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### **SUFFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY SELECTED FOR BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE LEARNING CULTURE INITIATIVE**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 19, 2016) San Mateo - Infopeople has announced the selection of 12 teams to participate in the Building an Effective Learning Culture (BELC) initiative, including the Suffolk Public Library. Building an effective learning culture is a process that can lead libraries in becoming more successful in meeting strategic goals and providing services to the community. The result is a library that can respond more quickly to change, and is more effective at achieving its strategic goals.

The BELC online learning program will be experiential in nature and flexible to accommodate busy library staff schedules. It will take place from January through June 2017. Unlike the typical online course, participants are registered in teams of 3 to 5 people from a single library or library system, and will do work individually and in groups. The initiative will include a virtual mentoring component, and will focus on new delivery methods that are divided into bite-sized chunks.

The twelve teams are from:

- Suffolk Public Library, VA
- Bucks County Free Library, PA
- Burbank Public Library, CA

- Long Beach Public Library, CA
- Los Angeles Public Library, CA
- Monrovia Public Library, CA
- Monterey Public Library, CA
- Oceanside Public Library, CA
- Pickering Public Library, Ontario, Canada
- Pima County Public Library, AZ
- South Carolina State Library
- San Jose Public Library, CA

Infopeople is an LSTA grant project of the Califa Group that provides continuing education and professional development opportunities to library staff in and outside the state of California. Infopeople's model provides a breadth of training topics and a depth of training expertise greater than any single library or library agency, no matter how large, could provide.

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For more information about the Building an Effective Learning Culture initiative see : <https://infopeople.org/belc>. For questions, contact Lisa Barnhart at [lisa@infopeople.org](mailto:lisa@infopeople.org).

To learn more about the Suffolk Public Library, visit [www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com](http://www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com). Follow the library on Twitter @SufPubLib and check for updates on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SuffolkPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkPublicLibrary).

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