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Hello Get Involved Library Team Leaders!

Thank you all for your participation in the Kick-Off webinars for the *Get Involved! Powered by Your Library* initiative; we're very much looking forward to seeing each of you in February.

We shared a great deal of information on the call, including several things we asked you to do between now and the Institute. We hope this note is a good summary and reference for you, and gives you the information you need to share with your team members.

- ✓ Make sure the February 23 and 24 Institute at the Marriott Irvine is on your calendars. Plan to arrive the evening of the 22nd and stay through the entire day on the 24th. Please register as soon as possible at <http://host7.evanced.info/califa/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=49> and note that we will reserve your hotel room once you register.
- ✓ If anyone from your team missed the Kick-Off webinar, it has been archived and can be viewed here: <http://infopeople.org/partners/volunteers/11-04-2009/index.html> -- the powerpoints are also available for download there.
- ✓ Meet as a group at least twice prior to the Institute. You will progress far more quickly!
- ✓ Complete the attached Volunteer Engagement Readiness Assessment individually. Then meet, compare notes, and discuss what the results mean for your potential pilot project. Here are some starting questions for that team meeting:
 - What surprised you?
 - What were your "aha" moments?
 - Where could volunteer leaders help you?
 - Where might a pilot project be most effective?
- ✓ Do some discovery: through surveys, focus groups, interviews, and informal conversations, start learning other people's perceptions of your library jurisdiction and its volunteers. What needs do they see? What ideas do they have? Share what you learn as a team.
- ✓ Talk as a team about potential pilot projects and what skills and connections you need; see if anyone has someone in their circle of influence who could meet that need. We will fine tune your plans in Irvine.
- ✓ Read *Boomer Volunteer Engagement: Collaborate Today, Thrive Tomorrow*. It's terrific preparation for the Institute. Carla will be sending two copies to each Team Leader in the next couple of weeks.

- ✓ If you haven't gotten started with VolunteerMatch yet and would like to "catch up" a bit -- watch the one-hour archived webinar [Overview: Making the Most of your VolunteerMatch Account](#) -- OR, if you have been using VolunteerMatch and want to gain some new techniques for working with it, you can find both the "Overview" and the "Advanced" VolunteerMatch information, along with a number of other resources at our Get Involved website -- www.library.ca.gov/lds/getinvolved.html

Please keep us apprised of any changes on your team or any questions you have. After the Institute, we will schedule two 90 minute coaching calls for the group, and one 60 minute call for each library team.

Congratulations again!

Your *Get Involved!* Team ~ Carla Lehn, Stephen Ristau, Jill Friedman Fixler, and Jennifer Rackow

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