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State Librarian of California, Susan Hildreth

## Update from the State Librarian

I hope that everyone has had a great summer and is gearing up for a busy fall. The heat we endured this summer and the airline travel-scare in August make us aware that we must be prepared, both at work and at home, for any kind of emergency.

I presented my quarterly State Librarian webcast on Tuesday, June 13th. In my webcasts I include much interesting and timely information so I encourage you to either log-on and ask me your questions when I am speaking "live" or to visit my [archived webcasts](#) on the Infopeople [website](#) at your

convenience. My fall webcast is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th – mark your calendar!

I attended the [American Library Association Conference in New Orleans](#) at the end of June. I am proud that the American [Library Association](#) chose to have the conference in New Orleans, a planning decision that enabled conference attendees to contribute to the local economy. While in New Orleans, the entire ALA group saw that New Orleans and its surrounding neighbors are still in dire need of assistance. If you are interested in assisting the good people and libraries of this region, I encourage you to continue offering them your time, expertise, materials or other resources so that the community can improve the minimal services currently available.

At the end of the New Orleans ALA conference, I assumed the office of President of the [Public Library Association](#) (PLA). My term will last until June 2007, when another Californian assumes that post: congratulations to Jan Sanders, [Pasadena Public Library](#) Director, for being elected vice-president of PLA! Most PLA members receive *Public Libraries*, PLA's quarterly that includes my "From the President" column. Please check it out – I always use examples from California libraries in my essays! My July/August column topic was "Developing Partnerships for Free Choice Learning," and the September/October topic is "A Call to Action," a discussion of adult literacy, and there's more to come over the next year.

In early July, I traveled to Washington, DC, to participate in an [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS) panel that reviewed applications for the 2006 Partnership for a



California State Library, Library and Courts II building



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## AmeriCorps, California State Library, Sacramento Kings, Starbucks join Jumpstart in Read for the Record

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Woodland Public Library Literacy Assistant Theresa Galardo (right), State Librarian Susan Hildreth (center) and AmeriCorps Literacy Assistant Mimi Crider (left) at "Read for the Record" at California Railroad Museum.

On August 24, at the historic [California State Railroad Museum](#), State Librarian Susan Hildreth joined Mike Bibby of the Sacramento Kings and [AmeriCorps](#) library literacy members to participate in [Jumpstart's "Read for the Record,"](#) a program of nationwide simultaneous readings of *The Little Engine that Could* to groups of young children. Starbucks Coffee, American Eagle Outfitters and Pearson Education were national corporate sponsors of this first ever national reading event.



Mike Bibby (left) of Sacramento Kings and Theresa Galardo (right) read *The Little Engine that Could* to audience children at "Read for the Record".



AmeriCorps members, supported in part by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the California State Library, also organized *The Little Engine that Could* readings in 14 public libraries and over 100 other sites throughout the state. The purpose of the nationwide "Read for the Record" gatherings for children was to raise public awareness of the importance of pre-school literacy.

Jumpstart, a non-profit organization devoted to giving at risk children an early start on learning, and also an AmeriCorps partner, spearheaded California's "Read for the Record" campaign.

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## Gala reception at California State Library set for November CLA conference

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Maynard Dixon's "A Pageant of Tradition", Gillis Hall, Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building.

[The California State Library Foundation](#) and [Infopeople](#) are hosting a free reception at the California State Library Sunday, November 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 for everyone coming to the California Library Association's annual [conference](#) in Sacramento November 10-13, 2006. The Sunday evening reception will allow conference-goers from around the state to socialize with their peers midst the historic ambiance of the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building at 914 Capitol Mall, across the street from the State Capitol and Capitol Park. The building, which was completed in 1928, is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful buildings in state government. The neo-classical structure's exterior is clad in Sierra white granite and granitex architectural terra cotta.

The November 12th reception areas will include the Memorial Entrance Vestibule on the first floor,



Elevated statue, Circulation and Catalog room, Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building.



Memorial Entrance Vestibule, Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building.

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## State Spotlight: California State Archives

Just two blocks from the California State Library in Sacramento is the [California State Archives](#), the agency state leaders established in 1850 to collect, catalog, and preserve the state government's historic records. The State Archives' trove of unpublished source documents can be an excellent tool for reference librarians and researchers, as well as for the general public.

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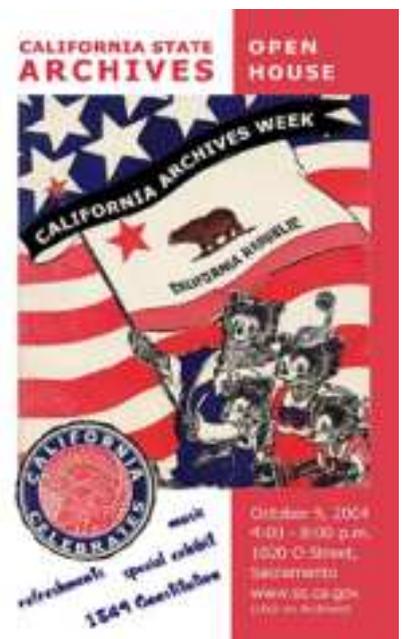


California State Archives  
[Photo courtesy California State Archives]

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Many State Archives holdings are as colorful as California itself. The [Department of Corrections](#) collection for example, holds mug shots and inmate records dating from the nineteenth century. And among its six floors of records, the State Archives houses one of its most precious holdings, the handwritten [1849 State Constitution](#).

Rebecca Wendt, a lead archivist at the agency, says library staff can refer their customers to the State Archives and an archivist will help the customers locate hard to find texts. She says that "its best when customers have specific research requests" because the State Archives does not have a browsing collection. For example, a library customer seeking the reason for his or her traffic ticket would be best served by targeting the State Archives California law documents, a collection many attorneys use for court cases.



2004 Archives Week poster.  
[Photo courtesy California State Archives]

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## California State Tartan arrives at California State Library

According to the most recent [US Census](#), California has up to 5 million residents of Scots-ancestry. To honor those residents, California now has an official [tartan](#), which, like the 2005 addition of the official State Silver Rush Ghost Town, has recently joined the [California quail](#), and [gold](#), on the roster of California insignia.

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California History Librarian and state insignia specialist John Gonzalez and Susan Hildreth with the California state tartan.

Tartans are woven fabrics Scottish people and their descendants have long used to represent their families and their cultural heritage. California's tartan, derived in part from the Muir family tartan, evokes California's history and natural splendor. The tartan's blue reflects the sky, the Pacific, the rivers and mountains, while the green reflects the Sierras, fields, forests, and parks. The red, gold, and blue signify the arts, sciences, and industry of the people of the state of California.

The California Assembly unanimously enacted [legislation](#) in 2001 that made the tartan official. Now, any California resident may "claim" the California tartan and share in this distinguished Scottish tradition. In June 2006 at the California State Library, State Librarian Susan Hildreth, on behalf of the California State Library, and Blaine Lamb, on behalf of State Archivist Nancy Zimmelman and the California State Archives, received official tartan banners from Jim Andersen, a key promoter of the tartan legislation.

Also receiving the tartan in the State Librarian's office was Yolo County Supervisor Helen Mac Leod Thompson who while a California Assembly person shepherded the tartan legislation through the Assembly. Thompson, who "grew up very Scottish," says California's popular Highland games illustrate how Californians enjoy connecting to Scottish traditions. The [Sacramento area's Highland Games](#) are held every year in Woodland, a bucolic town in Thompson's district. [The Highland games held every year in Pleasanton](#) are the biggest in the world, including Scotland.

For more information about the California State Tartan, please contact Jim Anderson at (818) 716-0963 or email [bonbright@tartanplaid.com](mailto:bonbright@tartanplaid.com).



Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thompson and State Librarian Susan Hildreth with the California tartan.



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# New and renovated library openings around the state

## Bond Act Library Openings

Several new or renovated California libraries that were funded by the 2000 Library Bond Act opened over the spring and summer of 2006. Below are snapshots of these elegant architectural accomplishments.

For additional information about these libraries and other 2000 Library Bond Act-funded libraries, please visit the Office of Library Construction [website](#).

## Pickleweed Park Community Center and Library, a branch of the San Rafael Public Library



Pickleweed Park Community Center and Library Opening Day.  
[Photo courtesy San Rafael Public Library]

[Pickleweed Park Community Center and Library](#), a branch of the [San Rafael Public Library](#), was officially opened on Saturday, July 15, 2006. The library, which is located in a densely populated, multi-cultural, and low-income part of the canal area in San Rafael, was the first Bond Act funded library to open in northern California (and more are coming).

For complete details about the Pickleweed Park

Community Center and Library construction project please visit their [page](#) on the OLC website.

## Haskett Branch Library

Haskett Branch Library, a branch of the [Anaheim Public Library](#), which opened on Saturday, May 20, 2006, is named after the city's first children's librarian, Elva L. Haskett. Set in a neighborhood park in West Anaheim, the library features a shaded reading garden, a study space for middle schoolers, special areas designed especially for adults, children and families, teens and "tweens" and much, much more. For complete details about the Haskett Branch Library construction project please visit their [page](#) on the OLC website.



Customers browse new books at Haskett Branch Library  
[Photo courtesy Anaheim Public Library]



Reading garden at Haskett Branch Library.

[Photo courtesy Anaheim Public Library]

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## Bond Act Library Openings, continued from page 6

### Victoria Gardens Library

[Victoria Gardens Library](#), a branch of the [Rancho Cucamonga Public Library](#), opened on Friday, August 18. This branch is part of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center that also features a



Reading area Victoria Gardens Library. [Photo courtesy City of Rancho Cucamonga]



Above, State Librarian Susan Hildreth addresses 600 invited guests at Victoria Gardens Opening with (l-r) City of Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Bill Alexander, Mayor pro Tem Diane Williams and Council members Rex Gutierrez, L. Dennis Michael, and Sam Spagnolo seated in front row. [Photo courtesy City of Rancho Cucamonga]



Victoria Gardens Library [Photo courtesy City of Rancho Cucamonga]

Children's Theater and Events Center and is a place to bring imagination, ideas, and people together.

For complete details about the Victoria Gardens Library construction project please visit their [page](#) on the OLC website.

### San Mateo Main Library

[San Mateo Main Library](#), a three floor 90,000 square foot building featuring both extraordinary social and studios spaces, opened Sunday, August 27. State Librarian Susan Hildreth attended the grand opening and was "thrilled" to see throngs of eager customers waiting to get their first glimpse of their community's new multi-purpose facility.

Once inside, customers were greeted by sleek, flat-screen computer monitors dotting open, airy areas between stacks of books, a cafe next to a teen lounge with brightly colored, diner-style booths and a media center. San Mateo Main Library, which has wireless Internet service, 100 public computers and an



San Mateo Public Library Director Ben Ocon with State Librarian Susan Hildreth. [Photo courtesy [swaffordimaging.com](#)]

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## Two CCHE projects now open to public: Discovery Science Center, Delta III Rocket and Stanton McDonald Wright historic mural at Santa Monica Public Library

The [California Cultural and Historical Endowment](#) (CCHE), the cultural grant program hosted by the California State Library, helped fund two projects during its 2004 round one cycle that are now open and available for Californians to experience: the Delta III rocket in [Santa Ana's Discovery Science Center](#), and the mural at the [Santa Monica Public Library](#). Both of these astounding exhibits illustrate the diverse capital projects the CCHE supports.

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### Delta III rocket

The CCHE board awarded \$262,000 toward the restoration of the Delta III rocket that has been permanently installed at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana. The 85-foot Delta III, within sight of Orange County's busy I-5 corridor, is a visual reminder of what Southern California companies and individuals have contributed toward the conquest of space.

During its active service for NASA, the Delta III launched more than 300 spacecraft and satellites, including the Mars Rovers, Deep Impact and many of the satellites now in orbit. The more than 300,000 people who visit the Science Center each year will gain hands-on knowledge about the rocket's history and effect on California culture through educational and interpretive activities connected to the exhibit.

For more information about the Delta III exhibit at the Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana please visit the Discovery Science Center [website](#) or call 714-542-CUBE.



Delta III Rocket  
[Photo courtesy Discovery Science Center]

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### Santa Monica Public Library mural

The CCHE board awarded \$113,241 to the [Santa Monica Public Library](#) to restore and reinstall one of the largest and most vibrant murals completed during the New Deal period, Stanton McDonald Wright's "Technical and Imaginative Pursuits of Early Man."

The mural panels, originally designed for the former public library, now on display on the new Santa Monica Public Library's second floor, are an extraordinary example of Modernist public art. Since the old Santa Monica Library was demolished in the 1960's, the mural's 2,000 square feet and more than 160 figures have been stored at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. and in Los Angeles. Now, thanks to the 2004 CCHE grant, and the City of Santa Monica, people who visit the new Santa



Stanton McDonald Wright's "Technical and Imaginative Pursuits of Early Man" at Santa Monica Public Library.  
[Photo courtesy Diane Matsuda]

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# California State Library Research Bureau DVD illustrates youth mental health issues in foster care, juvenile justice, and education systems

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The California State Library's Research Bureau, in partnership with Pacific News Service, recently released a DVD entitled, *Bringing Young People to the Table: A Year of Discussions on Mental Health in Foster Care, Juvenile Justice and Education*. The DVD, produced by YO! TV, a youth-run production team, contains highlights drawn from a series of five public policy forums held in summer and fall 2005 at the California State Library (CSL) and sponsored by the California Research Bureau (CRB) and Pacific News Service (PNS). These discussions, and production and distribution of the DVD, were made possible by the generous support of The California Wellness Foundation.

The five seminars covered in *Bringing Young People to the Table*, examined the mental health needs of at-risk youth in foster care, the juvenile justice system, the state's K-12 schools, and in the transition to work. Each forum featured youth speakers, model program practitioners, and researchers—learning from the heart and the head. Over 300 state policymakers attended the programs. Participants at the policy forums repeatedly praised the youth speakers. The fortuitous passage of Proposition 63, the [Mental Health Services Act](#), further heightened awareness of the importance of mental health services for at-risk, under-served, transition-aged youth. As one participant noted,

*We particularly valued the opportunity to hear issues experienced by youth presented 'in their own voice'. The testimony and issues raised today will be particularly useful as the Department of Mental Health proceeds to implement the Education and Training component of the Mental Health Services Act.*

(Comment from a policy forum evaluation by a legislative staff person)

The recently released DVD highlights the program and policy challenges in providing mental health services to high-risk youth, and provides an opportunity to hear directly from young people about their experiences with "the system." At a recent screening of the DVD, almost 100 participants, one-fifth of them young people, discussed the ten policy recommendations presented in the DVD and explored ways to include youth voices and perspectives in future policy discussions.

While it is always hard to measure directly the impact of a project such as this on public policy, program evaluations suggest that it has had a significant impact in educating policymakers about the mental health challenges facing youth currently or formerly in the juvenile justice system, and foster care youth transitioning from care. The project has accomplished this in a completely new and innovative way, by bringing youth voices directly into the policy discussion, as well as by highlighting important research findings and promising practices.

## California Council on Youth Relations

One of the benefits of grant funding is the ability to be flexible as learning occurs, so that the objectives of the project can be realized. The partnership CRB formed with PNS, an organization with a long history of involvement with at-risk, transition-aged youth, led to the creation of the California Council on Youth Relations, now an independent organization that assists youth in speaking to policymakers and program staff at both the state and local levels about how to work effectively with young people.

The participants on *Bringing Young People to the Table* encourage concerned citizens to look for ways to actively involve young people in the development and

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# California State Library programs support California's youngest learners

Brain research<sup>1</sup> suggests that young children who have secure and loving relationships with adults, and who are introduced to a high-quality learning environment during their earliest years, are better prepared to succeed when they enter kindergarten.

The California State Library (CSL) supports programs designed to help children ages 0-5 prepare for school so that those children can grow into healthy and productive citizens: the First 5 California Children and Families Commission and Early Learning with Families (ELF) Initiative are just two.

## First 5 California Children and Families Commission and the CSL

In 1998, California voters passed the [California Children and Families Act](#), legislation that established the [First 5 California Children and Families Commission](#) (First 5) whose mission is to give California's youngest residents the educational and social advantages they need before starting school. In 2000, First 5 leaders determined that they had a need for specialized library service and approached CSL's State Library Services Bureau Chief, John Jewell, to enlist the library's expertise. The subsequent discussions resulted in an interagency agreement to set up a library in First 5's office and to assist with their research.

Today, First 5's library is overflowing with more than 4300 books, journals, CDs, DVDs, videos, kits and other unique items that are useful to their staff. CSL librarians support First 5's research by performing literature searches, by consulting with a variety of experts, and by continually monitoring online sources, databases, and journals for early childhood research. Each week, lead librarian for the project, Julie Davidson, combs the children and families research field and produces an electronic bibliography of the latest early childhood studies which she sends to First 5 staff, local commissioners upon request, and others who are interested in the topic. Twice a week, CSL staff members visit the First 5 offices to touch base with staff, to learn about First 5 projects, to determine specific information needs, and to maintain their library's collection.

## Early Learning with Families (ELF) Initiative

Another CSL program designed to expand the early learning experiences of California's babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents and caregivers is the 2006/2007 Early Learning with Families (ELF) initiative. ELF, a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) project, will be a boon to California libraries as those libraries continue to evolve into family-friendly places where learning, literacy, and library-use become a way of life that lasts a lifetime.

Like First 5, ELF will encourage adults to understand that a child's reading and writing development begins long before formal instruction in school and is closely linked to a child's earliest experiences with words, books, and stories. ELF will support library activities that are based on children's developmental stages as well as current brain development research. Much of this research points to the importance of providing activities that prompt inquiry, encourage discovery, invite play, foster self-esteem, and nurture parent/child bonds among young children and their families. ELF is envisioned as a joint venture between a library's Children's and Literacy Services, with delivery of services taking place primarily through Children's Services.

The ELF initiative will include individual grants to libraries as well as a grant to the North Bay Cooperative Library System. It will:

- Provide three regional trainings regarding early learning concepts and program

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<sup>1</sup>Carnegie Corporation of New York . April 1994. Starting Points: Meeting the Needs of Our Youngest Children. New York : Carnegie Corporation.



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# Institute on library services for baby boomers

In mid-July, California State Library (CSL) Library Programs Consultant Suzanne Flint attended the *Lifelong Access Libraries Leadership Institute* at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Flint was one of 23 Fellows who participated in the five day event that addressed how libraries might better serve the nation's millions of baby boomers nearing retirement age. The Institute is one component of a multi-year initiative funded by [The Atlantic Philanthropies](#) and facilitated by [Americans for Libraries Council](#).

Of the 23 participating Fellows from rural and urban public libraries in fifteen states, California boasted three members, Flint, Richard Bray from [Alameda County Library](#) and Lynne Cutler from [Oakland Public Library](#).



Lifelong Access Institute Fellows gather in North Carolina July 2006.  
[Photo courtesy Linda Hayes Gallegos]

Discussing boomer demographics and trends, civic engagement, intergenerational programming, brain health and community collaborations in North Carolina were the nationally acclaimed Mary Catherine Bateson, writer and cultural anthropologist; Dr. Robert Butler, professor of geriatrics at Mt. Sinai and Pulitzer-prize winning author; and Dr. Paul Nussbaum, clinical neuropsychologist and author.

## Aging trends in California

Flint explains that California, like the rest of the nation, will soon experience a tremendous aging boom. The state's elderly population is expected to grow more than twice as fast as the state's total population, increasing 112 percent from 1990 to 2020. As early as 2010, 1 in 5 Californians will be 60 years of age or older. Flint notes that some California libraries are already progressively addressing aging and disabilities issues.

Though the increased number of aging Californians could be a strain on the state, Flint and her colleagues analyzed ways to make boomers' vitality, knowledge and skills a benefit to their communities via their local library, already a familiar community hub for adults.

Older Americans, Flint reports, want to remain engaged in the broader world and to continue learning. At the Institute Flint learned that current library services for "seniors" do not address the potential contributions of baby boomers. If libraries can transform their practices to support lifelong learning and civic participation, they will help mediate the great social transformation that this growing demographic of healthy, active older Americans signals. Flint says, "It's exciting to be considering new approaches to library services in response to this pressing demographic and societal opportunity."

State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth says of the trend, "When Baby Boomers retire, their skills, energy, and cultural sophistication are certain to benefit California's communities. Libraries need to be ready to take advantage of these engaged citizens."



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# California State Library training and resources at work in tribal libraries

## “Hands-On” at Pala

In spring 2006 the California State Library sponsored its second Tribal Library Training at the Pala Indian Reservation in northern San Diego County. [Infopeople](#) Project Director Holly Hinman and Infopeople staff, using information needs identified during the June 2005 Tribal Library Boot Camp, organized an impressive agenda for the spring training.

The spring Tribal Library Training at Pala offered Infopeople workshops, an on-line reference course, and networking opportunities to 20 Tribal Information professionals who all said they would take the training information back to their communities and share it with their colleagues.

Tribal Information professional Jennifer Ward of the Barona Tribal Community Library said of the spring event:

I found the Pala training very valuable...the hands-on at Pala was great...it allows all of us to get together and talk about our experiences on what works in our libraries. From the course I have learned some new tips and tricks for Internet searches and reliable websites, medical information (of which I knew nothing), and the use of more reference materials (like the biographical dictionary) just to name a few.

The information resource experts who led the spring training included Holly Tomren, formerly of the Huntington Park Library's American Indian Resource Center, (County of Los Angeles Public Library); Bette Anton from the University of California, Berkeley, Optometry/Health Sciences Library; staff from the California State Library and California State University, San Marcos; Infopeople staff; and Kay Deeney and Heidi Sandstrom from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Regional Office.

Bonnie Biggs, former president of the [American Indian Library Association](#) and current Professor Emeritus and Tribal Liaison at California State University at San Marcos, was also on board for the training. Biggs has devoted more than 20 years to working with Southern California Tribal Libraries. Biggs' work is the cornerstone of Tribal Library training that the California State Library sponsors."

## Information Services for Tribal Communities”

Holly Tomren led “Information Services for Tribal Communities,” a one-day workshop that enables information professionals working in tribal communities to increase their reference skills. The workshop covered general reference training topics such as “What is Reference?” “The Reference Interview,” and “Open and Closed Questions.” Tomren’s class also received an orientation for the CORE Online Reference course.

Tomren worked closely with Native American Librarians and Information Services providers to research and assemble print reference collections for each participant. Her



CSL Library Programs Consultant Susan Hanks with Tribal Library Scholar Bonnie Biggs (far right) at Pala.  
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# LSTA grant from California State Library supports technology behind Early California Population Project at the Huntington Library

Individuals conducting genealogical and historical research on early California's Indian, Hispanic, and Anglo-American inhabitants can now do so with ease thanks to the [Early California Population Project at the Huntington Library](#) (ECP), a database project supported in part by a 2003-2004 LSTA grant of \$163,000 from the California State Library.

The diagram labels the following fields in the record:

- Officiant: Fr. Juan Cortés
- Mission: San Fernando
- Number: 00083
- Place: San Fernando
- Date: 6th of March of 1798
- Soi: Sivaiguino
- Age Level: about 5 years
- Age: 5
- Ego Origin: Tujunga
- Ego's Native Name: Rosalia
- Ego's Spanish Name: Rosalia
- Mother's Name: Sivaiguino
- Father's Name: P.P. Gentiles
- Godparent's Name: Antonio Maria Olivera
- Recorder: Fr. Juan Cortés

Transcribed Early California baptismal record.  
[Photo courtesy Huntington Library]

Because of the ECPP database, the public, according to the ECPP [website](#), now has access to the facts contained in the California mission registers from 1769 – 1850. These registers hold the baptism, marriage, and burial records of each of the California missions and offer “an extraordinary wealth of unique information on the Indians, soldiers, and settlers of Alta California.”

Project leaders developed the database because original California mission registers are “too old and too brittle [for the public] to handle.” Further, many of the registers, and their poor quality microfilm recordings, are written in eighteenth-century Spanish script. Transcribing them for the ECPP online database demands “the rare skills and enormous effort” of data entry specialists proficient in Spanish and paleography.

The California State Library helped meet that demand. The California State Library's LSTA funds paid for a data entry specialist to create records in the ECPP database. State Librarian Susan Hildreth says, “We at the California State Library are pleased to play a part in this outstanding project which opens the door on the history of our state's early residents.”

For more information about the ECPP project please visit their [website](#).



Early California baptismal record.  
[Photo courtesy Huntington Library]



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# The ILS process at the California State Library

The California State Library (CSL) is well into a four-year project to replace its existing DRA Classic library system that has been serving the library well for more than 15 years. With DRA's sale to SIRSI and that firm's decision not to continue the Classic product it is imperative that a new system be selected and implemented as quickly as possible.

Thanks to many hours of CSL staff time and the functional specifications examples from many other libraries in recent procurements projects, particularly [Riverside County](#) and [San Francisco](#) public libraries, the detailed specifications needed to define the new system have been drafted and are into an extensive review process. From these specifications a Feasibility Study Report and an Information Technology Procurement Plan are being developed to obtain project approvals from various state oversight agencies. A funding plan is currently being prepared to get the needed dollars for the effort in place by the 2007/08 fiscal year, and a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) will be developed to be issued in 2007 after project and budget approvals have been achieved.

In the meantime, we would like your input. As we refine the system functional specifications this year for use in the RFP, we want to obtain your thoughts about what is important to you to have the system be able to provide to help you support the information needs of your customers. What do you want from the system to support your library's information and resource sharing goals? Please send your requests, thoughts, and ideas about how the system can best support your library's resource sharing to Sarah Dalton, CSL Information Officer at [sdalton@library.ca.gov](mailto:sdalton@library.ca.gov). She will ensure that these get fed into the RFP development process.

Stay tuned for more reports as the CSL moves forward with this important step into the future.

## Completed CCHE projects, cont. from page 8

Monica Public Library can enjoy this lush Deco depiction of primitive man through 1930's Hollywood while they enjoy their library.

For more information on the Santa Monica Public Library murals please call (310) 458-8600; or visit the library's web site [www.smpl.org](http://www.smpl.org).

## About the California Cultural and Historical Endowment

In 2002, the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) was created to support the "acquisition, development, preservation, and interpretation of buildings, structures, sites, places, and artifacts that preserve and demonstrate culturally significant aspects of California's history and for grants for these purposes." The CCHE Endowment is responsible for distributing \$122 million in Proposition 40 funds. Seventy-eight million has been allocated and the remaining \$43 million will be allocated in 2007.

For more information about the California Cultural and Historical Endowment, please contact Executive Officer Diane Matsuda at (916) 651-8768 or email at [dmatsuda@library.ca.gov](mailto:dmatsuda@library.ca.gov).



Panel detail from restored New Deal mural at Santa Monica Public Library. [Photo courtesy Diane Matsuda]



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# Field Feedback: The California State Library hears from you!

## Director of Finance lauds California State Library staff

One of my staff recently contacted the [California] State Library Research Bureau to request historical records indicating how many Directors have served the Department of Finance. The Research staff went well beyond our request and provided us with an entire history of the department. We are most appreciative of the time and effort taken to provide this information. The Research staff is to be commended for their dedication and thoroughness.

*Michael C. Genest, Director  
California Department of Finance*

## Public Library Staff Education Program

As someone who just finished her degree in Library and Information Science – I want to thank you. The help with tuition from the California State Library (through my system, Contra Costa County) has been invaluable.

Please accept my sincere thanks! Children's services here I come...

*Odette Batis, Pinole*

Thank you for your support of the Public Library Staff Education Program. This grant allowed me to pursue my MLIS at San Jose State University without worrying about the cost of tuition. I graduated with my degree on May 27, and am looking forward to beginning my career as a professional librarian.

*Sarah Krueger, Fairfield*

## State Librarian's Office as backdrop

Thank you for allowing the use of the State Librarian's office for the Donald Hagerty interview. His expertise is an important component of our documentary about the life and art of Maynard Dixon and the State Librarian's office is an incredible setting for his segments within the program.

Many thanks to [the CSL] staff...everyone was gracious and incredibly accommodating. I most appreciated [Principal Librarian] Gary Kurutz, his assistance will have a great impact on the success of the finished program.

*Joe Prokop, Associate Producer  
KUED Salt Lake City, UT*

## State Librarian Update, continued from page 1

Nation of Learners' grant proposals. This [program](#) is a joint offering between IMLS and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that provides funding for local projects between a library and/or a museum and a public broadcasting station. In DC, it was exciting for me to learn more about these potential projects and to understand how to present effective IMLS proposals.

I came back to California from DC just in time for the opening of the [Mission Bay Branch Library](#) opening in San Francisco. Please read more about the Mission Bay opening in [this issue](#).

In late July, I attended an Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the [Chief Officers of the State Library Agencies](#) (COSLA), "Sustaining State Library Agencies in the 21st Century." The institute was held in Madison, Wisconsin, a lovely college town famous for its cheese and beer! At the COSLA Institute, I not only learned from the experiences of some long-tenured state librarians. I was also able to work with colleagues from around the nation on case studies based on real-life issues.

On August 15th I attended the initial planning meeting on [CLSA](#) system consolidation at the [San Jose Public Library](#) where individuals representing all the CLSA systems discussed models for consolidation. Everyone participated in a "fishbowl" exercise watching several Bay Area CLSA systems deliberating about possible system consolidations. The "fishbowl" observers, invited to make comments at the end of the exercise, had lots of reactions. I think its great that the meeting gave the participators license to "think out of the box" on all kinds of cooperative services and resources.

On Friday, August 18, I was lucky to attend the dedication and ribbon cutting for the gorgeous Victoria Gardens Cultural Center in Rancho Cucamonga. This fabulous complex includes a library, a theater and an event space; and is adjacent to a beautiful, new shopping center. The Cultural Center is truly a community destination and I was very glad that the California State Library, through Proposition 14 funding, could provide support for this exciting project. Look for photos of the Victoria Gardens opening in [this issue](#) of *CSL Connection*.

Finally, I want to extend a personal invitation for everyone to visit Sacramento in November for the [California Library Association](#) (CLA) Annual [Conference](#). It is a great time of year in the Capitol City and the variety and breadth of restaurant choices has expanded greatly since the CLA conference was last in our fair town. I encourage all of you to attend the State Library Reception on Sunday, November 12 from 6-7:30pm. Through the generous support of the [California State Library Foundation](#) and [Infopeople](#), please join us for a peek at one of the state's real treasures, the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building on the lovely Capitol Mall. Read more about the CSL reception in [this issue](#).

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Mike Bibby reads to children at California Railroad Museum in Sacramento.

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In Sacramento, a host of volunteers, including the popular Bibby, read *The Little Engine that Could* as part of the largest shared-reading experience ever. Over 100 children and their parents, teachers, and caregivers attended the Railroad Museum reading for which California State Library's literacy team including Jacquie Brinkley, Suzanne Flint and Cindy Tackett were on hand to help. For more information about California Library Literacy Services, please visit the website at [www.literacyworks.org/clls/](http://www.literacyworks.org/clls/) or call 916-653-4730.



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California State Librarian's Office.

the State Librarian's office and adjoining hallway on the second floor, and Gillis Hall and the Circulation and Catalog Room on the third floor. The Vestibule, which is dedicated to California veterans who died in World War I, features towering decorative Italian marble pillars and a mural painted by Frank Van Sloan. The State Librarian's office has several important California landscape and portrait paintings, while the second floor front hallway features the Anoakia Murals by Maynard Dixon. Gillis Hall contains the immense mural, "A Pageant of Tradition," also

created by Dixon, with a theme of California's historical progress and pioneering ambition. The Circulation and Catalog room is graced by a highly ornamented ceiling and bronze entrance gate, chandelier, and elevated statues.

Please join California State Library Foundation officers, the California State Library and Infopeople for an early evening of fun, good conversation, and refreshments, and enjoy this opportunity to view the artistic and architectural details that make the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building one of the gems of Sacramento.



Frank Van Sloan mural, Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building.



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The State Archives is also a great resource for library customers interested in genealogy. Wendt says that genealogists find the State Archives' professional (medical, cosmological and so on) license records dating from the nineteenth century enormously helpful.

Any member of the public can ask an archivist at the State Archives to help locate a document. The archivists will, according to Wendt, "pull files together in boxes or pages and make copies for 25 cents a page." Because archive materials are fragile, the public may not handle the items.

## Non-traditional State Archives programs

In addition to its traditional archival duties, the California State Archives administers an [Oral Histories](#) program, and leads California's participation in the national educational outreach program, Archives Month.



2005 Archives Week poster.  
[Photo courtesy California State Archives]

## Oral Histories

The State Archives' [Oral Histories](#), interviews with state government officials, members of the media, and "people in the [state government] trenches," lend subjective insight to the State Archives' historical texts. Professional oral historians, experts in California policy and politics at the University of California at Berkeley and the University of California at Los Angeles, among others, conduct the recorded interviews. These oral histories have included such public figures as Ronald Reagan, Edmund G. Brown, Sr., long-time legislator Ralph Dills, Proposition 13 champion Paul Gann, California author Carey McWilliams, and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles.

"We liken the oral histories to knowledge mining," Wendt says.

The histories are available in bound volumes at the State Archives and the California State Library. In addition, the State Archives staff is working hard

to put the transcripts on the archives website. People interested in listening to the histories may do so by visiting the State Archives at 1020 "O" Street in Sacramento.

## Archives Month

Archives Month (formerly Archives Week), a national campaign that engages the American public in the world of history and research, has been successful at the California State Archives for two years. California's program promotes the State Archives as available to anyone interested in California history, policy and politics. During California's 2005 Archives Week, the State Archives held an open house, gave "behind the scenes" tours, and hosted distinguished speakers who had used archival materials in their work. Wendt reports that the event was extended to a month in 2006 because it is so popular.

Wendt says California's new Archives Month will offer even more opportunities to show the public what archivists do and why historical records are so important in our culture. This year, Archives Month is in October. The State Archives Open House will be on October 7 and Family History Day will be on October 14th. Please check the State Archives' [events page](#) for upcoming details.

For more information about the State Archives collections, please visit their [website](#). To contact the State Archives directly please call 916-653-7715.

## DVD illustrates youth mental issues, cont. from page 9

implementation of policies and programs that affect those young people. One way to do this is to invite youth from the California Council on Youth Relations (CCYR) to speak when issues of concern to young people are being discussed. Interested parties can reach the CCYR by contacting Patricia Johnson at 415-503-4170 or [pjohnson@newamericamedia.org](mailto:pjohnson@newamericamedia.org). Ms. Johnson can also provide copies of the DVD.

### Related CRB reports on youth

Nell Bernstein, an independent journalist and author skilled at interviewing at-risk youth, assisted in developing the policy seminars and authored the CRB report, [\*Helping Those Who Need It Most: Meeting the Mental Health Care Needs of Youth in the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Systems\*](#). Her report provides a fresh perspective on the mental health issues facing at-risk, transition aged youth—the perspective of youth themselves. It also provides case studies of innovative approaches and summarizes some key lessons for policymakers interested in providing effective interventions for this group of vulnerable youth.

The second report by CRB senior researcher Lisa Foster and intern Alicia Dienst, [\*Mental Health Needs and Services for Youth in the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Systems: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Resources\*](#), provides summaries of the most recent research and statistics on the mental health needs and services accessed by youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. The report also includes a listing of selected resources and websites to assist policymakers in accessing these reports and policy briefs. Both CRB reports are available on the California State Library [website](#), at [www.library.ca.gov](http://www.library.ca.gov).

CRB will be continuing its successful partnership with the Pacific News Service, independent journalist and author Nell Bernstein, and the CCYR, in a new project focused on homeless youth. This project, also funded with the generous support of The California Wellness Foundation, will include a series of policy forums on the challenges and opportunities of working with this population of young people, and of course, will include youth voices as well.

For more information about these projects, please contact CRB Assistant Director Charlene Wear Simmons at 916-651-9751 or email [csimmons@library.ca.gov](mailto:csimmons@library.ca.gov) or Research Programs Specialist Ginny Puddefoot at 916-653-7653 or email [gpuddefoot@library.ca.gov](mailto:gpuddefoot@library.ca.gov).

## CSL programs support young learners, cont. from page 10

models;

- Assist selected libraries with initial implementation of some aspect of an early learning model with mini-grants of up to \$5,000;
- Provide online resources to support early learning efforts in all libraries;
- Develop promotional resources and a branding identity; as well as
- Identify expanded opportunities for community collaborations.

On the state level, the ELF initiative is already partnering with the California Department of Education, the California Children and Families Commission, and California Public Television, the statewide organization that represents all California public television stations.

CSL Library Programs Consultant Suzanne Flint says, "public libraries throughout California already have shown a considerable amount of interest in early learning programs and this ELF initiative." For more information about the ELF initiative please contact Flint at [sflint@library.ca.gov](mailto:sflint@library.ca.gov) or 916-651-9796.

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## CSL at work in tribal libraries, cont. from page 12

collection contained many standard reference books covering issues from medications to careers, but also included a number of impressive Native American resources including Indian and tribal law, resources to assist in the selection of culturally sensitive children's books, tribal histories both past and current, Native American quotations, Native American genealogical resources and United States Indian policy. Tomren gave the participants annotated bibliographies along with a quick orientation for each reference book including unique information and best use.

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During the afternoon session of "Information Services for Tribal Communities," everyone was introduced to an on-line reference course in the computer lab at the Tribal Digital Village of Southern California (TDV). TDV connects tribes from rural areas that previously had limited or no access to cable, phone and/or power lines, from the Mexico border to the edge of Riverside County. The TDV is part of a three-year [Hewlett Packard grant](#) awarded in 2001 to the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association to establish the high-speed, inter-tribal wireless and Internet-accessible wide area network to connect 18 tribes and other community agencies. TDV provides high-speed Internet access to over 150 square miles, encompassing high desert, forests, and valleys.



Tribal Library Information professionals at work at Pala.  
[Photo courtesy Infopeople]

Students had weekly reading assignments and exercises including ready reference, reference materials, evaluating resources, library organization and cataloging. The ability to post messages provided a great chance to network. Self-paced modules on business, genealogy, consumer information, and legal information were offered at the end of the course allowing students the opportunity to further increase their reference knowledge and skills.

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## Consumer health resources workshop

The Pala consumer health resources workshop that followed was a big hit. Participants learned how to use Medline Plus to find reliable health information, evaluate consumer health web sites, and locate health resources for Californians. This hands-on workshop also provided an overview of the collaborative [databases of the National Library of Medicine](#).

One participant said, "the information is easier to find than the patron thinks," and another felt that she had "learned how to evaluate web sites."

For more information about the California State Library's Tribal Library Trainings please contact Library Programs Consultant Susan Hanks at (916) 653-0661 or email at [shanks@library.ca.gov](mailto:shanks@library.ca.gov).



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automated check-in system that sorts books electronically, is located near 300 biotech companies and boasts a Biotech Library and Learning Center. The new library was also designed to have a minimal impact on the environment.

For complete details about the San Mateo Main Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the OLC website.



San Mateo Library Opening Day attracted over 6500 eager customers. [Photo courtesy [swaffordimaging.com](#)]

## Locally funded library openings

Some California libraries have resourcefully raised funds for constructing or renovating library facilities in their communities. If you know of a library construction or renovation project in your area, please [email](#) CSL Connection Editor Sarah Dalton and we will include a profile of that library in an upcoming issue of CSL Connection.

## Mission Bay Branch Library

July 8th, 2006 was a great day in San Francisco! The [Mission Bay Branch Library](#), the first new branch in the [San Francisco Public Library](#) (SFPL) system in 40 years, opened its doors to the public. Attending the sunny opening day festivities were San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, State Librarian Susan Hildreth, and City Librarian Luis Herrera.

A unique partnership between SFPL and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency created the opportunity for this 7,500 square-foot branch to be co-located on the first floor of a senior housing complex. The city's Branch Library Improvement Program funded the branch's construction; and funds for furnishings and equipment were the result of a neighborhood capital



State Librarian Susan Hildreth (right), City Librarian Luis Herrera (center), San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom (at left), San Francisco Supervisor Chris Daly (far left) cut ribbon of Mission Bay Branch Library. [Photo courtesy [Steve Rhodes](#)]



Former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and Mayor Newsom at Mission Bay Branch opening. [Photo courtesy [Steve Rhodes](#)]



Mission Bay Branch Library. [Photo courtesy [Steve Rhodes](#)]

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campaign that the [Friends of the San Francisco Public Library](#) spearheaded. The Mission Bay Branch's diverse collection of 34,000 books, CD's and DVD's will provide great service to this newly developing neighborhood.

### Thousand Oaks Library's Children's Library

The [Thousand Oaks Library](#) held the grand opening for its [expanded Children's Library](#) on Saturday, June 24, 2006. The carnival-like community event drew approximately 5,000 people and featured outdoor booths, family activities, author signings, and demonstrations of local police equipment. Six local children helped the mayor of Thousand Oaks in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Thousand Oaks Library's stunning new \$14 million Children's Library, which the entire library staff helped plan, was funded entirely by the [City of Thousand Oaks](#). The 22,000 square foot facility includes 130,000 books housed on shelving units with brightly colored end panels and canopy tops. It has 15 computers, quiet study areas, a vibrant program room, a Children's Garden, an outdoor courtyard and a 30-foot high coast wall depicting the California coastline in deep blue glass and rich brown wood. The facility also boasts a 3,600-gallon saltwater aquarium that cost over \$100,000 and was funded by the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.



Outdoor festivities at opening of Thousand Oaks Library's expanded Children's Library. [Photo courtesy Thousand Oaks Library]



Interior of Thousand Oaks expanded Children's Library opening day. [Photo courtesy Thousand Oaks Library]

Thousand Oaks Library Director Steve Brogden says the city, which has a long history of supporting community children and youth activities, began planning the Children's Library expansion in 2000. The city of Thousand Oaks financed the Children's Library and in return, the

community is using the expanded Children's Library in droves. Brogden says:“

I am so proud of the city for building this Children's Library. It is a community showplace. People are even bringing their out-of-town guests to show off their library!”



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