Community Conversations with Veterans - Grant applications now open

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Community Conversations with Veterans is a partnership between California Center for the Book and Veterans Connect @ the Library. This is a great opportunity to provide library programming for veterans and their families and community members.

In 2020, California Center for the Book will fund 20 Community Conversations with Veterans initiatives at libraries across California. Library staff members interested in creating community partnerships and engaging with veterans, their families, and the community should apply in Summer 2019 to join us. Libraries who currently provide, or plan to provide, Veterans Resource Centers are given preference in the application.

Sound interesting? Hurry, application deadline is August 15th. Programs need to be completed by June 2020.

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Two Minute Tips for Recognizing Volunteers

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For more information, email Julianna Robbins, CCB Program Manager here: jrobbins@calbook.org
Or check out the website here: https://calbook.org/programs/community-conversations-with-veterans/
September is Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention month and is an opportunity to increase public awareness about the warning signs of suicide risk, to provide information about the resources available to aid someone in crisis, and to show how individuals, organizations, and communities can work together to save lives. For ideas about what your library and volunteers can do, please visit these robust websites:

- https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/ (see graphic below with ways to access)
- http://spreadtheword.veteranscrisisline.net/ (Veterans Crisis Line shareable materials including video, radio, social media, logos, website badges etc.)
- https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/SUICIDE-PREVENTION.aspx (CalVet Suicide Prevention info)

VA Suicide Prevention Training Videos

The VA in collaboration with the PsychArmor Institute, has an short online training course for veteran suicide prevention. Please share this link with all of your volunteers!

https://psycharmor.org/courses/s-a-v-e/

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