Free iPads from state library

- 1. Library name: Riverside Public Library
- 2. Literacy program, name if different from library name: n/a
- 3. Literacy coordinator name: Jenna Pontious
- 4. Shipping info: 3581 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501 ATTN: Erin Christmas
- 5. How many learners? 34
- 6. How many tutors? 28
- 7. Do you have a digital literacy program? As of January 2018, we offer Digital Literacy classes at four of our eight locations.
- 8. Do you use internet based teaching programs? No. We do direct customers to DuoLingo for free online language courses.
- 9. Do you use any instructional apps? No.
- 10. Do you have the infrastructure that will support the addition of the iPads? Yes. The Riverside Public Library has both an Interim Digital Services Specialist and Library Technicians that work directly with technology. With these systems in place we would be able to seamlessly integrate these additional iPads. A set of iPads are currently available to be used by Library customers and staff. Library customers use the iPads to use educational apps, take pictures, videos and browse the internet. We currently catalog and circulate laptops at multiple locations, have a recently updated high-speed Wi-Fi network, and have staff members that are up to date on the administration of public-use technology.
- 11. Why do you want the iPads? Many of our adult learners have goals to be more comfortable using computers and emerging technologies, and to start using email. IPads would help facilitate learning between the tutor and learner and would help the learners reach these digital literacy goals. Currently the majority of iPads are housed at the Main Library which limits who is able to use them. With this set of iPads, dedicated to the Literacy Program, iPads could be available for learners and tutors at each location. In addition, one of the Strategic Goals for the Riverside Public Library is to increase customer's digital literacy skills and receiving iPads would assist in meeting this goal.
- 12. How will the iPads be used? The iPads would be preloaded with a variety of instructional apps, such as a DMV test questions app and a citizenship test app. Tutors will be given a demonstration of the apps available so that they can use this new service to better assist their learners. The Cloud Library, Enki, and Zinio ePeriodical subscriptions would also be accessible by the tutors for use with learners.