

## **State Funding for Library Services Platform**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's office, with recommendation from the State's Academic Senate, encouraged us to move to a Library Services Platform (LSP) with the promise of it being state-funded.

### Issue

- State budget drafted in February did not include funding for LSP. State budget will be passed this month (May) and revised in September. So we have two chances to make sure that funding for LSP is included in State Budget
- If not state funded, the district or college will need to bear the cost on an annual basis
- LSP annual cost
  - \$33,000 for all three colleges
  - \$15,000 for Skyline College
  - Expected 5% increase in annual cost

### What's being done:

ASCCC Letter: [asccc.org/sites/default/files/Online Community College and the California Community College Budget %286870-101-0001%29 .pdf](https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/Online%20Community%20College%20and%20the%20California%20Community%20College%20Budget%20286870-101-0001%29.pdf)

Multi-Organization Letter:

[https://cclibrarians.org/sites/default/files/Advocacy/final\\_joint\\_ccc\\_letter\\_on\\_budget\\_priorities\\_april2020\\_.pdf](https://cclibrarians.org/sites/default/files/Advocacy/final_joint_ccc_letter_on_budget_priorities_april2020_.pdf)

Skyline College Academic Senate could approve a letter of support for LSP. Draft below:

To: Governor Gavin Newsom, State of California  
Chancellor Eloy Oakley, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
CC: President, Vice President and Members of the Board of Governors  
Deputy Chancellor Daisy Gonzales, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
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Vice Chancellor Laura N. Metune, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
Vice Chancellor Rhonda Mohr, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
Vice Chancellor Lizette Navarette, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
Jeff Bell, Department of Finance  
Paul Steenhausen, Legislative Analyst's Office  
Re: Support for Ongoing Funding for the Library Services Platform Project

On behalf of the Skyline College Library, we would like to express support for ongoing funding of the statewide Library Services Platform project. The timely implementation of this platform has allowed librarians and library staff to provide virtual resources, add content, and make local modifications to the system to provide the highest quality resources to students during the COVID-19 crisis. The ability to update, modify, and add to this system remotely has allowed librarians to more effectively meet student information needs during this unprecedented time.

In collaboration with the CCC Technology Center and the Council of Chief Librarians, volunteers from across the state have created an infrastructure to support policy development and ongoing work. System-level librarians have been contracted to build and maintain a robust, shared network zone that will ultimately lead to greater resource sharing. This state-of-the-art platform helps create greater equity in providing resources and library services to all students. Without ongoing funding, the leverage of statewide purchasing power and the infrastructure to support continued building of this system will disappear.

Our organization urges you to do everything in your power to secure ongoing funding for the Library Services Platform project.