

Library Acronyms

- ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act
Federal legislation to protect the rights of citizens with disabilities. Libraries are required to comply with certain provisions of the law.
- CalCat** California Libraries Catalog
The California Libraries Catalog is a unique database that shows the holdings of books, videos, audio, maps, and other materials held by libraries in California.
- CIPA** Children’s Internet Protection Act
- DMCA** Digital Millennium Copyright Act
The DMCA seeks to update U.S. copyright law for the digital age in preparation for ratification of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaties
- DSL** Digital Subscriber Line
A very high-speed connection that uses the same wires as a regular telephone line.
- E-Rate** Term used for [Universal Service Fund](#) program for schools and libraries.
- FOLUSA** Friends of Libraries USA.
- ILS** Integrated Library System
- IMLS** Institute of Museum and Library Services
Federal grant-making agency that promotes leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the nation's museums and libraries. It administers LSTA funds. ([LINK](#))
- IP** Internet Protocol
- IP Address** A computer's unique numeric Internet address.
- ISBN** International Standard Book Number
A unique number assigned to every book published in this country, and many in other countries; recognized internationally. An ISBN has nine or ten digits; the first digit denotes country of publication, the next several the publisher, the remainder identify the item.
- ISDN** Integrated Services Digital Network
High-speed digital telecommunications lines that can transmit both voice and data.
- IT** Information Technology
- JPA** Joint Powers Authority
- LFF** [Libraries for the Future](#)
Libraries for the Future is a national nonprofit organization of public library advocates. LFF educates and activates current and potential library users to become advocates and to enhance the relationship between libraries and communities, particularly those that are disenfranchised.
- LAN** Local Area Network
A network of computers within an institution.

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- MOU** Memorandum of Understanding
- NLM** National Library of Medicine
- PLF** Public Library Fund provides matching funds to California public libraries. Administered by the State Library.
- RASD** Reference and Adult Services Division
A division of the American Library Association.
- SAB** System Advisory Board works with the Administrative Council in governing Serra; composed of community representatives appointed by their city or county jurisdictions.
- USAC** [The Universal Service Administrative Company](#)
A private, not for profit corporation that is responsible for providing every state and territory in the United States with access to affordable telecommunications services through the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate).