



"Promoting civic engagement through California public libraries"

Participating Libraries

Get Involved: Powered By Your Library is a California statewide initiative designed to expand the visibility and contributions of skilled volunteers through public libraries. With tens of thousands of Californians, especially baby boomers, seeking new ways to use their skills and experience to make a difference in their community, public libraries are positioned to engage this talent to extend their capacity in the community and to develop advocates and supporters of their services.

Many public library jurisdictions throughout California are participating in one or more aspects of the *Get Involved* initiative as you can see below:

VolunteerMatch – All California public libraries have been offered *free* upgraded membership in VolunteerMatch at the “community leader” level for the duration of the *Get Involved* initiative. The tools provided in this upgraded membership will enhance the library’s ability to recruit volunteers, increase visibility of the volunteer opportunities they list on VolunteerMatch, and expand their ability to build stronger relationships with volunteers. As of December 8, 2009, 134, or 74%, of the 181 library jurisdictions in California have signed up to use this service.

Libraries list their volunteer opportunities at www.volunteermatch.org, so they can be found there, as well as on a number of other major volunteer opportunity aggregators that VolunteerMatch partners with, such as the California Volunteers <http://californiavolunteers.org/index.php>. In addition, our Get Involved initiative has its own branded “hub” site that draws individuals who click on our “widget” posted on library websites around the state. You can try it out by going here: www.library.ca.gov – scroll down to the bottom left corner and enter your zip code into the green and orange “Get Involved” widget to see how it works. If no library opportunities come up in your zip code, try 95814 – you’ll find lots of library activity there.

Pilot Libraries’ teams received hands-on training and coaching for six months before the first *Get Involved* Institute in May 2009, and then participated in the two-day institute and shared their progress with libraries. Pilots are receiving additional coaching during 2009/10, and will help to identify “Promising Practices” that can be shared with libraries throughout the state.

- Marin County Free Library
- Roseville Public Library
- San Bernardino County Library
- San Jose Public Library
- St. Helena Public Library
- Torrance Public Library

Library Teams who were accepted and attended the May 2009 2-Day *Get Involved* Institute (in addition to the six pilot libraries above):

- Alhambra Civic Center Library
- Carlsbad City Library
- Covina Public Library
- Fresno County Public Library
- Huntington Beach Public Library
- Kern County Library
- Lincoln Public Library
- Livermore Public Library
- Mendocino County Library
- Merced County Library
- Monterey County Library
- Palos Verdes Library District
- Richmond Public Library
- Santa Barbara Public Library
- South San Francisco Public Library
- Stanislaus County Library
- Ventura County Library
- Whittier Public Library
- Yolo County Library
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Cohort II Libraries' teams who attended the May 2009 *Get Involved* Institute and applied to receive additional training and coaching during 2009/10:

- Covina Public Library
- Fresno County Public Library
- Huntington Beach Public Library
- Kern County Library
- Palos Verdes Library District
- Yolo County Library

Cohort III Libraries' teams who applied for and have been accepted to attend the February 2010 *Get Involved* Institute:

- Alameda County Library
- Calaveras County Library
- Camarena Memorial Library
- Contra Costa County Library
- Corona Public Library
- County of Los Angeles Public Library
- Escondido Public Library
- Folsom Public Library
- Glendale Public Library
- Hayward Public Library
- Monrovia Public Library
- Orange County Public Libraries
- Placer County Library
- San Diego County Library
- Santa Cruz Public Libraries
- Sierra Madre Public Library
- Sunnyvale Public Library
- Tulare County Library
- Tuolumne County Library
- Upland Public Library
- Woodland Public Library