

Local CALL Interest Form

Please use this form to let us know what regional training you would like to see supported through CALL. This program is intended to provide support for in-person customized training at the local level and to encourage networking and connections between libraries with similar continuing education needs.

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* Indicates required question

Parameters for Local CALL

Please read the following before completing this form.

- Interest forms will only be accepted from the proposed host library representative.
- The window to submit the form is open between January 9 and April 30, 2026. All training must be completed by July 31, 2026.
- Local CALL events must be hosted by a California public library or library cooperative. However, you may invite staff from other library types to participate.
- One person from the host library must attend a 30-minute onboarding meeting with CALL prior to acceptance of the application.
- You may apply for financial support up to \$5,000.

- Allowable expenses are presenter/trainer fees and facility fees if the facility is outside of the host library. Food, refreshments, and giveaways are not allowable.
- Training must be open to the host library staff as well as library staff in the region.
- Topics for the training are not limited, but special consideration will be given to topics identified in the CALL Needs Assessment and the California State Library LSTA 5-Year Plan.
- The host library will be responsible for all logistics, including registration, scheduling and promotion of the event, trainer/presenter communications, as well as distribution of a required LSTA survey after the event.
- Additional guidance and assistance on selecting a topic is available upon request.

CALL can also assist with identifying a presenter or trainer if requested. Please contact Madeline Walton-Hadlock for more information: mwaltonhadlock@cla-net.org

Questions

- Host Library Name*
- Contact Person (First and Last name)*
- Contact Email*
- Re-type Email Address*
- Host Library Jurisdiction: Choose One*
- If you selected "Other" please type your library's name below:
- What is the training or presentation you would like to host? Please include as much detail as you can. *
- What is your preferred or target date for delivery of this training? List all dates in order of preference.*

- Why is this topic important to your host library staff and to other libraries in the area? (Please include any information related to how you identified this topic and how you are aware of its importance)*
- How do you anticipate using the funding support for this training? Please include as many details as possible and remember that funding is only available up to \$5,000. (Allowable expenses are presenter/trainer fees and facility fees if the facility is outside of the host library)*
- What support will the host library provide? (Staff time, copies, promotional materials, facility)*
- Based on the most recent CALL Needs Assessment, the following topics are important to California library workers. Please choose any that are related to the training you hope to host.*
 - Adult literacy
 - Accessibility in programs and buildings
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Bilingual storytime
 - Culturally-informed programming
 - Customer service
 - De-escalation techniques for library workers
 - Designing programs and services with your community (co-design, participatory design)
 - Onboarding new staff
 - Partnerships– creating and sustaining relationships
 - Safety for library workers
 - Stress relief and mental wellness for library workers

- Telling your library story
 - Other:
- How do you plan to publicize this event to other libraries in the area?
(Please note: all publicity needs to include the CALL funding statement*).*
 - Email (List-serves, targeted)
 - Blog post
 - Newsletter
 - Other:
- I estimate that ____ staff from my library system will attend.*
 - 10-25
 - 26-50
 - 51-75
 - Over 75
- I will reserve ____ seats for library staff from outside of my library system.*
 - 10-25
 - 26-50
 - 51-75
 - Over 75
- Are you willing to update CALL staff on your training plans and debrief on how the learning event went? *
 - Yes
 - No
- Comments/Questions:

What happens next?

- CALL staff will review your interest form and get back to you with any questions
- You can expect to hear something within 2 weeks of your submission