



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

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### **An important message about Lynda.com**

Beginning September 1, 2019, the Library will no longer support access to Lynda.com

Ensuring privacy is fundamental to the operation of libraries and in California it is the law. The Contra Costa County Library takes the protection of user privacy very seriously and seeks to work with vendors who do the same.

To that end, the Library has decided to end its agreement with Lynda.com due to coming changes in the user policy that will endanger the privacy of library patrons.

LinkedIn, the company that owns Lynda.com, is creating new usage rules for people who access the platform with their library card. Library users would be required to create publicly searchable profiles and agree to LinkedIn's user agreement and privacy policy. The privacy policy, among other things, grants LinkedIn the power to share user information with third parties.

Libraries across the country have urged LinkedIn to respect the rights of library users and so far they have refused. As a result, the California State Library recommends public libraries end agreements with LinkedIn before these changes take place.

The Library does offer another online learning platform called Skillsoft which offers lessons on topics including programming, IT certification training and software development. Visit [cclib.org](http://cclib.org) for more information or to try it out.