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State Librarian of California,
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Update from the State Librarian

I have had a busy travel-filled summer. The American Library Association Conference in Anaheim in late June was a great success: the weather was good, and Disney characters, tasty restaurants, and Orange County hospitality were abundant. California State Library (CSL) staff and California librarians participated in many interesting conference programs, and many CSL staffers enjoyed a fascinating back-stage tour of Disneyland. Several of us also attended the [Urban Libraries Council](#) Fast Forward Conference during which we focused on imagination, learning and innovation for libraries.

In early July I traveled to Washington DC where, by participating in an exciting meeting on the future of libraries and museums and potential collaborations, I was fortunate to meet library and museum professionals from all over the country. California's own Gary Strong, UCLA's current Library Director and the former State Librarian, was an adept co-chair of the collaboration advisory panel in DC. The Institute of Museum and Library Services ([IMLS](#)) plans to commission the National Academy of Sciences ([NAS](#)) to do a study on collaborations. It will certainly be a landmark effort as highly respected studies from the NAS often serve as the basis for future legislation. On a personal note, while on the East coast, I attended my 40th high school reunion in upstate New York. Yeah class of 1968! I know some of you celebrated your 40th reunions this year as well!

In early August I had the honor of giving a hearty California welcome to the [International School Librarians](#) Conference in Berkeley at which I heard the keynote address by Dr. Stephen Krashen, a University of Southern California professor and passionate reading advocate. Krashen is an entertaining and inspirational speaker, and I encourage everyone to attend one of his talks. On August 7th, the Library of California Board met and approved consolidating of a number of public library systems into three major units – greater Los Angeles (including Orange County), greater Bay area, and the far north. Models that we saw in the initial Library of California legislation are evolving naturally as time goes on.

Although I did not travel as much in August, I worked on many upcoming CSL initiatives and projects we'll be rolling-out soon! Here are just some. We'll shortly announce a new volunteerism initiative and a partnership with Family Place, a model early learning program. Our partners at the Gates Foundation, whom we have been advising, will soon be implementing a new investment phase which will expand broadband



California State Library,
Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building



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connectivity for rural and low-income areas. We have been meeting with staff from the Drexel University Information and Library Science programs. Drexel, with its main campus in Philadelphia, is opening a graduate level campus in Sacramento, and will offer a Master's in Library Science beginning in January 2009. Finally, we have been preparing for our move from Library and Courts I (LCI) in early 2009 which will be quite an effort! The building's restoration will make all the work worthwhile.

In late August I could luckily zip down to Pasadena to participate in the Statewide Information Services Think Tank. Thanks to Stacey Aldrich, Deputy State Librarian, Rosario Garza, MCLS Executive Director, futurists Michele Bowman and Sandy Burchsted, and all the participants, for an exciting two days. We really pushed ourselves to envision the library world in 2020. We'll expand on this process at CLA in November.

At Google's Mountain View headquarters in early September, I participated in an enlightening discussion on social networking. Although I hadn't been to Google's "main campus" before, the place felt oddly familiar to me - maybe I will come back in another life as a Googler! The Google presentation was developed for the expert advisor panel (of which I am a member) of the [California Emerging Technology Fund](#), the entity responsible for allocating \$60 million from telecommunications mergers slated to increase broadband connectivity in California.

I was proud to attend the opening of the Redwood Shores Branch of the Redwood City Public Library on September 6th, a long-awaited event for that community. The branch is "nautical chic" with lots of green, sustainable features! Redwood Shores is a winner on all counts and is a great investment of Library Construction Bond funds.

Also in September, I returned to Washington, DC for a meeting of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Committee. This committee is providing input to library consultants Bill Wilson and Ethel Himmel who are analyzing the use of LSTA and identifying trends as part of a review required by IMLS. This information will be useful in preparing for the reauthorization of LSTA which is anticipated to occur in early 2009.

September 19th through the 21st was the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#) Conference in Sacramento, a "western" first for this event which is usually held in Ohio. We had great attendance and everyone enjoyed the conference. A real highlight was the reception in Library and Courts I in Sacramento, one of the last big soirees in this historic building before it closes for renovation.

As I write this column, the Governor has just signed the 2008/09 budget; and the California State Library's funding has been reduced by 10% in both operations and local assistance (Public Library Fund, Literacy, Direct Loan/ILL). In light of some of the scenarios that had been suggested, we are glad to still be here and to have a budget in place.

Have a great fall and holiday season!

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Impact of budget on the California State Library

A message from the State Librarian:

It has been a long summer in Sacramento. I am writing this on Tuesday, September 23; and the Governor has just signed the 2008/09 budget.

Although we had a real scare when the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) funds were threatened in the midst of the budget wrangling, the California State Library (CSL) seems to have fared reasonably well. State operations – the general funds that support the services of the CSL – were reduced by 10% but that is a loss that we had been expecting since budget work began in early 2008. We can cope with the 10% loss for 2008/09 but we will really be challenged if we have to bear another such loss in 2009/10.

The local assistance funds, which include the Public Library Fund, the Direct Loan, Inter-library Loan and Cooperative System support, and CLLS, are each reduced by 10%. Although the Legislative Conference Committee budget had modified the local assistance reduction to 5%, the Governor reinstated the 10% reduction for local assistance at the final signing of the budget. Again, we can live with the 10% for 2008/09, but if those reductions continue year after year it will be very challenging to continue to support these programs.

When the Governor signed the Executive Order that relegated state workers' salaries to the federal minimum wage, all students, who worked through a contract, and all retired annuitants (retired state workers who have returned on a part-time basis), were terminated. For the CSL, a small department with about 200 full-time employees, this was a blow. We lost 15 retired annuitants and 15 students; and we are not sure if we can bring them back. The retired annuitants may be available (if they have not made vacation plans!) but the students are back to school and most probably in other positions. The elimination of this part-time, flexible staff is hard for all of us at the CSL.

We are very glad that we can begin to get back to business for 2008/09 but in the midst of all this, without even being sure of the 2008/09 budget, departments had to submit budget change proposals (requests for additional funding) for 2009/10 on September 19th. It seems as if the budget schedule is a bit off when you have to submit requests for a future fiscal year before the current one is settled! Maybe we will see some reform in our lifetime. I hope so! Now onto 2009/10.



State Spotlight: Climate Change portal

California has set precedents in pollution control for 40 years, but now California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB32), the world's first comprehensive government program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020, has catapulted California into an even greater leadership role. Today, California leads the nation in the fight against global warming, and the state's [Climate Change portal](#) is a window on this landmark campaign to help our planet.

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA); the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; the Department of Food and Agriculture; the Resources Agency; the Air Resources Board; the California Energy Commission; and the Public Utilities Commission, among other state agencies, add research and resources related to reducing global warming emissions to the [Climate Change portal](#). It's an excellent place to which library workers can point customers seeking information about global warming, "living green," environment-related news, and more.

Bob Aldrich, the portal's webmaster, says California's comprehensive multi-agency site reflects climate change's effect on almost every sector of the economy. "Information related to agriculture, forestry and urban forestry, transportation, energy (including electricity and natural gas) is there so people don't have to jump all over," Aldrich says. The site prominently features an interactive calendar with all the state's climate change meetings. It consolidates sign-ups for climate change list servers. It links to explanations on what caused climate change, what the state is doing about it, and what new research is happening.

Because its content is so inclusive, diverse web visitors are finding California's one-stop website helpful. Aldrich reports that scientists, students, legislative staff members, journalists, policy analysts, and curious members of the public have all used the site and liked its information options. The website's newsroom combines all the state's press releases related to climate change, a good tool for library workers helping people with research.

Taking action - Cool California

More and more Californians are becoming aware that virtually everything they do results in the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, mostly in the form of carbon dioxide. They want to reduce their "carbon footprint" in their daily lives or, in the popular vernacular, "go green." The website's [Take Action](#) page is an excellent spot for these people to start searching. Here visitors find plain language tips on saving energy at home, going solar, purchasing green products, educating kids, and even eco-friendly traveling.

They also find [Cool California.org](#), an innovative carbon calculator that helps California households, individuals and communities evaluate their climate-related performance so they can make more informed decisions about lessening their impact on our



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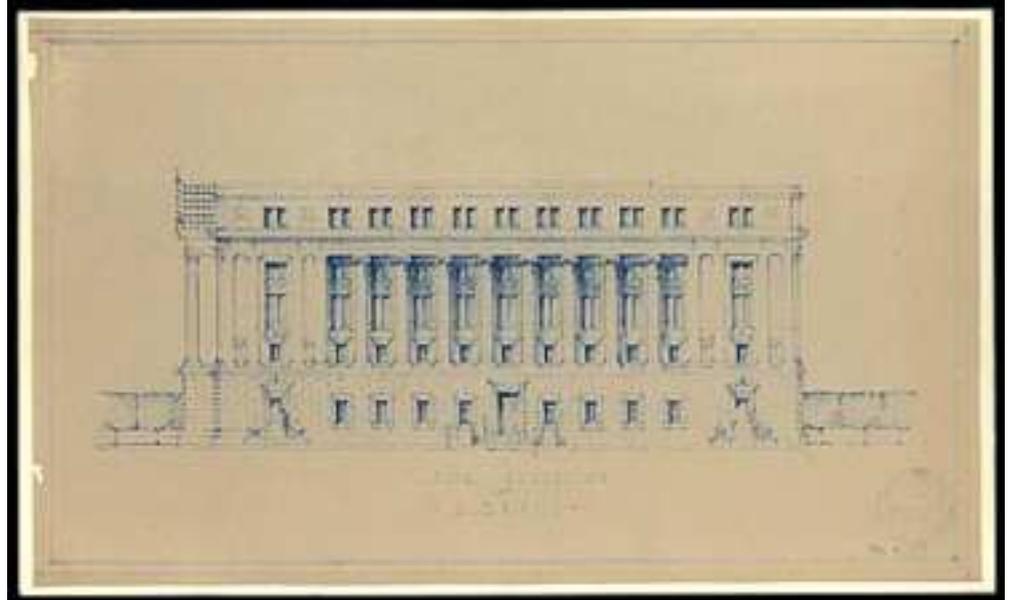
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Part One: Library and Courts I renovation

Just before World War I, California agencies (then “departments”) were becoming increasingly comfortable in fog-cooled San Francisco. Post-earthquake San Francisco had new buildings galore while Sacramento offered only the historic, yet small, Capitol building. Government business (including that of the Supreme Court and the California State Library) was migrating west, and it looked as if it would stay there. Someone had to do something.



Working drawing for Library and Courts neoclassical design showing south side of library, detailing windows, columns, steps by “Weeks & Day Architect and engineer”; dated “Feb. 3, 1919” [Photo courtesy California History Section]

Faced with San Francisco’s commodious charm, state leaders, including State Librarian James L. Gillis, got to work. They launched a bond proposal for an astounding \$700,000. They secured a good chunk of land on the west side of the Capitol, and they reeled in one of the nation’s greatest architects, Charles Peter Weeks. It took over a decade and a few more bond measures but in 1928 California’s capital had what it needed, an architectural and cultural anchor, the Capitol Extension Complex featuring the Library and Courts Building and its sister building, the Office Building. Though drably named, the twin classical buildings facing each other over an elegant circle changed the downtown Sacramento and lodged state government in the capitol.

Updating a masterwork

A masterwork of neo-classical design, for over 80 years the Library and Courts Building has embodied the dignity and longevity of state



Exterior façade of Library and Courts I [ca. 1931] not long after public opening [Photo courtesy California History Section]



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New and renovated library openings around the state

Redwood Shores Branch Library holds grand opening

Redwood Shores Branch Library, a branch of the Redwood City Public Library, held its grand opening on Saturday, September 6. The library is nestled into a curve of the Belmont Slough, a setting that brings the surrounding natural environment into the total library experience. The new 21,507 square foot library has a nautical theme and includes an innovative children's area with a "Storytelling Lighthouse." The library also has a teen area, 5 community meeting rooms, a café, a computer lab, a homework center, a Friends of the Library Bookstore and much, much more. Redwood Shores Branch Library cost \$18.6 million including a Bond Act Grant for \$10.1 million.

The community has a great appreciation of the local environment and the library includes an interactive exhibit area that focuses on the land and wildlife of Redwood Shores—everyone will be able to learn about the bay, wetlands, and wildlife and watch local bay life in the giant aquarium.

For complete details about the Redwood Shores Branch Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the California State Library website.



Opening day crowds excitedly check out their new Redwood Shores Branch Library. [Photo courtesy City of Redwood City]



Families make good use of the Children's Area on opening day. [Photo courtesy City of Redwood City]

Santa Maria Public Library

The local community anxiously waits for the opening of their new Santa Maria Public Library on Saturday, August 23, 2008.

[Photo courtesy City of Santa Maria]



The new bond-funded Santa Maria Public Library is 60,821 square feet and is the largest civic project in the city's history. The beautiful two-story building is 111% larger than the old library. It has 67% more books (275,000); 275% more computers (77); and 250-300 new reader seats. In addition, the library offer customers a children's theater, café, community meeting room, literacy center, career center, teen area, separate



A conversation with Dean Misczynski



Dean Misczynski

Dean Misczynski, the longtime Director of the [California Research Bureau](#), retired at the end of August. In this conversation with *CSL Connection*, Misczynski reflects on 15 years of researching both big issues, and obscure questions, for California's government officials.

CSL Connection: You helped develop many important policy initiatives while at the Senate Office of Research for 9 years before launching the California Research Bureau in 1991. What drew you into policy research? What has kept you doing it for almost 30 years?

Misczynski: A chronological answer is that I happened to get a job working for the Assembly Agriculture Committee after my first year at Stanford. By the end of the summer, I was addicted to the strange chemistry of intelligence, ideology, perception, ignorance, arrogance, grace, venality, and enormous power that happens in the Capitol. I continued to work for the Assembly every summer through graduate school.

A semi-Freudian answer eludes me. Why do some people care about the public realm, while others despise it? I don't know. Maybe my case had to do with being raised by my Polish Catholic mother, and exposed to the vast moralistic, but also idealistic authoritarian institution of the church before anybody knew what Christian Right meant. I still like wimples.

CSL Connection: The California Research Bureau published over 250 reports while you were at the helm. Can you describe one or two that you think led to changes that significantly helped the people of California?

Misczynski: My favorite is a series of reports that explored what happens to the kids when a single mother is arrested. The first report surveyed police departments around the state to see what their policies were in these situations. The startling, almost unanimous answer was that they had no policy. The research led to a bill allowing arrested single mothers a second phone call, to arrange for their kids. It took two years to get that passed and signed. Another bill directed the statewide police training commission to produce training videos to teach cops to look for signs of kids, to ask if they were at school, to make the arrest (if it could be done safely) out of sight of the kids, to explain to the kids what was going on, to avoid hauling the kids off

Senate Resolution for Dean Misczynski

Whereas Dean Misczynski is retiring from state service after 40 years of making significant, creative and literate contributions to public policy in California; and

Whereas Dean began as an Assembly intern in 1965 under Agriculture Committee Chairman John Williamson, contributing to the development of the California Land Conservation Act, and continued there throughout his undergraduate and graduate studies at Stanford,

Whereas Dean co-authored *Windfalls to Wipeouts* (1978) with his mentor UCLA law Professor Donald G. Hagman, which analyzes the economic underpinnings of land development and is still used in major universities and state policy discussions, and

Whereas Dean served as Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and was an author of the *Urban Strategy for California*, which emphasizes limiting sprawl, infill and sustainable growth, an innovative and forward-looking strategy, and authored *Paying the Piper: New Ways to Pay for Public Infrastructure in California* after the enactment of Proposition 13, and

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Reaching troubled young people through literacy

Far too many American young people, an estimated 3.8 million between the ages of 18 and 24, have profoundly weak reading skills, have dropped out of school, and are unemployed. Nationally, only about two-thirds of all students who enter 9th grade graduate four years later with regular high school diplomas.

Disturbingly, many youth who can't read are winding up in prison. Though general studies have long connected illiteracy and criminal behavior, the numbers for youth are particularly dismal: 90% of the 11,000 youth in adult detention facilities nationwide have no more than a 9th grade education, and the average reading level nationally for ninth grade youth in correctional facilities is fourth grade. [1]

In California, three library literacy programs are taking action to turn this problem around. Through [California Library Literacy Services](#) (CLLS), the San Mateo County Library, the Stanislaus County Library and the City of Pomona Public Library, with the support of state leaders including Assembly Member Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) and

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California Library Literacy Services literacy coordinator at Commerce Public Library “local hero” on local PBS station

Beatriz Sarmiento, California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) literacy coordinator at [Commerce Public Library](#), was one of five “local heroes” honored on public television station KCET during [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) September 15 through October 1. [California Library Literacy Services](#) provides funds for adult literacy services to 106 public libraries to provide in their communities. Each library's literacy coordinator runs the library's literacy program.



Beatriz Sarmiento, “local hero” and literacy coordinator at Commerce Public Library.
[Photo courtesy Susana Rosales]

Sarmiento says, “I am honored to be recognized for the work I do at the City of Commerce Public Library and am proud of what literacy programs do everyday in libraries across California. It is remarkable to see the great things that can happen when you make the time to help adults and children improve their reading and writing skills.”

California State Library Literacy Programs Consultant Carla Lehn says, “Beatriz does an outstanding job. She’s making a difference in her own little corner of California.”

For more information about CLLS, please contact Carla Lehn at the California State Library at (916) 653-7743 or email at clehn@library.ca.gov.

[1] Martin, N., & Halperin, S. (2006). *Whatever It Takes: How Twelve Communities are Reconnecting Out-of-School Youth*. Washington, DC: American Youth Policy Forum.



Statewide Reference: Think-Tank update

What does “Everyware” have to do with the future of libraries? This is just one of 10 trends considered at the Statewide Reference Think Tank held August 25-26, 2008 in Pasadena, California. Eighty-six participants joined together for two days to consider the trends that are impacting the way people are finding and using information, and to build possible future scenarios for providing statewide information services.

The event was facilitated by futurists Michele Bowman and Sandy Burchsted, who introduced the 10 trends and facilitated the workshop. The 10 trends included:

Everyware: Information will be embedded in everyday objects and places in meaningful ways. Things will think and interact with each other and us-storing, transmitting and creating data.

“IAAM” It’s all about Me: Describes a shift in consumer demand from conspicuous mass consumption to mass personalized consumption.

Information Visualization: As we transition from a text-based to a visual-based society, information visualization is undergoing a creative technological renaissance. Text-based search is giving way to semantic and sense-based search, creating a new dimension in our hunt for information.

We Media: Armed with easy-to-use web publishing tools and a host of increasingly powerful mobile devices, online audiences have become active participants in the creation and dissemination of news and information.

Google World: The Internet economy is facilitating the disintermediation of dozens of industries, from television and media to banking and airline travel. The “middleman” is becoming extinct.

Power of Us: Connective technologies are expanding our ability to cooperate and create value. Collaboration is emerging as an engine of growth and innovation.

No Boundaries: From communities of interest to virtual worlds, IDENTITY is giving away to AFFINITY as people increasingly negotiate and redefine their personal social spaces.

Friend-formation: We’re starting to use our friends to find, sort, vet and curate the ever increasing fire hose of information. Being “friended” equals being trusted and relevant.

Social Media and Web 2.0: The social media sphere is the primary means for disseminating information and ideas throughout society. Social media sites are idea transmission systems, neural pathways of our emerging global brain.

Innovators R Us: The era of not invented here is giving way to a new era where everyone is an innovator. The people formerly known as customers are now co-creators.

After the trends discussion, the whole group voted for the top two trends that were most important and uncertain to the future of statewide library information services. The top two selected were Google World and Power of Us.



Think Tankers in Pasadena August 25, 2008

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California Library awards

Butte County ELF program a CSAC 2008 Merit Award winner

The [Butte County Library](#) Early Learning with Families (ELF) program has been selected for a 2008 Merit Award by the [California State Association of Counties](#) (CSAC). Out of 255 submissions, the Awards selection panel chose 35 Merit Award winners (and 10 Challenge Award winners) statewide to honor innovation in county government.

Early Learning with Families (ELF) at the Butte County Library

ELF partners with parents and caregivers to support young children's early learning and literacy skills development. At the Butte County Library the ELF program includes Library Playtimes and Babies Love Books lap-sits.

Butte's Library Playtimes welcome families into the library to play together with developmentally appropriate toys, while specialists from the community (such as speech pathologists, public health nurses and nutritionists) also "play" with the children and chat with parents in the library's positive, informal environment.

The library's Babies Love Books lap-sits fully engage parents with their very young children, and include interactive playtimes with rhymes, songs, bouncing and books, followed by children choosing a board books to take home and enjoy.



ELF at play in Butte County. Left to right: Susie Mesecher, Oroville Branch Senior Library Assistant and Americorps Member Lynn Rich. Also pictured, David Jewell, another staff member. [Photo courtesy Ozzie Serrano]

Butte County's ELF program has received positive feedback not only from the hundreds of parents and caregivers who have attended the programs, but also from numerous partners, local media, and service clubs. The First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission also showed its praise by generously providing a \$55,000 grant to sustain ELF through 2010. Further, in-kind contributions of time by community resource specialists have added thousands of dollars worth of support. Butte County Library staff has shared their experiences with other libraries through presentations at the CLA Annual Conference and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference, as well as on the ELF project website at www.elflibraries.org.

Butte County Library Director Derek Wolfram says, "I hope this award serves to further California libraries' awareness of the difference they can make in improving the lives of the youngest members of our communities. As one of the original ELF pilot libraries funded by the California State Library in 2006, the Butte County Library is grateful to the California State Library, the Butte County First 5 Commission, and colleagues throughout the state who provided inspiration and support."

For more information about the Early Learning with Families (ELF) program, please contact Suzanne Flint at the California State Library at (916) 651-9796 or email at sflint@library.ca.gov.

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California Cultural and Historic Endowment (CCHE) corner: Preserving California Lighthouses

Few structural symbols better show California's romantic past than its lighthouses. Once plentiful and necessary along California's rugged coastline, the lighthouses, which "lightkeepers" originally operated, were gradually automated then closed by the end of the 1970's. Since that time, high-tech marine warning systems have replaced lighthouses and their "keepers."

The lighthouse era will live on though, thanks to two restoration efforts the California Cultural and Historic Endowment (CCHE) is supporting.

Small city, tall tower - Point Arena Lighthouse saved

Even longtime California residents may not be aware that Point Arena, a historical district on the magnificent Mendocino County coast, is one of California's smallest incorporated cities, or that it is home to the tallest lighthouse tower on the west coast. Point Arena's soaring 115 foot lighthouse is perched on a narrow stretch of land high above the Pacific and its rocky cliffs.



Point Arena Lighthouse tower with scaffolding and the Fog Signal Building, which will be house the 1st order Fresnel lens. [Photo courtesy Rae Radtkey]

Point Arena Lighthouse was first erected in

1870, but the original tower was destroyed by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. It was rebuilt of concrete and steel in 1907 - the first to be built of these "modern" materials - and this tower just celebrated its 100th year of existence. Based on its significance in the areas of transportation, architecture and engineering, the light station was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.



Point Arena Lighthouse lens. [Photo courtesy Rick Allen]

A fascinating feature of the lighthouse lantern is its "1st Order Classical Fresnel Lens" which weighs more than 4,000 pounds and is nine feet high by seven feet wide. The lens was moved from the Lighthouse Tower to the Fog Station Building for renovation and will be on display in the Fog Signal Museum Building when the station re-opens to the public later this year.

Today, the restoration work at Point Arena is evidence that the CCHE and the non-profit Point

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Braille and Talking Book Library revives newsletter for customer base

In June 2008, after a long hiatus, the Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL) relaunched its quarterly newsletter, *BTBL News*. BTBL provides free library services to Northern and Central California residents who are unable to use standard print because of visual, physical, or reading disabilities, as well as the agencies and institutions that assist these residents. *BTBL News* features articles covering information about new library services, existing services, events, staff, and more.

The new release of the newsletter was published in several formats: large print, braille, online, and audiocassette (recorded by Sandra and Gerald Swafford of the BTBL volunteer narration program). Customer response was tremendous. "I loved getting the newsletter," one reader responded. "Thanks for keeping us up to date on what's going on; you're doing a great job and your efforts are very much appreciated." Another reader spoke about how "informative, professional, and yet friendly" the newsletter was. "I was excited to receive a copy," she said. An audiocassette listener was so taken with Sandra's voice that he called to request all other books she has narrated for BTBL's collection.

About BTBL

BTBL was established in 1904 and since 1933 has operated as part of a national network of libraries affiliated with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), part of the Library of Congress. With a customer base of over 13,000, BTBL circulates NLS-provided library materials, audiocassette machines, and other special equipment through the mail as "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped." Customer access is also provided, through NLS and other sources, to digital books and magazines, newspapers, and telephonic reader services.

BTBL's collection addresses the lifelong learning needs and interests of its customers, offering materials covering current events, non-fiction, bestsellers, juvenile and young adult literature, history, health, mysteries, science fiction and romance, to name a few. Reader advisory services are available to assist customers with book selection and service inquiries. Information and referral services concerning disability resources, assistive technology, and issues concerning blindness, as well as general library reference assistance, are also offered.

Find *BTBL News* at <http://www.library.ca.gov/publications/btblNews/>.



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California wins 3rd out of 50 States in 'Best of the Web' competition

The State of California has a proud history of innovation and is constantly improving how it gets information to the public. In August, the State of California won third place in the nation in the Center for Digital Government's "Best of the Web" competition. The Center for Digital Government ranks all fifty states' web sites based on the following categories: innovation, functionality and economy and efficiency."

This important recognition" California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger says, "shows that we are leading the way in providing access to government information and services in convenient new ways—saving Californians from extra travel costs and helping the environment."

One "convenient new way" California's web users are accessing their government's information is by clicking on California's [Best Practices Wiki](#), a joint-agency project for which the California State Library played an integral role. On the state's wiki, people who work in state agencies share "best practices," their successful work processes, systems, tools, and even experiments. State agencies used to exchange success stories randomly. Now, via the Best Practices wiki, they can collaborate more effectively.

A small project team from the State and Consumer Services Agency, State Personnel Board, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of General Services, Office of eServices and the California State Library developed the collaborative 2.0 web tool for housing agency entries.

Since the wiki launched in April, state employees have been praising the site. One state webmaster raves [the wiki] is "bound to be a frequent destination for state webmasters." A Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service coordinator says, "If [the wiki] gets as huge as I envision, it will be easier to locate information since each department has its own language..." And a manager at the Department of Fish and Game exudes, "A wiki from the State of California agency - who would have thought? This is fantastic!"

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government. For more than a decade, the Center has used the annual Best of the Web competition to recognize and celebrate state web portals that provide innovative solutions by communicating well with constituents and businesses.

For more information about the California [Best Practices Wiki](#), please contact Kris Ogilvie, the California State Library at (916) 651-6800 or email kogilvie@library.ca.gov.



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Field Feedback

The California State Library hears from you!

Praise for CSL programs

Y'all make me totally envious with the variety of programs that you do - the LEAP assessment, the ELF program - I read it all and plot how we can implement similar programs here in Texas where we face many of the same challenges. Keep up the good work and keep putting that stuff out on the blog so I don't miss any of it.

Christopher Jowaisas, Grant Administrator
Texas State Library & Archives Commission

CSL government documents librarians provide excellent service to Oakland librarian

David Cismowski and **Bill Riddle** have provided me excellent customer service. As a relatively new government documents librarian, I have appreciated their help managing our federal and state depository collections. David and Bill are always very prompt and thorough in answering my questions.

David Cismowski demonstrates extraordinary professional dedication and depth of knowledge. I attended the full-day orientation that he presented in Sacramento, and his information has been invaluable in the daily, practical operation of our depository site. I have called the State Library several times for our patrons' reference questions, and David consistently provides outstanding reference service.

David has been instrumental in bringing our depository into compliance with federal depository legal requirements. Until the most recent five years, our federal collection had gone for decades with almost no weeding. Consequently, documents were improperly stacked on the dusty floors because we did not have enough standard shelf space for them. David visited our depository site twice, offering tailored advice and systematically identifying many non-essential series that we might discard. With his expert guidance, we have gradually freed up thousands of feet in shelving that can now accommodate important documents that should be retained. David's visits were extremely useful for collection management.

Bill Riddle has been very gracious about answering my questions about state depository operations. I particularly appreciate the way that he reviews our California disposal lists so quickly, often within a single business day if I send a short list. This is incredibly speedy service, given the tedious and detailed nature of the task. Those quick reviews are a great help in making our state depository collection (also not weeded for decades) more manageable and relevant for our patrons.

I realize that your department is operating with reduced staffing compared with previous years. Despite these challenges, please know that David Cismowski and Bill Riddle are giving outstanding service to their depository patrons.

Joy Shiohita, Government Documents Librarian
Oakland Public Library

County librarian praises ARSL conference

We were able to have six staff members attend [the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference] and they came back enthused and energized. I have attended conferences before but always felt they were for the big libraries with big bucks and big staffs. It felt so good to be talking to libraries with our size and our issues.

The Self Service on a Budget struck a nerve and we are now moving forward with



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environment. The California Air Resources Board, the California Energy Commission, the Berkeley Institute of the Environment, the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory at U.C. Berkeley, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Next 10 collaborate on [Cool California.org](http://CoolCalifornia.org). Aldrich says the team is “beefing-up” the site, and in fall 2008 [Cool California.org](http://CoolCalifornia.org) will release a new, more advanced calculator which includes additional tools and links to help visitors reduce their greenhouse gas footprint.

“Something we owe our children”

When Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger [signed AB32](#) in 2006, he said the law, which requires the equivalent of 14 million cars and their destructive fumes will be removed from California roads, “is something we owe our children and our grandchildren.” California’s climate change portal is part of the movement toward that change, toward preserving the delicate environment for future generations. As people who work in California libraries deepen their already superior service to the people of California, they may wish to add California’s

climate change portal to their cadre of information tools. It’s good for customers, for the state, and for the planet.

For more information about the climate change portal and climate change resources in California, please visit climatechange@calepa.ca.gov.

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State Librarian Susan Hildreth, are piloting a 3-year youth literacy program that serves our state’s most at-risk young people by giving them easy ways to navigate out of illiteracy.

In spring 2008 San Mateo County Library, Stanislaus County Library and City of Pomona Public Library joined the project whose focus is to attract and tutor English speaking young adults ages 16 -24 who are not attending school and are in danger of joining gangs, or committing crimes.

To connect with these young people, literacy staff in the 3 participating libraries will network and partner with community based organizations and social service agencies that serve that population. They will recruit and train tutors and volunteers who specifically want to work with young adults, and literacy staff will develop collections of instructional and support materials especially for this group.

The innovative 3-year literacy project supports 2007 legislation which Assembly Member Caballero authored to address the rising number of incarcerated youth without functional literacy skills. Although the original legislation received significant bi-lateral support with both the Senate and Assembly, the bill was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. State Librarian Susan Hildreth and Assembly member Caballero conferred and agreed that addressing youth literacy needs was important and that the CLLS infrastructure was well positioned to carry out this project. The Youth Literacy project will be funded in part by LSTA Federal funds and with local in-kind contributions.

For more information about the CLLS Youth Literacy project, please contact Jacquie Brinkley at the California State Library at jbrinkley@library.ca.gov.



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government, and the great State Library and Supreme Court it houses. This landmark, now on the National Register of Historic Places, is rich with Edward Field Sanford sculptures and statues, Italian marble colonnades, a Sierra White granite lobby, Maynard Dixon and Frank Van Sloun narrative murals, mosaic floors, and emblematic friezes. The building has done its job: it deserves a makeover. Starting this year, the Library and Courts Building will undergo a complete renovation.

Through 2011, communication technology and structural experts will be working with preservationists, architectural historians, and state representatives to outfit Library and Courts with 21st century technologies, to make it safe and accessible, and to restore its early 20th century grandeur. Once renovated, Library and Courts will be a streamlined e-haven for 21st century government business.

The state contractors' 2-year task is formidable. In addition to building a new

telecommunication infrastructure, they will make fire and life safety upgrades, including improving emergency exits and adding fire suppression systems and alarms. They will replace the elevators' mechanical controls and operating devices while retaining the antique wood paneling. They will remodel the main lobby and restrooms so that those areas comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. And they will repair the building's roof and its exterior "skin" (which includes historic Gladding, McBean terra cotta from the second floor up), both of which would pose falling hazards during an earthquake.

Making it cool, literally

As part of the state of California's support of environmentally sound design, Pella McCormick, California Department of General Services (DGS) project director, reports the state is going for a U.S. Green Building Council 'LEED' rating of Silver, and that the



Current view of Library and Courts exterior "skin" and neo-classical columns due for upgrade during renovation. [Photo courtesy Vincent Beiderbecke]



Interior view of loan desk in circulation section of library in Library and Courts Building just after opening; shows tile-mosaic in front of wooden loan desk, chandelier hanging from enriched coffered ceiling; four medallions in granite walls above catalog files. [Photo courtesy California History Section]

renovated landmark will contain innovative energy and sustainability features. To encourage bike commuters, the basement will have full shower and locker areas for men and women. To prevent heating and air-conditioning waste, energy-saving equipment will replace antiquated heating and ventilation apparatus. To preserve water, efficient fixtures will be added to the landscape irrigation and the building's plumbing. Further, the state will use sustainable products for changeable items such as carpets which will be California gold standard.

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To safeguard the Library and Court's design integrity though, contractors will not replace the old windows. McCormick says "We will only repair the windows and put a clear film on them to help with glare and heat gain. We're also adding an automatic shade system, or window coverings."

Safely renovating, creatively upgrading

DGS retained project architects Carey and Company to conduct the renovation. The firm's list of past projects is long, and boasts some California's most beloved architectural gems: the Marin Civic Center (a Frank Lloyd Wright design), San Francisco City Hall, the California State Capitol, the Utah State Capitol, and the Noe Valley Branch of the San Francisco Public Library.

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Panel from Maynard Dixon's "Pageant of Tradition." The state of California will carefully preserve the Dixon murals during the Library and Courts Building renovation. [Photo courtesy Vincent Beiderbecke]

Carey and Company has recruited an architectural conservationist to consult with the team as it peels away decades of wear and hasty add-ons. Working from original 1920's drawings, they will make the building come alive, opening-up light wells to shed natural light on statuary and murals dimmed for decades. McCormick says "The grand staircase, the sculptures in the library circulation room, and the decorative painting on ceilings will appear almost new. She emphasizes that the state will not "do anything" to the great Maynard Dixon murals but protect them. "Caring for California's treasures is one of our top priorities," McCormick says. Since the 1920's, California's Library and Courts Building has been a great architectural fixture in the Sacramento capital. In just over two years, with its original glory restored, Library and Courts will be ready to make history again.

For more information about the renovation of the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building, please contact Sarah Dalton at the California State Library at (916) 654-1483 or email at sdalton@library.ca.gov.

Editor's note: This article will be reprinted in the October/November 2008 issue of the CSL Foundation Bulletin. Portions of the article will also be on the California State Library website at: <http://www.library.ca.gov/about/renovation.html>

Current view of Edward Field Sanford statue in circulation section of in Library and Courts Building. Renovation plans include opening blocked light well behind statue to allow in natural light.



[Photo courtesy Vincent Beiderbecke]



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The Grand Opening Celebration of the new Santa Maria Public Library included the presentation of the colors, singing of the Star Spangled Banner by two young local singers, and a morning prayer. [Photo courtesy City of Santa Maria]

study/tutoring rooms, and homework center.

Santa Maria Public Library's grand opening on Saturday, August 23, saw residents and community leaders pack the library's front plaza. Throughout the day 10,300 people visited and checked-out more than 3500 books and other items. Santa Maria staff issued more than 100 new library cards.

For complete details about the Santa Maria Public Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the California State Library website.

Calabasas Library opening

The Calabasas Library held its grand opening on Sunday, July 13, 2008. The 25,059 square foot library is part of the Civic Center Complex designed by award-winning New York architect Robert A.M. Stern. The new library includes an assembly room of approximately 3,000 square feet, a two-story 27,733 square foot city hall, a public plaza, an outdoor amphitheater plus landscaping, and pathways that allow pedestrians to cross over into adjacent developments. Over 75% of



The new Calabasas Library is adjacent to the newly completed Civic Center. Literally building on its reputation as one of the country's most environmentally friendly cities, Calabasas opened its new civic center project as a model of green government. [Photo courtesy City of Calabasas]

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The new Calabasas Public was opened on Sunday, July 13. Participating in the ribbon cutting event from left to right: Anthony Coroalles (City Manager); James Bozajian (Councilmember); Barry Groveman (Councilmember); Mary Sue Maurer (Mayor); Jonathon Wolfson (Mayor Pro Tem); Karyn Foley (Former Councilmember); Dennis Washburn (Councilmember). Second row behind the mayor is Michael Harrison (Former Councilmember) and to his left is Lee Baca (Los Angeles County Sheriff). [Photo courtesy City of Calabasas]



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the Civic Center property has been established as permanent open space and both the library and the city hall are designed to use 40% less energy and 30% less water than standard structures.

The Civic Center Complex is built of composite materials and uses natural light to reduce energy consumption. A large part of the complex is built on a foundation made of melted-down weapons seized by the County of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The state of the art Calabasas Library offers meeting spaces, a community room, custom-made furnishing and much more to the Calabasas community.

For complete details about the Calabasas Library construction project, please visit their [page](#) on the California State Library website.

Locally Funded Library Openings

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

Pearl Avenue Branch Library

San Jose residents gathered on Saturday, August 9 to celebrate the opening of Pearl Avenue Branch Library, a 14,000 square foot community library that virtually doubles the size of the original library which occupied the site from 1971 to 2006. Following the dedication ceremony, residents were able to explore the library and enjoy free entertainment and activities for kids.



The Children's Area in the new Pearl Avenue Library is easily recognizable by this sign.

[Photo courtesy San Jose Public Library]

"Thanks to our residents' support, San Jose has been able to build new branch libraries throughout the city," said Mayor Chuck Reed at the opening. "I am delighted that the new Pearl Branch Library will be providing an important community gathering place for residents of all ages."

The expanded Pearl Avenue Branch Library features an Internet café; a living room with a fireplace; a technology

center; a teen room; group and quiet study areas; a community room that will accommodate 50; and ample space for more seating, collections, and computers.

On-site parking accommodates 55 vehicles, in addition to nearby street parking.

Preserved perimeter trees open up the library to a viewing garden which creates a visual connection to nature that interior finish patterns and colors reinforce. The project design by Anderson Brulé Architects, Inc. is based upon green building principles outlined by the U.S. Green Building Council's "LEED" rating system.

Public art by Lynn Goodpasture fuses elements of ancient civilization and green technology. The artwork includes four colorful art glass windows located in the library



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A young boy traces the calligraphy on the public art windows at the new Pear Avenue Branch of the San Jose Public Library.

[Photo courtesy San Jose Public Library]

Children's area, each with imagery drawn from ancient alphabets, and a suspended glass lamp near the library entrance. Photovoltaic cells on the exterior of the four panes collect solar energy which provides the power that illuminates the lamp.

The \$9.3 million facility is the twelfth library to be completed using funds from local bond measures approved in 2000 by San Jose voters. The project was completed \$1 million under budget. Generous contributions from the local community helped to furnish the interior, providing furniture and equipment. Like Edenvale and Joyce Ellington before it, the Pearl Avenue project is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from AT&T, part of an overall

pledge of \$200,000 to the San José Public Library Foundation branch [fundraising campaign](#) and the single largest corporate donation to date.

The Branch Library Bond Measure provides \$212 million over 10 years dedicated to the construction of six new and 14 expanded libraries in San Jose. At this stage, the Branch Bond Development Program is well advanced with 12 projects completed, and seven others in various phases of design and construction.

For more information about the Pearl Avenue Branch Library, please visit their website at http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/pearl_ave/index.htm.

Fowler Branch Library

Fowler Library, a branch of the Fresno County Public Library, held its grand opening on Saturday, July 19, 2008. The new library, which replaces a facility that had been rented and used as a library since 1914, cost \$4,458,109 and was funded by revenues from a library sales tax and private donations.

The 8,660 square foot library reminds visitors of an early 20th century railroad depot.

Incorporating classic and modern elements, it reflects the community of Fowler, from the historic mural to the "railroad club car" in the History Quiet Room. Other special features include: separate areas for children, teens and adults; 30 public computers; 1 early literacy training station;

a computer training lab; a community meeting room with seating capacity for 50 people that is also used as a homework center; a family friendly space; a local history area; a programming space; and a secured outdoor courtyard with a water feature.

The City of Fowler dreamed of a new library for over 25 years but planning did not begin



The welcoming facade of the exterior of the new Fowler Library makes it easy for residents to locate.

[Photo courtesy Fresno County Library]



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until Measure B (a local sales tax) was passed in 1998 and the State Bond Act of 2000 was passed. The library submitted grant applications for the second and third cycles of the [California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000](#) but was not funded. Local residents participated in community forums, and public meetings which produced information about community needs and expectations to incorporate into the new library's design. Fundraising efforts began in earnest after the

defeat of the 2006 Library Construction Bond Measure and the capital campaign that ensued raised \$1.2 million for construction of the new library. In addition, the newly formed Friends of the Fowler Branch Library is continuing fundraising efforts by selling bricks in the walkway of the library and to date there have been an additional 150 donors.

Fowler Library is the first Fresno County Library to offer both wireless access and public use laptop computers. It also has regularly scheduled programming for teens and adults; pre-school story times; a Homework Center with 10 laptop computers for students;

and expanded volunteer opportunities for teens and adults at the library. Further, the library is working with the Chamber of Commerce to provide small business, career and resume information to students and adults exploring career options at the library.

County Librarian Karen Bosch Cobb says, "Libraries are often the center of community life in smaller, rural towns like Fowler. Community support for this project was amazing and we are so honored to be creating this beautiful new library for current and future Fowler residents."

For more information about the Fowler Library please visit their website at <http://www.fresnolibrary.org/branch/fowl.html>.



Opening day crowds enjoying their brand new library. The historical mural at the top of the photographs weaves children of today and the future reading about Fowler residents and events of the past.

[Photo courtesy Fresno County Library]

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in the back of the police cruiser, and lots of other things. CRB staff had starring roles in these videos, which are being used in police stations all around the state. They will probably be used all around the country. There is at least a chance that these changes may make a big difference to some kids, and may even save a life or two.

CSL Connection: We have to ask – what was the kookiest research request you’ve ever received?

Misczynski: Probably the request to examine the causes and impacts of the failure of the Velcro crop in the Central Valley in 1993. See <http://home.inreach.com/kumbach/velcro.html>.

CSL Connection: As Director, your name wasn’t on many of the reports. Do you prefer editing over writing? Or is there a writer lurking beneath the executive exterior?

Misczynski: I like writing. I hate editing. But it’s very hard to write when people come into your office or send you an email demanding an immediate reply every eight minutes. I gradually acceded to the idea that my job wasn’t to write but to do all the other stuff that needed doing.

So I am a frustrated writer. I am hopeful that I will find an arrangement to allow me to write, without many other demands, in my “retirement.”

CSL Connection: Oh – what kind of writing do you plan on doing?

Misczynski: I’m no novelist – that’s way too personal for an anti-introspective guy. My attempts at poetry were confined to my maximal testosterone years, long past. I’m afraid my writing interests are about public policy. I have in mind writing about the roots of our total incapacity to improve transportation in California, and about the connection between spatial demographic changes over the last 30 years and land use patterns here.

CSL Connection: Many young people and college students feel pressure to earn degrees that will help them get jobs. What do you think about that? Is learning how to be a researcher tied to a specific field of study or to the broader liberal arts curriculum?

Misczynski: Both. People with an intense technical background but no sense of historical or cultural context are dangerous as researchers. Liberal arts types who are intimidated by mathematics, regressions, and logical rigor are cut off from too many kinds of useful information.

One of the most imaginative researchers we ever had had an advanced degree in

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Whereas Dean contributed to the development of many important policy initiatives while at the Senate Office of Research from 1982 to 1991, using incisive analysis and a clever turn of phrase, notably Financing Infrastructure in Times of Fiscal Fundamentalism, and drafted the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act, and

Whereas Dean is the founding Director of the California Research Bureau (CRB) in 1991, and under his leadership the CRB has become a trusted and respected source of public policy research and information, publishing over 250 widely consulted public reports on state policy issues, and

Whereas Dean has developed innovative approaches to facilitating state policymakers’ access to timely and useful research, including Studies in the News, which has been published regularly since September 1992, and has over 25,000 items in its database, and

Whereas Dean received the Government Innovation Award from the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration for establishing partnerships with many research organizations to offer lunchtime public policy seminars to state policymakers, and

Whereas Dean has mentored and trained a new generation of policy analysts to think creatively and question constructively,

Resolved that the Senate of the State of California thanks Dean Misczynski for his service to the State and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.



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interplanetary atmospherics. That means Martian air. His approaches to automotive air pollution were wonderfully creative, and almost certainly effective, if we can ever convince enough people to take them seriously.

California Research Bureau's recent foreclosure report and Sept. 18 conference show how CRB stays at forefront of issues affecting Californians most

The Chair of the Assembly Banking Committee requested that the California Research Bureau (CRB) prepare estimates of the number of housing foreclosures in California. CRB author Rani Isaac estimates the number of housing foreclosures in the state during the current cycle (2006–2009) could be as high as 450,000, affecting as many as 8 percent of all homes. These estimates are updates of the CRB report, *Foreclosures in California: The current housing crisis is more severe than previous corrections*, which is available at <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/08/08-006.pdf>

The report presents a range of estimates for metropolitan counties. As the credit and housing crisis plays out, CRB plans to update its research and publish estimates again in the winter. In the meantime, for the second update, CRB arranged a free conference on the housing crisis and the hurdles to homeownership in California. On September 18, 2008 at the California State Library, researchers from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) addressed the scale of the crisis compared to past cycles, at the national and state levels and in the Central Valley, while panelists from UC Santa Barbara and CRB provided forecasts of home prices and foreclosures.

The afternoon session at the September 18 conference focused on removing barriers to home ownership. Participants learned what new federal and state laws have accomplished and what more might be done to resolve the current crisis. Cynthia Kroll from the UC Berkeley Fisher Center described the federal response. Alan Mallach flew in from the East to discuss a Brookings Institution paper he authored that identifies ten steps for states to take to address the mortgage crisis. The eight presentations were in such demand, that CRB is making them available on its [website](http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/index.html) at <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/index.html>.

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instruction classes on using the computer and our online magazine databases. We're calling it "Monday with Maurie."

We were excited by the use of the digital photo frame to show the local history pictures and we are in the process of buying one for the front desk - to advertise library events, show pictures from events, show pictures of the books being sold at librarybooksales.org, and to show covers of new titles added to the collection.

In these days of challenging budgets and no time and money the messages of George and Joan resonate loud and clear: It's more fun to rethink than to retrench. They asked "Are you thinking about doing less or doing different." We are ready to do different!

Maurie Hoekstra, County Librarian
Calaveras County Library



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The group then broke into smaller groups to consider the impact of these trends over the next 12 years. These groups also selected a third trend to add their future thinking. After brainstorming all of the possibilities, the groups then worked on creating future scenarios. Each group created headlines for the *China Daily: Special Edition: The Future of Information Services 2020*. The headlines and brief stories conveyed possible futures. One headline read, "Truthiness Database Hacked! People Flock to the Library."

From all of the creative thinking several themes have emerged that are now being examined by a smaller group of Think Tank participants. These themes are guiding the development of ideas for new information services that we can begin to build now. These ideas will be shared at the Annual Conference of the California Library Association in November 2008 and through other venues to get input from library staff members across the State. After the feedback is collected, a builders group will be formed to plan for implementation of one or more of the concepts.

If you'd like to learn more, and join the NING community that has been created to share information and create connections, please send an email message to

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Santa Monica Public Library's book cart drill team wins the gold at ALA

Book cart drill team rookies, [Santa Monica Public Library's](#) "Well Stacked Scibrarians," won the gold at the American Library Association's (ALA) fourth annual Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship at the [ALA Annual Conference](#) in Anaheim.

According to the ALA, teams such as Santa Monica's "shatter" the myth of the conservative librarians. And shatter the "Scibrarians" did, to a sold-out ALA crowd of over 2000 on June 29.

The winning ensemble, a cast of mad scientists cum zombies, made swirling book carts, mixing potions, and moon walking look easy. But like all great performers, the "Well Stacked Scibrarians" had done some serious rehearsing. SMPL Youth Services Librarian Shana Johnson, a former Stanford cheerleader and the team captain, says SMPL practiced three hours twice a week for two months. "Because ALA was right down the road this year - we were determined to do Southern California proud," she says.



Well Stacked Sci-brarians perform at the Book Cart Drill Team World Championship competition in Anaheim. [Photo courtesy Chuck Rokosz]

SMPL's team decided their first ALA routine would be a nod to the 25th anniversary of Michael Jackson's chart busting "Thriller" album. After studying previous winners on YouTube, Shana Johnson says the crew came up with a story arc, songs ("Weird Science," "Somebody is Watching Me," and "Thriller") and the Jackson-like moves for the grand finale.



Well Stacked Sci-brarians receiving their winning scores from the judges. [Photo courtesy Chuck Rokosz]

In Johnson's opinion the competition says to people "librarians are cool... It shows we can do something that is completely not buttoned-up and straight-laced.

"In addition to the "Well Stacked Sci-brarians" who took home the gold DEMCO grand prize book cart, California's myth-busting teams were the "Bibliotechies" of St. Margaret's Episcopal School in San Juan Capistrano, "California Girls" of the California School Library Association's Southern Section, "Call Number 007" of the Riverside County Library

System (west), the "Dancing Raisinettes" of the Fresno County Library, and the "Palm Desert Library Cart Attacks" of the Riverside County Library System.

To watch SMPL's Norma Angel, Diane Bednarski, Rachel Foyt, Lana Fukushima, Shana Johnson, Simran Khalsa, Christa Muscatine, Donnae Tidwell, Ann Wagner, and Ivy Weston perform their routine, visit the official YouTube link at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZAL0bcO_k8&NR=1.



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For more information about the Book Cart Drill Team World Championship competition, visit the American Library Association's website at www.ala.org.

Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research/UC Riverside receives Sautter Award for the California Digital Newspaper Collection

On July 20, the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research at the University of California, Riverside received a Larry L. Sautter Silver Award for Achievement in University Computing for development of the California Digital Newspaper Collection. This University of California system-wide award recognizes "innovative deployment of information technology in support of the University's mission."

The software developed for the [California Digital Newspaper Collection](#) (CDNC) incorporates unique features for processing and displaying digital newspapers. The Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research (CBSR) is currently beta testing the software and plans to make it available to libraries next year.

The CDNC is an on-going program of the CBSR to digitize historical California newspapers and make them freely accessible to the public. The CBSR has digitized over

200,000 pages of California newspapers spanning the years 1846-1911. They include the *Alta California*, 1849-1889; the *Sacramento Union*, 1851-1895; the *San Francisco Call*, 1900-1910; the *Amador Ledger*, 1900-1911; the *Imperial Valley Press*, 1901-1911; the *Los Angeles Herald*, 1905-1907; and very early California newspapers from 1846-1851: the *Californian*; the *California Star*; the *California Star and Californian*; the *Sacramento Transcript*; the *Placer Times*. Additional titles and years will be added to the collection as funding permits.

The CDNC builds on the California Newspaper Project, a 17-year effort by the CBSR to catalog, union list and preserve California newspapers. Close to 9,000 California newspapers were inventoried in over 14,000 repositories throughout the state, 1.5 million pages of California newspapers were preserved and made available on microfilm, and 100,000 rolls of negative microfilm rolls are being processed for permanent storage.

The California Digital Newspaper Collection is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities; the California State Library; and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act administered in California by the State Librarian.

The Project team consists of: Benjamin Arai, Software Developer, TABBEC; Chuck



CBSR staff with Sautter Award. From left to right: Charles (Chuck) Boucher, CBSR Systems Administrator; Brian Geiger, Assistant Director, CBSR; Allan Crosthwaite, CBSR Digital Projects Coordinator. [Photo courtesy Amber Dobson]

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Boucher, Systems Administrator, CBSR; Craig Boucher, Software Developer, TABBEC; Allan Crosthwaite, Digital Projects Coordinator, CBSR; Jeanne Gahagan, Digital Archivist, Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley; Brian Geiger, Assistant Director, CBSR; and Andrea Vanek, Assistant Director of Newspaper Projects, CBSR.

For more information about the CDNC, please contact Andrea Vanek at avanek@ucr.edu or (510) 643-7680.

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Redwood City Public Library's Project READ wins Kent Award, Congressional Recognition

[Redwood City Public Library's Project READ](#), in collaboration with Cañada College, received the San Mateo County School Boards Association's J. Russell Kent [Award](#) in May, an honor that earned Project Read a *Certificate of Recognition* from the California Senate and a *Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition* from the U.S. House of Representatives.

The school board singled out Redwood City's Project Read program (funded in part by [California Library Literacy Services](#)) for its *Inmate Peer Tutor Program*, a project in which Project READ volunteers tutor inmates who in turn earn college credits for tutoring their peers. Kathy Endaya, Director of the Redwood City Project READ, says, "Almost 89% of incarcerated people read or write below a 5th grade level. Because of our successful and close alliance with Canada College, we not only have the Kent Award, we have also started breaking the cycle of low or non-literacy in a correctional institution." In addition to boosting reading levels, Endaya reports that the program is building self-esteem in both the inmate tutors and the learners.

Because Redwood City partners with Canada College on the award-winning program, the inmate tutors earn one college credit for their work. Many of the participants, now "college students," continue their education by taking additional classes while still incarcerated. These new readers are then able to participate in recovery programs and GED classes, and achieve other educational goals."

We earned the Kent Award because of our work with Canada College. The State Senate and Congressional Certificates honor both Project Read and Canada College. We are so very proud to share it with our wonderful partner!" Endaya says. [California Library Literacy Services](#) (CLLS), she says, does "a great job" supporting community collaborations, work that "expands and enhances our services to our learners."

For more information please contact Redwood City Project READ at (650) 780-7077 or visit www.projectread-redwoodcty.org.

California State Library's Research Bureau wins national Legislative award for Homeless report

The California Research Bureau (CRB) at the California State Library is one of nine national winners of a 2008 "Notable Document Award" from the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) (NCSL) Legislative Research Librarian staff. The CRB won in the "Innovative Study" category for [Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers](#).

Nell Bernstein and Lisa K. Foster wrote March 2008's *Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers* as part of the California Homeless Youth Project, a major research and policy initiative the CRB and California Council on Youth Relations, with support from The California Wellness Foundation, undertook to bring attention to the serious issues facing homeless youth in the state.F

or more information about the *Voices from the Street: A Survey of Homeless Youth by Their Peers* please contact Lisa Foster at the California State Library at 916) 653-6372.



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Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc. are working together to “Save the Light” at Point Arena. The Point Arena Lighthouse project received a \$200,000 CCHE planning grant in round two of funding in 2006 (now completed) and was awarded a capital project grant in the amount of \$1,209,375 in round three. The planning grant award was used to lay the ground work for the design, construction plans and permits for the preservation of two buildings. The round three project is now well underway and includes restoration and renovation of the original Fog Signal Building, as well as the newer Lighthouse Tower, which has deteriorated after years of deferred maintenance in the harsh coastal environment.

Another shining star on California’s central coast - Point San Luis Lighthouse

Further south, in San Luis Obispo County near Avila Beach, the picturesque Point San Luis Lighthouse also awaits renovation. The CCHE gave this capital assets project a round three reservation of funding in the amount of \$649,228 for the restoration of the Head Keeper’s Quarters and Light Tower, and the other historical buildings in the light station complex.



Point San Luis Lighthouse today after some restoration work. [Photo courtesy Dennis Johansen]

The Point San Luis Lighthouse became operational in 1890, two years after the “Queen of the Pacific” sank off Point San Luis. During a peak year in the early 1900’s, as many as nine hundred ships used the harbor that the lighthouse served.

The project’s coordinators, CCHE grantee Point San Luis Harbor District, and the Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers organization, will restore the entire lighthouse site to its original appearance from the period of its use (1890 to 1949), and share this historical resource with more central California visitors. Educational exhibits displayed within the

restored buildings will present the human and natural history of the area when the project is completed.

For more information about the CCHE, please contact Kathleen Cronin at the California State Library at kcronin@library.ca.gov or 916-651-9131.



Point San Luis Lighthouse in the 1930’s. [Photo courtesy Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc.]

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