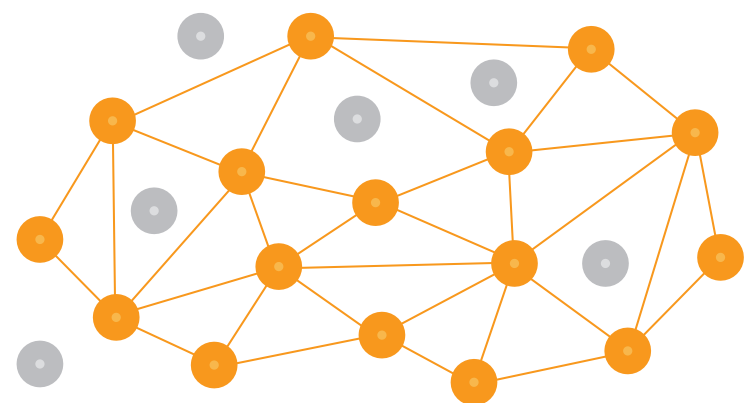


LIGHTING UP LIBRARIES



Bringing 21st Century high-speed Internet to California public libraries by connecting them to California’s research and education broadband network.



127 of California’s 184 public library jurisdictions are connected or connecting to the network which links universities, colleges, schools and libraries around the world.¹

¹ Fifty-five jurisdictions have been connected to the California Research and Education Network (CalREN) by the California State Library’s broadband project; 37 are currently being connected by the broadband project team; 35 were connected before the current project started and receive support from the broadband project aggregator.



531 of California’s 1,119 main and branch libraries are now connected or connecting.

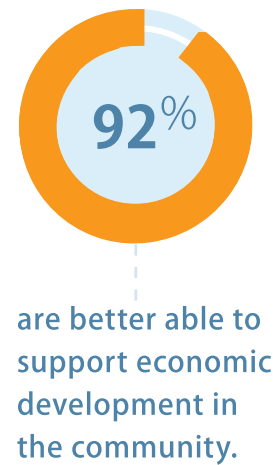
“There is just no way we would have seen this success rate before connecting.”

CONNECTED LIBRARIES ...

- ✓ introduce new services and programs
- ✓ are more efficient and provide staff with better training and professional development
- ✓ receive fewer complaints
- ✓ provide better support for online learning

THE FACTS

Of the libraries connected to broadband for 12 months...²



“The broadband allows groups to work together on projects without being dropped from the network.”

“Customer complaints about our slow Internet speeds stopped IMMEDIATELY! One day you just realize that no-one has mentioned the computers running slowly.”

² Library directors are asked to complete an evaluation survey when their libraries have been connected to CalREN for twelve months. The survey was first issued in December 2016 to 14 library jurisdictions. The survey was completed in 13 library jurisdictions.



The Los Angeles Public Library is
**the first public
library in the world**
with a 100GB connection.

“Some of our best responses
to our high-speed Internet
are our local teens. Many of
them connect to the wireless
network after school.”

INVESTMENT SINCE 2014

\$6,000,000

one-time funding for grants that make
it easier for local libraries connect



\$2,475,000

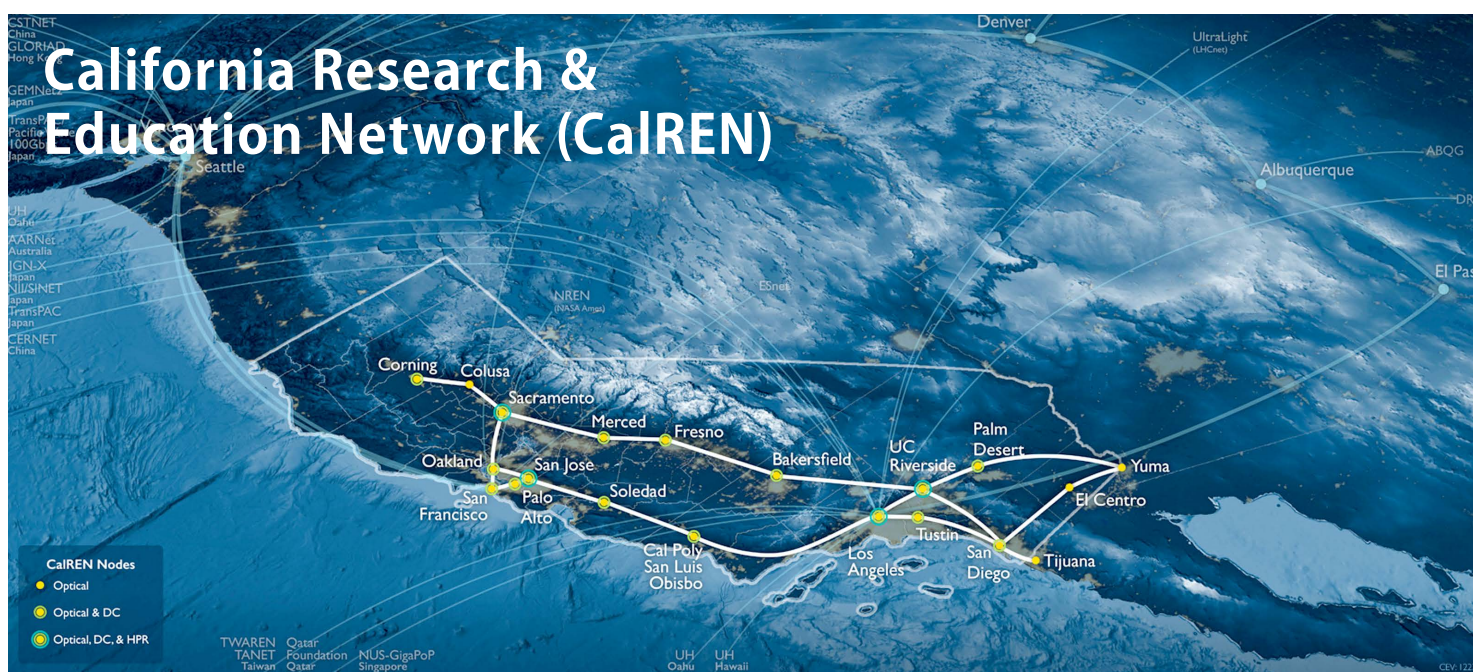
ongoing annual appropriation



MOVING FORWARD

Up to **12 new
jurisdictions**
will begin connecting
to broadband in 2017.

“We are thrilled to have
been included in the initial
round of this project and
hope to be able to add other
facilities in the future.”



For more information please visit www.library.ca.gov/lids/broadband.html

