San Mateo County Libraries
Civics 101

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Library Joint Powers Authority

- Governing Board (12 Elected Officials)
- Operations Committee (12 City Managers)
- Board of Supervisors
• Atherton
• Belmont
• Brisbane
• East Palo Alto
• Foster City
• Half Moon Bay
• Millbrae
• North Fair Oaks
• Pacifica Sanchez
• Pacifica Sharp Park
• Portola Valley
• San Carlos
• Woodside
A total of 35 libraries in the San Mateo County

- Daly City
- South San Francisco
- San Bruno
- Burlingame
- San Mateo
- Redwood City
- Menlo Park
- Community Colleges
Demographics

Our Community

Our Employees
Demographics

33%
Of our permanent staff are bilingual certified

At home, 16% of our community speaks Spanish, 8% speak Chinese and 15% speak another language.
Library Champions

“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
Systemwide Year in Numbers

1.8M
Website Visitors

7,520
Total Programs and Events

4.3M
Wireless Sessions

28,820
Laptops Circulated

775,530
Digital Downloads

43,120
Meals Served

10,950
Homework Help Sessions

6,720
Hotspot Checkouts
Revenues and Expenditures

FY 2023-24 Budgeted Revenue

- Taxes (Excl. ERAF): 84%
- Excess ERAF: 4%
- Other: 12%

FY 2023-24 Budgeted Expenditures

- Salaries and Benefits: 48%
- Services and Supplies: 43%
- Other Charges: 4%
- Fixed Assets: 5%
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
Our Goals

We cultivate an active presence and create spaces that support discovery, enrich lives and uplift the community.

We are leaders in establishing a foundation of early literacy and supporting exploration and growth at every stage of life.

We understand needs and promote meaningful library services as solutions.
Expanded Hours
Books in More Languages

29,000
World language items added

227,630
World language items circulated
Transformative Experiences

“I’ve enjoyed working with staff to plan and lead our Power Up Afternoon programs. It’s been a nice opportunity to spend time with small groups of school-aged kids and families as they drop-in to do whatever activity we are offering.”

— Library Staff
Inspiring Summers

954 Students Enrolled

149 Youth Hired
Everyone A Maker

2,330 Maker Programs
37,800 Maker Program Attendees
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Responsive Services

“No one should have to leave the library where they are studying, reading or exploring because they don’t have the simple supplies they need.”

— Sara McDowell, Library Board Chair and San Carlos Councilmember
Mental Health First Aid

36%
Of mental health first aid trained staff are bilingual

92
Service hours since March
Community Meals

“San Mateo County Libraries is designing spaces, programs and services to fill critical resource gaps in our communities.”

— Congresswoman Jackie Speier
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
“This project began to address aging infrastructure but soon grew into a more important goal, to honor this community and provide a lasting place where neighbors and families could come together and feel a sense of civic pride.”

— Rick DeGolia, Atherton Councilmember and Library Board Member
Thank you

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