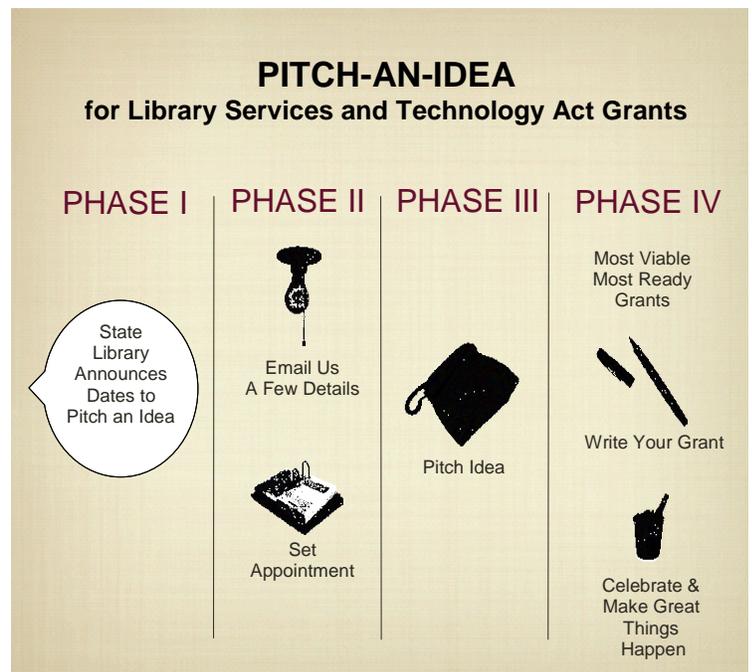
To: California Libraries

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Subject: Library Services and Technology Act Grants - Pitch-an-Idea, Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Pitch-an-Idea gives California libraries the chance to present a project idea to the State Library before writing a grant proposal. Here's how it works:

1. Complete the *Pitch-An-Idea* proposal -- one per library jurisdiction -- and email it to the State Library by 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2016. <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/apply.html>
2. An appointment for a 30-minute telephone "pitch" and conversation will be scheduled during the weeks of March 21-25, 28-30, & April 4-6.
3. After reviewing all of the ideas, the State Library will select the most viable projects aligning with the Library Services and Technology Act.
4. If your library's project is selected, a Library Services and Technology Act application must be submitted by June 6, 2016 to receive funding. Examples of successful grants can be found at <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta-current-previous.html> . If the application is completed successfully, a grant will be awarded.



As you think about what idea(s) to pitch, please consider the following:

- The funding for this round will be available for 12-month projects beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Please propose only projects that can be completed within those 12-months.
- Libraries may submit one project for up to \$100,000.
- Be aware of Library Services and Technology Act eligibility rules. \*
- Prepare a budget that articulates how grant dollars will be spent.
- Each idea submitted must be fully supported by the director and/or library administration.

\* For eligibility requirements and information about the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) go to the State Library website at <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/apply.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mickie Potter at [mickie.potter@library.ca.gov](mailto:mickie.potter@library.ca.gov) or Wendy Hopkins at [wendy.hopkins@library.ca.gov](mailto:wendy.hopkins@library.ca.gov).

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