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Google Librarian Center Newsletter

Google is launching a quarterly newsletter for librarians. According to the site, “Librarians and Google share a mission: to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful. We support librarians like yourself who work each day to further that mission. This page is a first step toward improving and expanding that support.” Subscribers will receive tips, news and information on new features and be able to share Google-related lesson plans. www.google.com/services/librarian_center.html

Chinese American Librarians Association Scholarships for 2006

The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) is pleased to announce the availability of the 2006 CALA Scholarships to study Library and Information Science. The deadline is March 15, 2006. For more information, please visit the [CALA Web site](#).

Established in 2004, the CALA Scholarship of Library and Information Science awards \$1,000 annually to a full time student at ALA-accredited library school in North America.

The C.C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship

The scholarship awards \$500 annually to a full time student at ALA-accredited library school in North America to attend the ALA Annual Conference and the CALA Annual Program. The recipient is required to attend the above conference.

The Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship

The scholarship awards \$500 to a full time student at ALA-accredited library school in North America.

The Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Scholarship (USA)

The scholarship awards \$200 annually to a full time student at ALA-accredited library school in North America.

These scholarships are open to full-time students of Chinese heritage who are currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited master’s or doctoral program of library and information Science at a higher education institution in North America. Applicants may select and apply any or all of the scholarships listed above. One application and reference package will suffice. These Scholarships are designed to encourage the professional and leadership development in Chinese American librarianship. They are posted on the [Chinese American Librarians Association \(CALA\) Web site](#).

The application deadline is March 15, 2006. The winners of the award recipients will be announced by May 30, 2006 and the awards will be presented by the Chinese American Librarians Association at the CALA Awards Banquet during the ALA annual conference in New Orleans.

The Chinese American Librarians Association was founded in 1973 and is a vital affiliate organization of the American Library Association with its six regional chapters. In addition to holding annual and regional programs, CALA publishes its own Newsletter, Membership Directory, and the Journal of Library and Information Science in cooperation with the National Taiwan Normal University. CALA members—please help promote and distribute this announcement. Thank you! Please send the completed application packet to:

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Awards More Than \$22.3 Million in Health Information Technology Grants to States, Particular Emphasis on Rural and Underserved Areas

You may be living in an area that is benefiting from Health Information Technology Grants, another step towards Americans having standardized, electronic, and secure access to health care records. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) chose sixteen grantees. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said, "Sharing successful best practices will be valuable to providers nationwide seeking to implement health IT systems that will improve patient safety and reduce hassle. These grants help move our health care system closer to making the medical clipboard a thing of the past." These systems are often collaborations between many types of healthcare providers, such as medical records departments, information technology departments, pharmacies, clinical staff and rural providers. www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2005/hitimppr.htm#hitgrants

Library workers who are interested in learning about and participating in informatics projects such as these may want to visit the following sites:

- [National Library of Medicine Informatics Grants](#)
- [Medical Library Association Medical Informatics Section](#)
- [American Medical Informatics Association](#)

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