Benefits Statement of PLP System Participation
Fiscal Year 2021-22

BACKGROUND

The Pacific Library Partnership is a consolidation of four library systems, BALIS (Bay Area Library and Information System), serving Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties; PLS (Peninsula Library System), serving San Mateo County; MOBAC (Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System), serving Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties; and SVLS (Silicon Valley Library System), serving Santa Clara County. There are 43 libraries participating in PLP, with 9 academic libraries and 34 public libraries. More information can be found on our PLP website: www.plpinfo.org.

Each PLP library pays a membership participation fee, based on a model adopted in January 2020. The formula for public libraries begins with a base amount, and then applies a tiered amount based on operating budget size. Academic libraries have a tiered scale with no base fee.

SERVICES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

CLSA Funds for Public Libraries
For FY 2021-22, PLP received $566,556 in California Library Services Act (CLSA) funding as allocated by the California Library Services Board to be used for Communication and Delivery. PLP uses these funds to offset the cost of delivery of materials among member libraries, for maintenance and hosting of the MOBAC and PLP websites, and for the purchase of a shared subscription to Flipster for eight libraries with smaller budgets. The PLP Executive Committee approved allocating the remaining funds back to the public libraries by formula to spend on local needs, including a subscription to enki; networking/broadband costs; limited hardware costs related to CENIC; costs related to Link+; purchasing OverDrive eMaterials in a shared environment; purchases of shared eMaterials in Biblioteca's CloudLibrary; costs related to SimplyE; or purchase of software supporting curbside pickup and remote reference in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CENIC Broadband
All PLP public libraries are eligible to join CENIC, a dedicated network for libraries and universities. Libraries apply through a grant process and can be awarded funds to assist in upgrading network servers, routers and infrastructure to connect. Libraries generally connect at speeds between 1G and 10G. More information can be found on the Califa website.

Flipster
Eight public libraries currently participate in a PLP shared subscription to EBSCO's *Flipster*. The subscription includes a baseline of 23 shared magazine titles and access to an individual login to the subscription for gathering statistics, as well as related training.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL LIBRARIES (ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC)

Leadership Programs for Executive and Middle Managers
PLP is very proud of its signature Leadership programs for Library Directors, Assistant Directors, and Mid-Managers. These programs bring together library staff from member libraries to share ideas, issues, and hear and learn from leaders in libraries, government and private sectors. This is an intensive year-long program focusing on improving problem solving skills, providing big picture views of the environment in which libraries operate, and strengthening professional networks.

Staff Development Committee Training Programs
The PLP Staff Development Committee is the only standing PLP committee. Each year it holds two major events: The Spring Workshop and the Future of Libraries one-day conference. The Spring Workshop focuses on library staff development, while the Future of Libraries conference in October focuses on forward-thinking topics. More information can be found on the PLP website at https://www.plpinfo.org/plpsdc/.

Funding for Staff Training
The PLP Executive Committee allocated $10,000 in the FY 2021-22 budget to support staff development initiatives and activities, including workshops and trainings. Funds are available for existing committees, a library or a new working group, if the proposed activity is open to PLP member libraries and posted on the PLP website.

PLP Innovation and Technology Opportunity Grants
The PLP Executive Committee allocates funding annually towards these very popular and successful grants. Grants are typically awarded in two categories: the Innovation and Technology Opportunity Grants and the Grant Replication Program. For FY 2021-22, $100,000 will be available in the Innovation and Technology Opportunity category.

LSTA and IMLS Grants
Toolkits from previous LSTA and IMLS initiatives are available on the PLP website, including the **Statewide Student Success Initiative Toolkit** (www.plpinfo.org/student-success), the **News Literacy Resource Toolkit** (http://plpinfo.org/news-literacy-toolkit/), the **Cybersecurity Training for Teens Using Minecraft Toolkit** (https://www.plpinfo.org/minecraft/) and the **Data Privacy Best Practices Toolkit for Libraries** (https://www.plpinfo.org/dataprivacytoolkit/).

Additionally, the **Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Best Practices Training for Libraries** grant will be releasing a train-the-trainer handbook in August 2021, along with train-the-trainer courses and related resources in partnership with LDH Consulting and Lyrasis, data privacy and cybersecurity experts. The IMLS Laura Bush grant, **Reimagining School Readiness** was awarded to PLP in collaboration with the Bay Area Discovery Museum and the California State Library. National training will be held for this newly developed toolkit.

Delivery and Courier Services

System membership includes delivery services for library materials so that your residents can return materials to other libraries. In addition to the improved service delivery, economies of scale, and efficiencies gained by the consolidation, your residents can borrow from any public library in Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties. Without system membership, other libraries can impose a non-resident fee on your residents in order to obtain a library card to borrow materials or use their libraries. These courier services allow your residents to return materials to other libraries, and the items will be returned to your library.

The benefits of PLP include:

PLP achieves economies of scale by investing in a set of shared resources in programs and services that will benefit people served by the communities in the four systems.
PLP reduces duplication of effort and redundancies at the administration level as the four systems become one.
PLP facilitates the ability of member libraries to work together to increase the quantity and quality of the services and programs for the people in this broader geographical area.
PLP provides, facilitates, and fosters advocacy at the local, state and federal level on issues of interest to member libraries.
PLP serves as a liaison and a communication conduit to the State Library and the California Library Services Board.
PLP enables each member to be more responsive to the changing needs and expectations of its community.
PLP allows member libraries to have a stronger, more effective and unified voice.
PLP capitalizes on the talents and competencies of a larger group of member library staff and increases the opportunity to share and learn from each other.
PLP collaborates to invest in research and development of new initiatives and pool resources to support development of these initiatives.
PLP is an investment in a common administrative infrastructure.
PLP extends the network and communities of practices among the people who work in the member libraries.
PLP provides the structure and support for member libraries with common interests to communicate and share in a broader geographical arena.

Pacific Library Partnership Member Libraries

Peninsula Library System (PLS)

Burlingame Public Library

Daly City Public Library

Menlo Park Public Library

Redwood City Public Library

San Bruno Public Library

San Mateo County Library

San Mateo Public Library

South San Francisco Public Library

San Mateo County Community College District

Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS)

Alameda County Library

Alameda Free Library

Berkeley Public Library

Contra Costa County Library

Hayward Public Library

Livermore Public Library

Oakland Public Library

Pleasanton Public Library

Richmond Public Library

San Francisco Public Library

Silicon Valley Library System (SVLS)

Los Gatos Public Library

Mountain View Public Library

Palo Alto City Library

San Jose Public Library

Santa Clara City Library

Santa Clara County Library District

Sunnyvale Public Library

Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System (MOBAC)

Cabrillo Community College Library

California State University Monterey Bay Library

Gavilan Community College Library

Harrison Memorial Library

Hartnell Community College Library

Monterey County Free Libraries

Monterey Institute of International Studies Library

Monterey Peninsula College Library

Monterey Public Library

Naval Postgraduate School, Dudley Knox Library

Pacific Grove Public Library

Salinas Public Library

San Benito County Free Library

San Juan Bautista–Carl Martin Luck Memorial Library

Santa Cruz City-County Library System

UC Santa Cruz University Library

Watsonville Public Library

PLP Membership Fee Schedule for FY 2021/22

Source of Budget Numbers: FY 18/19 Operating Expenditure reported to State Library -
each year will use latest numbers sent to State Library

PUBLIC LIBRARIES FORMULA:

Base fee plus amount based on reported operating expenditure

Base fee   **$5,641**

Formula (adopted in 2020)		
PUBLIC LIBRARIES		
Total Operating Budget	**Amount**	**Total**
Under $500,000	$750 (no base fee)	$750
Up to $999,999	$2,000	$7,641
$1M - $1,999,999	$3,000	$8,641
$2M - $2,999,999	$4,000	$9,641
$3M - $3,999,999	$5,000	$10,641
$4M - $4,999,999	$6,000	$11,641
$5M - $5,999,999	$10,000	$15,641
$6M - $6,999,999	$11,000	$16,641
$7M - $7,999,999	$12,000	$17,641
$8M - $8,999,999	$13,000	$18,641
$9M - $9,999,999	$14,000	$19,641
$10M - $14,999,999	$20,000	$25,641
$15M - $19,999,999	$22,000	$27,641
$20M -$29,999,999	$25,000	$30,641
$30M+	$30,000	$35,641

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES FORMULA:

Based on Library Budget Size

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES		
Total Operating Budget	**Total**	
Up to $999,999	$1,500	
$1M - $1,999,999	$2,000	
$2M - $2,999,999	$3,000	
$3M - $3,999,999	$4,000	
$4M - $4,999,999	$5,000	

FY 2021-22 PLP Membership Fees

Library	Amount
Alameda County Library	$35,641
Alameda Free Library	$11,641
Berkeley Public Library	$27,641
Burlingame Public Library	$15,641
Cabrillo College Library	$2,000
Contra Costa County Library	$35,641
CSU Monterey Bay Library	$2,000
Daly City Public Library	$10,641
Gavilan College Library	$1,500
Harrison Memorial Library - Carmel	$8,641
Hartnell College Library	$1,500
Hayward Public Library	$15,641
Livermore Public Library	$15,641
Los Gatos Public Library	$9,641
Menlo Park Public Library	$10,641
Monterey County Free Libraries	$19,641
Middlebury Institute of International Studies	$1,500
Monterey Peninsula College Library	$1,500
*Monterey Public Library	$8,641
Mountain View Public Library	$15,641
Naval Post Graduate School Library	$5,000
Oakland Public Library	$35,641
Pacific Grove Public Library	$8,641
*Palo Alto City Library	$18,641
Pleasanton Public Library	$11,641
Redwood City Public Library	$19,641
Richmond Public Library	$15,641
Salinas Public Library	$11,641
San Benito County Library	$8,641
San Bruno Public Library	$9,641
San Francisco Public Library	$35,641
San Jose Public Library	$35,641
San Juan Bautista Public Library	$750
San Mateo County Community College District	$3,000
San Mateo County Library	$30,641
San Mateo Public Library	$17,641
Santa Clara City Library	$25,641
Santa Clara County Library	$35,641
Santa Cruz Public Libraries	$25,641
South San Francisco Public Library	$15,641
Sunnyvale Public Library	$19,641
UC Santa Cruz Library	$5,000
Watsonville Public Library	$10,641
TOTAL	**$656,903**