



Open for Exploration™

San Mateo County Libraries

2021-22 Annual Report

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Covering 351 square miles, our service area is comprised of 11 cities and the unincorporated areas of the County. Photo of Crystal Springs Reservoir by Andrew Solovay.

Demographics

283,000
people live in
our service area

76%
of our service
population has a
library card

Households
in our service
area are **78%**
suburban,
15% urban
and **7%** rural

25% are
enrolled in
school, **45%**
of whom are in
grades K-8

At home,
16% of our
community
speaks Spanish,
8% speaks
Chinese and
another **15%**
speaks another
language other
than English

- White, non-Hispanic
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Asian
- Multiracial
- Black
- Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander
- Other
- Unspecified

OUR COMMUNITY



OUR EMPLOYEES





Vision

San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences

Mission

San Mateo County Libraries strengthen our community by creating an inclusive sense of place and environment for learning

Systemwide Year in Numbers

1st

In California
Star Library Ratings

3rd

In National
Star Library Ratings

96%

Favorability
Rating

1.67M

Website
Visitors

4.1M

Wireless
Sessions



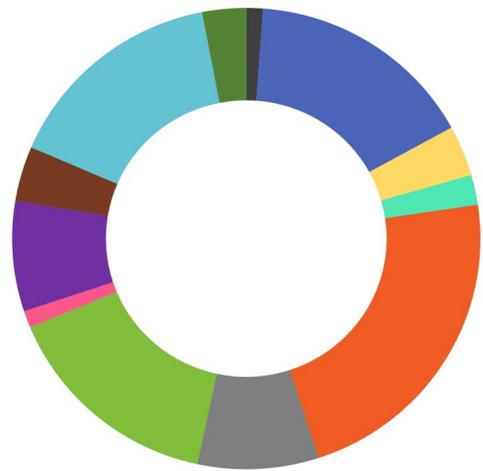
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Local Year in Numbers

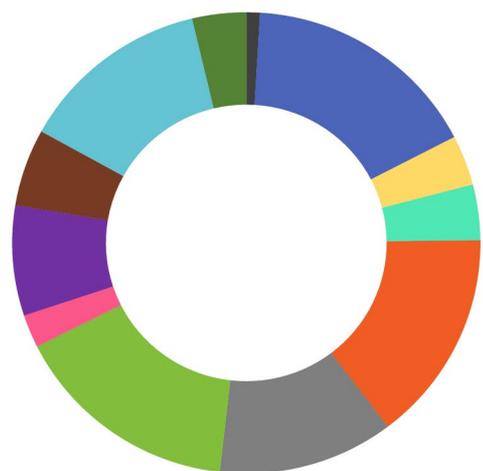
2M
Items
Circulated

935,621
Library
Visitors

ITEMS CIRCULATED



LIBRARY VISITORS



- Atherton
- Belmont
- Brisbane
- East Palo Alto
- Foster City
- Half Moon Bay
- Millbrae
- North Fair Oaks
- Pacifica
- Portola Valley
- San Carlos
- Woodside

Here for You



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Impactful Service



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Expanded Hours

29,749

Total Number of
Hours Open

2,348

Programs
and Events



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Vital Support



10,000
Masks
Distributed

25,000
Tests
Distributed

32,356
Meals
Served



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Student Support



The library has been the most important part of my kids' education and well-being."
—Library Patron



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Treasured Partner

"An excellent and valued community resource that has proved of even greater value during these strained times for me and my family. Thank you."
—Library Patron



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Growing Resources



40,000
New eLearning
Courses

700,444
Digital
Downloads

Inspiring Summers

954

Students
Enrolled

149

Youth
Hired



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Exploration and Growth



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Open for Exploration



“The library has evolved from a place for books, music and movies to a place of learning in so many forms.”
—Library Patron

Makerspace Leader

9,912

STEAM and Maker
Event Attendees

1,553

3D Printing Hours



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Inspiring Spaces

"The libraries are light and bright and wonderful spaces for adults and children!"
—Library Patron



Empowering Community



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Why I Come to SMCL



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Thank you!

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