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The **California State Library** is the state's public research library. It is charged with collecting, preserving, generating and disseminating a wide array of information to help Californians, their governments and their libraries meet their knowledge and information needs. The State Library serves as the central reference and research library for state government and the Legislature. It also consults with and provides technical assistance to and outreach programs for California's public libraries.

The California State Library is a member of the California Collaborative on Youth Development. It specifically intersects with the youth development field in two areas.

- The **California Research Bureau** (CRB) provides non-partisan, analytical policy research to the Governor, Legislature and other state officers. At the request of specific legislators, Research Bureau policy staff has conducted and compiled research, and prepared reports and other documents. The CRB reports related to youth development listed below are available on the California State Library website at <http://www.library.ca.gov/HTML/statseg2a.cfm>. CRB staff is currently working on a report about preparing youth to effectively participate in the state policymaking process.
  - *Involving Youth in Policymaking and Coordinating Youth Policy: State-Level Structures in California and Other States* – By Lisa K. Foster, MSW, MPA, and Becky Gieck and Alicia Dienst, MSW Interns (CRB-05-005, October 2005)
  - *Effectiveness of Mentor Programs: Review of the Literature from 1995 to 2000* – By Lisa K. Foster, MSW, MPA (CRB-01-004, March 2001)

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- The **Library Development Services** (LDS) Bureau administers state and federal library grant programs and provides technical assistance about all aspects of public library service to groups, agencies, public libraries, and local, state, and federal officials. Statewide youth programs funded through the State Library include Live Homework Help, an online after-school tutoring service, the California Collaborative Summer Library Program, a network that helps students retain their reading skills during summer vacation, and Early Learning with Families, an initiative to help families encourage toddlers to read.

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