Community Conversations with Veterans - 2020 Application

Community Conversations with Veterans is a partnership between California Center for the Book and Veterans Connect @ the Library. The initiative offers California libraries the opportunity to connect more closely with veterans and their families, while also helping veterans and their families connect to the community and resources.

Program Overview

In 2020, California Center for the Book will fund 20 Community Conversations with Veterans initiatives at libraries across California. Library staff members interested in creating community partnerships and engaging with veterans, their families, and the community should apply in Summer 2019 to join us. Libraries who currently provide, or plan to provide, Veterans Resource Centers are given preference in the application.

Participating libraries will receive from California Center for the Book:

~ A collection of veterans-related titles to use as programming inspiration ($1,000 value)
~ $500 in speaker/moderator funds paid directly to one entity (nonprofit, community partner, speaker, moderator)
~ Documentary DVD with library license, discussion guide, and press kit

Participating libraries agree to:

~ Attend the in-person Orientation if possible (see below)
~ Collaborate with at least one community partner
~ Plan two community programs that encourage conversation with veterans, their families, and/or the greater community (these programs may also count for programming requirements for Veterans Connect @ the Library)
~ Ensure community surveys, program data, and final reporting are completed
~ Actively share best practices with fellow librarians and program staff

Program Timeline 2019/2020

Summer 2019 – Applications due (coming soon)
August 2019 – Program notifications made
October 24, 2019, 9:00AM – 12:00PM – Community Conversations with Veterans Orientation CLA Pre-Conference Session (travel support will be available, pre-conference sessions are free)
January 2020 – June 2020 – Programs take place
July 15, 2020 – Community Conversations with Veterans Library Report Due


1. Email address *

2. Official Library System Name
3. **Branch or Branches Participating (if applicable)**

4. **Program Coordinator Name**
   Please select ONE person to serve as your Primary Program Coordinator.

5. **Program Coordinator Title**

6. **Program Coordinator Phone**
   Please enter your direct line or cell phone.

7. **Library/Branch Facebook**
   Please include the short name, NOT the URL. Example: @CaliforniaCenterForTheBook

8. **Library/Branch Instagram**
   Please include the short name, NOT the URL. Example: @CaliforniaCenterForTheBook

9. **Did you participate in Community Conversations with Veterans in 2018/2019?**
   *Mark only one oval.*
   - YES
   - NO

10. **Does your library have (or plan to have) a Veterans Resource Center?**
    *Mark only one oval.*
    - YES
    - NO
11. **How long have you had a Veterans Resource Center at your library?**  
*Mark only one oval.*  
- [ ] Still in planning  
- [ ] 1 year  
- [ ] 2 years  
- [ ] 3 years  
- [ ] 4 years or more  
- [ ] We do not plan to have a Veterans Resource Center  
- [ ] Other: __________________________

12. **In Person Orientation Attendance**
   The Community Conversations Orientation is October 24, 2019, 9:00AM – 12:00PM, CLA Pre-Conference Session. What is your travel estimate to attend the Pre-Conference? You may include Air, Train, Mileage (.58/cents per mile), 1 Night Hotel costs. Please enter your total estimated travel costs as a whole number value.

**Partners and Programs**

13. **Potential Community Partner**
   Do you have a potential community partner in mind? If so, please list here. Limit your response to 1 sentence.

14. **Planned Programs**
   Do you have 2 potential programs in mind? If so, please summarize here. Limit your response to 1 paragraph. We will have a chance to review programming and partnership best practices during the CLA Pre-Conference Orientation session.
15. What made you apply for this program? How did you determine that this program will meet a community need? How do you plan to work with your community partner?

Please limit your response to 1 paragraph.

Submission

By submitting this application you agree to abide by the program guidelines, listed below. You also agree that your supervisor and/or administrator support your application and participation.

Participating libraries agree to:

~Attend the in-person Orientation if possible
~Collaborate with at least one community partner
~Plan two Community Conversations with Veterans programs involve veterans, their families and/or the community
~Ensure community surveys, program data, and final reporting are completed
~Actively share best practices with fellow librarians and program staff

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16. Supervisor or Administrator's Name

Please enter your supervisor or administrator's name below as First Last

17. Supervisor or Administrator's Email

Please enter your supervisor or administrator's email

18. Please check below to agree and submit.

Notifications will be made by 8/23/2019. You will receive a copy of your application at the email you provided. We would love your input on the book list and toolkit!!! Please visit https://calbook.org/programs/californians-community-conversations-with-veterans/ for more info or email jrobbins@calbook.org. Thank you!

Check all that apply.

☐ I Agree

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided