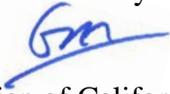




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To: California Public Library Directors
California County Law Library Directors

From: Gerald Maginnity 
Acting State Librarian of California

RE: 2014/15 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP)

We are pleased to announce the 2014/15 Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) is now open to new applicants. This program was developed by a team of public library directors and California State Library staff to assist you in your efforts to encourage existing staff members to pursue their Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS) or a Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) through ALA.

Library employees who have successfully worked in a California public library or county law library for at least one year and will be or are currently enrolled in an MLIS or LSSC program are encouraged and eligible to apply. The program guidelines and application for this competitive tuition reimbursement grant program are available on our website at <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/apply.html>. Deadline for application submission is **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

There is a competitive review process for all applications, and PLSEP funds will be awarded to successful applicants for one academic year. Each year students can apply for tuition reimbursement again, for up to a maximum of 5 years. We give priority to past grant recipients who are continuing in their studies toward their MLIS degree or Library Support Staff Certification from the ALA-APA. Applications for continuing students in PLSEP can also be found at the Web site above. Cooperative Library Systems will continue to manage the reimbursement and reporting processes.

Thank you for your support of this program, and your assistance in recruiting students who will be providing leadership and innovation to the library field in the future. If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact Lena Pham at (916) 651-0376 and/or lena.pham@library.ca.gov.