



**City of St. Helena
Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
St. Helena Library, 1492 Library Lane, St.
Helena CA 94574
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM**

PLEASE NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or make a comment under the "Oral Communication" portion of the agenda may do so, but please observe the time limit of four minutes.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
Chair: Terry Wood
Vice Chair: Gillian Casey
Trustees: Deborah Claymon Boeschen, Alexandra Haslip, Don Loveless, Janet Myers and Suzanne Roomian
City Council Member Liaison: Anna Chouteau
Staff Liaison: Melinda Cervantes, Library Executive Associate
City staff present at the meeting will be noted in the minutes.
3. PUBLIC FORUM
An opportunity for the public to directly address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are not listed on the agenda. Any person addressing the Committee should provide his or her name and address, and limit comments to four minutes. Because of restrictions imposed by the Brown Act, the Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.
4. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE:
Reports by staff and/or committee on items of general interest. Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Committee may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, **the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Library Board of Trustees.**
5. CONSENT ITEMS:
Members of the Board or the public may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless this is done, one motion may be used to adopt all recommended actions. (Roll Call Vote)
 - 5.1. Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2024
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
[Library Board of Trustees - 13 Mar 2024 - Minutes \(1\)](#)
6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:
 - 6.1. Report from Friends & Foundation, St. Helena Public Library - Deanna Griffen, Executive Director

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CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA project
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

- 6.2. Review of Library Calendar and Events April 2024. 9 - 12

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA project
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
[April Print Newsletter](#)
[April Spanish Newsletter](#)

- 6.3. Review of Monthly Library Operating Expense Report for March 2024 - Melinda Cervantes 13 - 15

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA project
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
[01 Monthly Expense Report Library 240403](#)

- 6.4. Report of the Board Roles and Responsibilities Ad Hoc Committee - Deborah Claymon Boeschen, Committee Chair
Discussion by Library Trustees - Terry Wood, Chair

CEQA Determination: Not a CEQA project
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
Recommendation:
Move to accept the Ad Hoc Committee's draft report [with changes] and recommend approval by the City Council.

- 6.5. Consider asking the Board Chair to send a letter to state legislators opposing budget cuts to statewide library programs and services for FY 2024-25. 17 - 18

Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
Recommendation:
Support the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Library Board to send a letter to state legislators urging the Legislature to restore funding for Brainfuse HelpNow K-12 online tutoring services, CA Career Pathways and State Parks Passes to the FY 2024-25 state budget and support the California Library Association's position to restore \$131M in grant funding already awarded for library infrastructure and construction projects.

Recommend that the City Council consider sending a similar letter to state legislators.

[CA Library Program Funding 1](#)

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM, St. Helena Public Library.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1088 College Ave., and at the St. Helena Public Library, 1492 Library Lane, St. Helena on April 5, 2024.

Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

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MINUTES
City of St. Helena
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
St. Helena Library, 1492 Library Lane, St. Helena
CA 94574
465 Main Street, St. Helena

- 1 CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 5:10PM
- 2 ROLL CALL**
Present were:
Chair: Terry Wood
Vice-Chair: Gillian Casey
Trustees: Deborah Claymon Boesch, Alexandra Haslip, Don Loveless and Janet Myers
Absent: Suzanne Roomian
City Council Liaison: Anna Chouteau
Staff Liaison: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
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- 5 CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a) Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024 - Trustee Claymon Boesch moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Myers and approved unanimously.
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
- 6 SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

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- a) Oath of office administered to Dr. Donald Loveless by Cindy Tzaopoulos, City Clerk (This item will be taken out of order and heard after call to order.)
Prepared By: Cindy Tzaopoulos, City Clerk
- b) Nominations from the Floor and Election to fill vacant Vice-Chair position. - Chair Wood opened the nominations. Trustee Myers moved to nominate Trustee Casey to Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Trustee Roomian and approved unanimously.
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
- c) Discussion by Library Trustees of Developing an Annual Workplan for FY 2024-25 - Following a brief discussion, Chair Wood appointed Trustees Casey, Claymon Boesch and Haslip to an Ad Hoc Committee to identify current roles and responsibilities of the Board and prepare a draft annual workplan to present to the Board at the April 10th meeting.
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate
- d) Discussion by Library Trustees of asking the Board Chair to send a letter to state legislators opposing budget cuts to statewide library programs and services for FY 2024-25.
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

Staff Liaison Cervantes spoke briefly about the Governor's proposed budget cuts to California State Library funded online resources. Following a brief discussion, this item was tabled. Cervantes will provide St. Helena Public Library usage data and a draft letter for the Board to consider at their April 10th meeting.

- e) Report from Friends & Foundation, St. Helena Public Library - Deanna Griffin, Executive Director
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

The Friends & Foundation SHPL will host a Words & Wine event on Thursday, May 16th. There will be a limited number of tickets available.

- f) Review of Library Newsletter for March 2024
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

Staff Liaison Cervantes highlighted the March 21st Napa Valley Wine Library Association event with Author, Francis Dinkelspiel discussing her book, *Tangled Vines, Greed, Murder, Obsession, and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California*.

- g) Review of Annual Library Comparative Statistics for FY 2019-20 through FY 2022-23
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

Staff Liaison Cervantes presented infographics of library usage data from 2019 - 2023. Circulation of electronic materials increased by more than 700% over

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five years while circulation of print materials decreased 7%, some of which is a direct result of being open 64 fewer hours. With fewer staff and open hours, it will be another year or so before returning to pre-COVID-19 usage.

- h) Review of Monthly Library Operating Expense Report for February 2024 -
Melinda Cervantes
Prepared By: Melinda Cervantes, Executive Associate

The Library is on track with annual expenditures for FY 2023-24 and may request additional funding for FY 2024-25 to replace one or more of the online services such as Brainfuse K-12 online tutoring that may not be funded by the State Library next fiscal year.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:03 PM

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Terry Wood, Chair
Library Board of Trustees

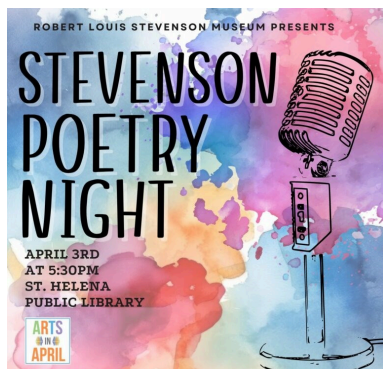
Melinda Cervantes, Library
Executive Associate

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed for Cesar Chavez Day	2 Story Time & Crafts 10:30am	3 Stevenson Open Mic Poetry Night 5:30pm 	4	5	6
7	8	9 Story Time & Crafts 10:30am Medicinal Plant Walk 4:00pm to 5:30pm	10 	11 Artist Reception: Sharon Gmelch 4:30pm 	12	13
14	15	16 Story Time & Crafts 10:30am Gravenstein Mandolin Ensemble 4:30pm 	17	18	19	20 
21 	22	23 Story Time & Crafts 10:30am	24	25 Upstage Napa Valley Presents: Life As I Knew It 4:30pm	26 	27
28	29 	30 Storytime & Crafts 10:30am Día del Niño 4:00pm 	 			

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Stevenson Open Mic Poetry Night

Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30pm

Join the Library and the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum in celebrating spoken word and the poetry of Robert Louis Stevenson! An open mic portion will be available to recite a few works and perform new pieces! The evening will highlight several of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems and offer the opportunity for other poets to perform their works. All members of the public are invited to listen and perform! Contact the RLS Museum for a performance slot! Event will be held at the St. Helena Public Library.



Medicinal Plant Walk

Tuesday, April 9th
from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Join local herbalist Charlotte Powell on a medicinal plant walk. Meet, taste and explore the flora and fauna right in your own backyard! Learn history, lore and how to work with these plants as food and medicine. The plant walk will meet at the fountain in front of the library. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and plan to be on the flat walking trail for approx. 1 1/2 hour. Walk will take place rain or shine, just come prepared! **Advanced registration required. Sign up on our website.**



Sharon Gmelch Artist Reception

Thursday, April 11th, 4:30pm

Sharon Gmelch is a recently retired cultural anthropologist - one of her specialties was visual anthropology and ethnographic film. After conducting research, teaching, and writing for forty years, she is now a fledgling painter, and has taken courses with local artists. She works in acrylics and oil and tries to capture--often playfully--the essence of the subjects she paints. She lives in Oakville with her husband George. If you are interested in purchasing a painting, please text Sharon at (415) 602-5026 or email her at sbgmelch@gmail.com.



Gravenstein Mandolin Ensemble

Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30pm

Directed by Gus Garelick, their repertoire reflects music across time and around the world. The 14-member ensemble includes the entire mandolin family well as other instruments. The ensemble has performed for numerous audiences in California, as well in Portland, Seattle, and the national convention of the Classical Mandolin Society of America.



UpStage Napa Valley Presents: Life As I Knew It

Thursday, April 25th at 4:30pm

UpStage actors will present our annual play reading at the St. Helena Library. At this event, we will read a new work, Life As I Knew It, by Frank Shima. We are happy to bring back actor Bruce Miroglio as the distressed Herman who is frantically looking for a book with a blue cover, and Mara McGrath as Clara, the stern Librarian. Antonia Allegra will play Mrs. James, a rude library patron. Also featured will be a scene from our upcoming play, The Sound Inside by Adam Rapp.



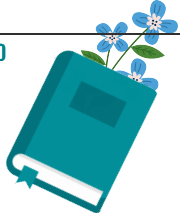
Día del Niño

Tuesday, April 30th at 4:00pm

Dia del Niño (Children's Day) celebrates childhood in Latin America. This year we are celebrating with music! Join the Binder and Martin Duo for an hour of singing, dancing, creative movement and more. This is a hands-on program geared for preschoolers through second graders and their families. Get ready to play with parachutes, dance, and engage with music in a variety of ways. Brandon Binder and Cody Martin are two North Bay elementary music educators with a wealth of experience creating programs for youth and families! We will explore music through play!

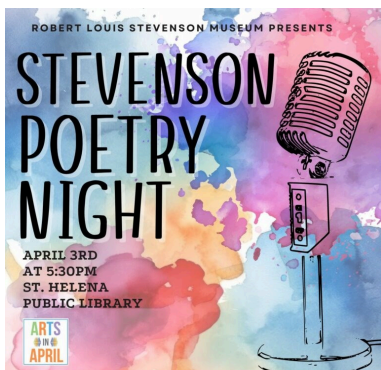
Events Sponsored by Friends & Foundation

ABRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cerrado por el día de César Chávez	2 Cuentos y Manualidades 10:30am	3 Stevenson Open Mic Noche de Poesía 5:30pm	4 	5	6
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Stevenson Open Mic Noche de Poesía

miércoles 3 de abril a las 16:30

Únete a la Biblioteca y al Museo Robert Louis Stevenson para celebrar la palabra hablada y la poesía de Robert Louis Stevenson. Habrá una parte de micrófono abierto para recitar algunas obras e interpretar piezas nuevas. La noche pondrá de relieve varios de los poemas de Robert Louis Stevenson y ofrecerá la oportunidad a otros poetas de interpretar sus obras. Todo el público está invitado a escuchar, interpretar y compartir esta forma de arte apreciada en todo el mundo. Póngase en contacto con el Museo RLS para obtener una plaza garantizada. El acto se celebrará en la Biblioteca Pública de St. Helena.



Paseo por las plantas medicinales

martes 9 de abril de 4:00 a 5:30pm

Acompaña a la herborista local Charlotte Powell en un paseo de plantas medicinales. Conoce, prueba y explora la flora y fauna de tu propio jardín. Aprende la historia, la tradición y cómo trabajar con estas plantas como alimento y medicina. El paseo se iniciará en la fuente situada frente a la biblioteca. Lleva calzado cómodo para caminar y prevea estar en el sendero llano durante aproximadamente una hora y media. El paseo tendrá lugar llueva o haga sol, ¡sólo tienes que venir preparado! Es necesario inscribirse.



Recepción de artistas Sharon Gmelch

jueves 11 de abril a las 4:30pm

Sharon Gmelch es una antropóloga cultural recientemente jubilada. Después de investigar, enseñar y escribir durante cuarenta años, ahora es una pintora principiante y ha seguido cursos con artistas locales. Trabaja con acrílicos y óleos e intenta captar -a menudo de forma lúdica- la esencia de los temas que pinta. Vive en Oakville con su marido George. Si está interesado en comprar un cuadro, envíe un mensaje de texto a Sharon al (415) 602-5026 o un correo electrónico a sbgmelch@gmail.com.



Cojunto de mandolina Gravenstein

martes 16 de abril a las 4:30pm

El Gravenstein Mandolin Ensemble se formó en 2006 en Sebastopol, California. Dirigido por Gus Garelick, su repertorio refleja la música a través del tiempo y de todo el mundo. El conjunto de 14 miembros incluye toda la familia de la mandolina, así como otros instrumentos. El conjunto ha actuado para numerosos públicos en California, así como en Portland, Seattle y en la convención nacional de la Classical Mandolin Society of America.



UpStage Napa Valley Presenta: La vida tal como la conocí

jueves 25 de abril a las 4:30pm

Los actores de UpStage presentarán nuestra lectura anual de obras en la Biblioteca de Santa Elena. En este acto, leeremos una nueva obra, Life As I Knew It, de Frank Shima. Bruce Miroglio interpretará al angustiado Herman, que busca frenéticamente un libro de tapa azul, y Mara McGrath a Clara, la severa bibliotecaria. Antonia Allegra interpretará a la Sra. James, una maleducada cliente de la biblioteca. También se representará una escena de nuestra próxima obra, The Sound Inside, de Adam Rapp.

Día del Niño

Martes 30 de abril a las 4:00pm

El Día del Niño celebra la niñez en América Latina. Este año lo celebramos con música. Acompaña al dúo de Binder y Martin durante una hora de canto, baile, movimiento creativo y mucho más. Este es un programa práctico dirigido a niños de preescolar a segundo grado y sus familias. Prepárate para jugar con paracaídas, bailar e interactuar con la música de diversas maneras. Brandon Binder y Cody Martin son dos educadores musicales de primaria de North Bay con una gran experiencia en la creación de programas atractivos para los jóvenes y sus familias.



Eventos patrocinados por Friends & Foundation

General Ledger Monthly Operating Expense Rpt



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Period 01 - 13
Fiscal Year 2024

Acct Number	Description	Budget	Encumbered	YTD Spent	Available Budget	% of Budget Available
101	General Fund					
46	Library					
101-46-00-20-10	Salary-Regular	429,325.00	0.00	313,023.69	116,301.31	27.09
101-46-00-20-20	TempPart Time	69,892.00	0.00	40,366.83	29,525.17	42.24
101-46-00-20-30	Overtime	0.00	0.00	147.46	-147.46	0.00
101-46-00-20-37	Holiday Pay	2,542.00	0.00	951.33	1,590.67	62.58
101-46-00-20-40	FICAMedicare	36,563.00	0.00	26,506.71	10,056.29	27.50
101-46-00-20-45	Employer PERS	42,968.00	0.00	24,504.92	18,463.08	42.97
101-46-00-20-47	PERS Unfunded Liability	42,791.00	0.00	41,939.00	852.00	1.99
101-46-00-20-55	Health Insurance	102,758.00	0.00	65,193.42	37,564.58	36.56
101-46-00-20-61	Workers Comp	33,211.00	0.00	36,706.66	-3,495.66	-10.53
101-46-00-20-65	SDI	4,112.00	0.00	2,379.08	1,732.92	42.14
101-46-00-20-75	Deferred Comp	6,801.00	0.00	2,115.80	4,685.20	68.89
101-46-00-20-85	Auto Allowance	2,400.00	0.00	1,357.00	1,043.00	43.46
20	Salaries & Benefits	773,363.00	0.00	555,191.90	218,171.10	28.21
101-46-00-21-10	Communications	11,500.00	0.00	2,895.73	8,604.27	74.82
101-46-00-21-15	Postage	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
101-46-00-21-22	Utilities	80,000.00	0.00	19,521.48	60,478.52	75.60
101-46-00-21-27	Equipment Lease Exp	10,000.00	0.00	4,481.62	5,518.38	55.18
101-46-00-21-45	Other Contract Services	93,600.00	8,813.66	71,483.25	13,303.09	14.21
101-46-00-21-55	Training & Conference	4,000.00	0.00	-376.20	4,376.20	109.41
21	Services	199,600.00	8,813.66	98,005.88	92,780.46	46.48
101-46-00-22-07	Copies	3,000.00	0.00	1,822.68	1,177.32	39.24
101-46-00-22-12	Computer Equipment	4,400.00	0.00	3,453.55	946.45	21.51
101-46-00-22-13	Office Supplies	1,500.00	0.00	690.35	809.65	53.98
101-46-00-22-15	Special Department Supplies	6,000.00	0.00	4,228.36	1,771.64	29.53
22	Supplies	14,900.00	0.00	10,194.94	4,705.06	31.58
101-46-00-23-35	Software Maintenance	3,200.00	0.00	825.00	2,375.00	74.22
23	Maintenance	3,200.00	0.00	825.00	2,375.00	74.22
101-46-00-24-25	Taxes & Other Charges	12,300.00	0.00	0.00	12,300.00	100.00
24	Taxes, Insurances & Contributi	12,300.00	0.00	0.00	12,300.00	100.00
101-46-00-26-40	Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00	-951.00	951.00	0.00

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26	Capital	0.00	0.00	-951.00	951.00	0.00
00	Administration	1,003,363.00	8,813.66	663,266.72	331,282.62	33.02
218	Public Library Foundation					
46	Library					
218-46-00-26-40	Furniture & Fixtures	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
26	Capital	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	100.00
00	Administration	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	100.00
219	CLSA State Library Grant					
46	Library					
219-46-00-22-12	Computer Equipment	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
22	Supplies	1,350.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	100.00
00	Administration	1,350.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	100.00
380	Friends and Foundation					
46	Library					
380-46-00-20-20	TempPart Time	58,729.00	0.00	38,799.62	19,929.38	33.93
380-46-00-20-30	Overtime	0.00	0.00	17.82	-17.82	0.00
380-46-00-20-37	Holiday Pay	2,941.00	0.00	1,902.32	1,038.68	35.32
380-46-00-20-40	FICAMedicare	<u>4,718.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,182.89</u>	<u>1,535.11</u>	<u>32.54</u>
20	Salaries & Benefits	66,388.00	0.00	43,902.65	22,485.35	33.87
380-46-00-21-10	Communications	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,400.35</u>	<u>999.65</u>	<u>41.65</u>
21	Services	2,400.00	0.00	1,400.35	999.65	41.65
380-46-00-22-16	Library Materials	60,000.00	20,073.68	40,172.89	-246.57	-0.41
380-46-00-22-40	Programming	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,667.22</u>	<u>11,332.78</u>	<u>75.55</u>
22	Supplies	75,000.00	20,073.68	43,840.11	11,086.21	14.78
00	Administration	143,788.00	20,073.68	89,143.11	34,571.21	24.04
382	Martin Estate Trust					
46	Library					
382-46-00-23-35	Software Maintenance	<u>900.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>11.11</u>
23	Maintenance	900.00	0.00	800.00	100.00	11.11
00	Administration	900.00	0.00	800.00	100.00	11.11
384	Tweed Trust					
46	Library					
384-46-00-22-16	Library Materials	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28,527.38</u>	<u>21,472.62</u>	<u>42.95</u>
22	Supplies	50,000.00	0.00	28,527.38	21,472.62	42.95
384-46-00-23-35	Software	0.00	0.00	47.84	-47.84	0.00

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	Maintenance					
23	Maintenance	0.00	0.00	47.84	-47.84	0.00
00	Administration	50,000.00	0.00	28,575.22	21,424.78	42.85
Grand Total		1,200,701.00	28,887.34	781,785.05	390,028.61	0.3248

Equitable Access for All

In the past, the State Budget supported initiatives that empowered Californians through libraries, including the State Library Parks Pass Program, Brainfuse HelpNow, and CAreer Pathways. These programs are especially crucial for residents in disadvantaged and rural communities. Every Californian should have fair access to library resources and services.

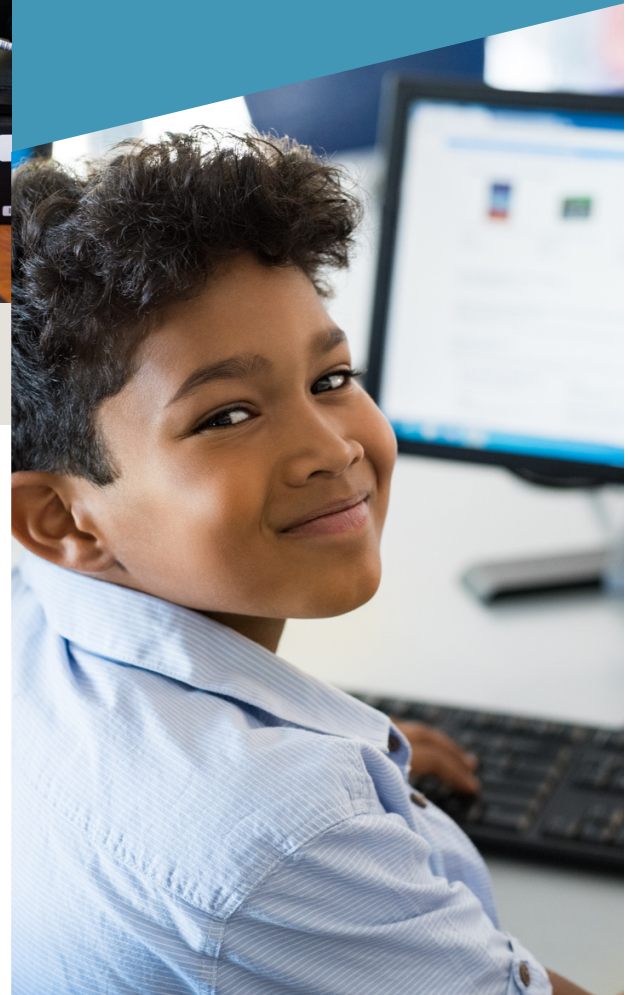


Protect Valuable Resources

The State Library Parks Pass program, Brainfuse HelpNow, and CAreer Pathways are all uncertain under California's proposed 2024-2025 budget.

Legislature is urged to prioritize and restore funding for these initiatives during the budget process. Let's safeguard the continuity of these valued programs that enrich our communities.

Protect Funding for California Public Library Programs





State Library Parks Pass Program

State Parks passes are available to checkout at all public libraries in California. With these passes, library cardholders can access over 200 parks, lakes, beaches and monuments in the State Parks system for free. The goal of these passes is to remove barriers for people to access state parks and to enjoy the benefits of the great outdoors.

Park Pass Checkouts at California Libraries 135,000+

Data Source: California State Library date from Program start through September 30, 2023

41% of survey respondents reported an income of \$60,000 or less

56% of survey respondents identify as people of color

64% of survey respondents reported that day-use fees were the reason they did not visit the Parks more often

Data Source: California State Library survey responses as of November 6, 2023

Brainfuse HelpNow

Not every family can afford a private tutor. With the Brainfuse HelpNow program, every Californian can access free online tutoring. HelpNow tutors are available to assist learners of all ages, starting from Kindergarten, in building thinking and problem-solving skills.

2.4 million website visits

362,000+ live tutoring sessions

94% of users report the service helps them improve their grades

93% of users are more confident about their schoolwork

*Data Source: California State Library
September 2022-December 2023*



Career Pathways

Career Pathways allows Californians to pursue lifelong learning and career development goals using eight digital resources: Coursera, GetSetUp, Job & Career Accelerator, LearningExpress Library Complete, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, Skillshare, and VetNow.

382,800+ hours of instruction used which is equivalent to 798 years of community college

Learners using CArer Pathways Platforms report feeling:

- **79% more knowledgeable**
- **63% more confident**
- **57% more prepared**

Data Source: California State Library