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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Expect the unexpected from your library.

Whenever we share the latest news from the library, we're often met with surprise and delight. Recently, we hit the road with our new electric bookmobile

and debuted northern California's first 24-hour book kiosk at the Del Paso Heights Library. Both are a departure from what you might expect from the library. They're also great examples of how we're staying nimble to meet our community where they are.

With the return of in-person programming, our libraries were buzzing with new energy from familiar programs like book groups, English conversation groups, tutoring, and storytime. We expanded our Prom Drive for teens, play-based learning programs for children and their caregivers, and Lunch at the Library for youth. We brought people together from across the region with our new Enters the Chat speaker series and Superfest Disability Film Festival at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria.

Our community's needs have changed over the years so we're adjusting how we serve you. We know how vital it is to get outside of our buildings and meet folks

in their neighborhoods. We were thrilled to be back in our schools on class visits and at local community events. Our team even took our popular Explore and Learn programs to community centers to provide caregivers and young children with fun and free ways to fuel their learning.

These connections both inside and outside of the library matter. We strive to expand access and remove barriers to using the library in all that we do. Libraries are for everyone. We look forward to seeing you at the library soon.

Regards,



Peter D. Coyl, MLIS
Library Director & CEO



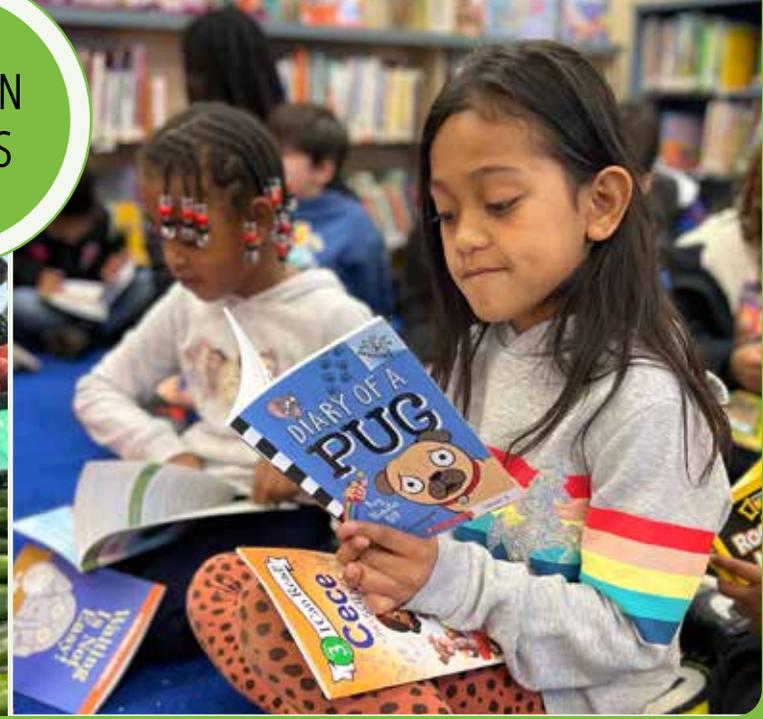


A YEAR IN PHOTOS





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ABOUT US

Sacramento Public Library is the fourth largest library system in California with 28 locations and two bookmobiles, serving 1.4 million urban, suburban and rural residents. The library provides the community with a robust collection of books and materials, events for all ages, services that support lifelong learning, and welcoming spaces. Sacramento Public Library is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) comprised of the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento and the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

28
LOCATIONS

1.4M
RESIDENTS

1.9M
VISITORS

OUR VISION

Sacramento Public Library is the essential resource for our communities.

OUR MISSION

Sacramento Public Library inspires our communities to discover, learn and grow.

720,073
LIBRARY CARD
HOLDERS



EQUITY STATEMENT

Sacramento Public Library affirms all members of the community have the right to achieve their full potential and greatest aspirations, notwithstanding status or identifiers, such as race, as a predictor of life outcomes.

We recognize Sacramento's history of racism and the history of systemic racism within libraries in the United States. We commit to represent our diverse community, provide equitable access to resources, and actively support anti-racism. We will listen and work with our communities to identify and address barriers to library resources due to institutional and structural racism.

Sacramento Public Library welcomes the inherent responsibility to shape policies, allocate resources, implement programs, issue directives, and to otherwise advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion.

WE WILL:

- continue to listen, understand, learn and unlearn
- revisit, revise and eliminate policies and procedures that create barriers to equitable access
- bridge the digital divide by making technology available as equitably as possible in our community; acknowledge and pursue ways of reducing technology's carbon footprint, which contributes to changing ecosystems and climates
- together with our community, build responsive and equitable library collections, programs, and services
- root equity, diversity and inclusion as a foundation of our goal setting process
- conduct community conversations to bring more diverse voices to the table
- encourage, process and respond to feedback from community and staff to stimulate reflection, change, and growth
- examine our business practices to provide equitable opportunities to businesses that represent our communities
- invest resources in staffing, programs and library services that effectively move the organization towards equity action
- continue to develop a workforce to support the communities we serve through inclusive recruiting and hiring practices
- shape an inclusive, well-informed organization through robust training, continuing education and action

FY 22-23
AT A
GLANCE

319
FTE EMPLOYEES

4,630,780
WEBSITE VIEWS

4,315
LIBRARY PROGRAMS

\$196,552
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT

7,732,460
ANNUAL CIRCULATION

110,424
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

\$60,617,000
ANNUAL BUDGET

3,556,884
DIGITAL CIRCULATION

30,718
VOLUNTEER HOURS

RECOGNITION

Christy Aguirre, California Library Association Planning Committee

Justin Azevedo, Siebert Award Committee

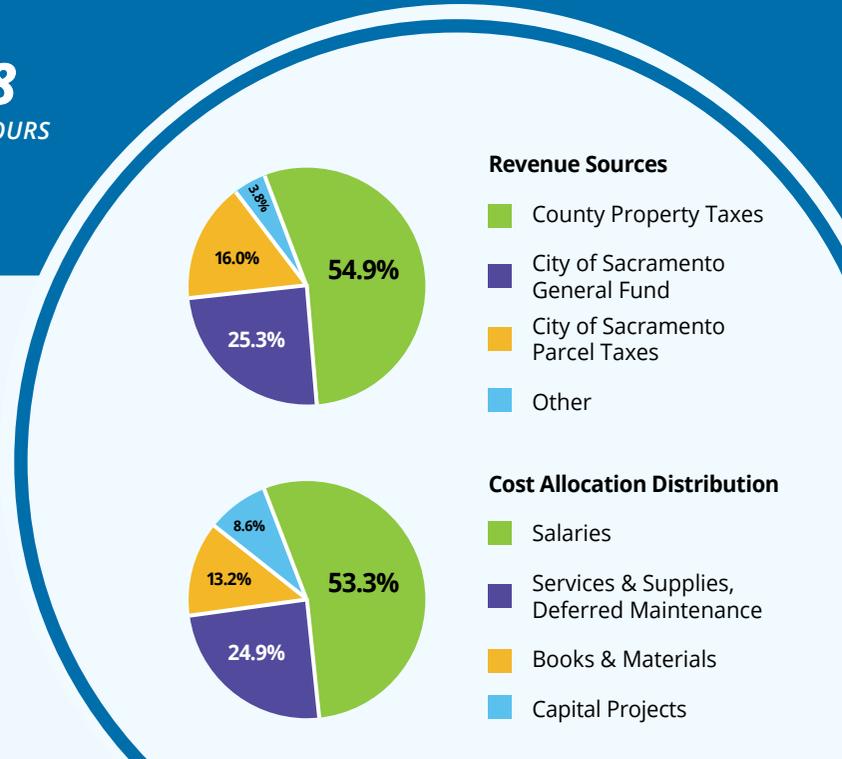
Kim Farnsworth, 2024 William C. Morris Award Committee

Lindsey Helfrich, Stonewall Award Committee

Cara Latham, California Library Association Planning Committee

Crystal Miles, CLA Advocacy and Legislation Committee Co-Chair

Caitlyn Tormey, Newbery Award Committee





The Friends of Sacramento Public Library are our official fundraising partner and tireless library advocates. This fiscal year, the Friends raised \$196,552 to support local library programs and systemwide efforts such as [Book First](#)

and Summer Reading. Friends' support of Book First made it possible for the library to provide two books to every first-grade student at 181 eligible schools across Sacramento County. With their support over the years, we've provided books to nearly 100,000 kids in our region. Collectively, the Friends members volunteered 28,501 hours through their efforts with Book First, sales at the Book Den, and work in local libraries.



BOOK FIRST



12,450
STUDENTS SERVED



517
CLASSES VISITED IN 180 SCHOOLS



24,900
BOOKS DISTRIBUTED TO FIRST GRADERS



484
VOLUNTEER HOURS



53
VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED WITH CLASS VISITS

"I teach at a Title 1 school and many of my students have no books in their homes. They are thrilled to get to take home books. I even get thank you's from the parents."



"Book First was a great experience for the kids. They were so excited. They couldn't wait to write their names in the books. They said, 'it was the best day ever!'"



REINVENT

The library launched new resources, programs and dedicated spaces to support young children and their caregivers, expanding access to free learning activities.

Del Paso Heights Library debuted an Early Learning Hub, a space designed for caregivers and their young children under five. Through everyday play activities, children made connections between shapes and colors, practiced fine motor skills, and built their vocabulary. The library also launched a systemwide [Early Math](#) initiative to foster basic math skills with our youngest learners.

“I was glad to reinforce I am on the right track.”



FUEL
LEARNING



“I learned how to apply early reading and early mathematics in everyday life such as at the grocery store.”

Through simple activities, caregivers can help their children develop an understanding and vocabulary around concepts like measurement, comparison, patterns, matching and sorting while also learning to count.

EXPLORE & LEARN

The library expanded its play-based [Explore and Learn](#) program into local community centers. The drop-in programs served more than 741 kids and their caregivers at two community

locations in North Sacramento

funded by the California State Library, and three locations in South Sacramento funded by the City of Sacramento.



EXPANDING ACCESS



1,381

EARLY LEARNING AT HOME KITS AND BOOKS DISTRIBUTED



2,500

EARLY MATH TIP CARD SETS DISTRIBUTED



741+

CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMS AT COMMUNITY CENTERS



BILINGUAL STORYTIME

The library also launched a revival of Spanish language programming with weekly Bilingual Storytimes at six locations, plus a series of bilingual events featuring the Latin Grammy winning duo 1-2-3 Andrés in celebration of Día in April.



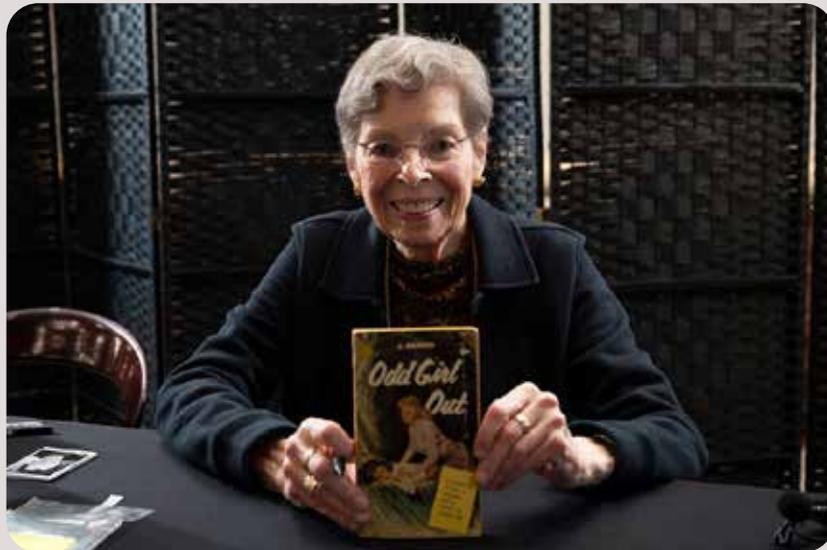


REFRESH

The return of in-person programming sparked a resurgence of new experiences at the library and beloved events for the community.

BIG NAMES

The library welcomed the community back with [Enters the Chat](#), a speaker series featuring a diverse lineup of guests traveling to Sacramento to engage in thoughtful conversation. Its debut with the hosts of the Pulitzer Prize winning *Ear Hustle* podcast, attracted over 300 attendees to discuss the realities inside prison and post incarceration. The series continued with Sacramento-based author Ann Bannon, “Queen of Lesbian Pulp Fiction.”



BIG IMPACT

Youth took the spotlight with the return of the library's [Prom Drive](#) and continuation of Lunch at the Library. Thousands of pieces of formalwear donated by the community found new homes through Prom Drive giveaway events. Over 800 teens shopped the free collection at 15 libraries to find their perfect prom outfit. Over the summer, the library enhanced Lunch at the Library with nutrition programming. A new mobile kitchen hit the road providing hands-on cooking demos to more than 700 children and distributing 250 boxes of food and produce.



11,421

TOTAL MEALS TO KIDS AT
13 LIBRARY LOCATIONS



800+

TEENS SHOPPED THE
PROM DRIVE GIVEAWAY



BIG CHANGE

Fair Oaks Library welcomed library goers back in June to a redesigned space with new carpet, furniture and paint. The \$119,076 location refresh included a computer upgrade and investment into the collection.





REIMAGINE

The library developed innovative ways to meet the ever-changing needs of the community through partnerships, new ways to deliver services, and future planning.

REDUCED FOOTPRINT

The library hit the road with two new [electric bookmobiles](#), which replaced the 25-year-old diesel vehicles thanks to a partnership and funding support from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District), California State Library and

State of California. The library on wheels visits communities with limited access to libraries including senior sites, residential communities, mobile home parks and assisted living facilities. Last year, bookmobiles logged over 10,000 miles visiting communities throughout Sacramento County. By switching to electric vehicles, the library will avoid approximately 13.2 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually.



799
TOTAL VISITS



35,800
ITEMS CIRCULATED



10,340
MILES DRIVEN



3,563
CARDHOLDERS SERVED



50+
BOOKMOBILE STOPS





1948

1948

ORIGINAL BOOKMOBILE SERVICE DEBUT



1954



1963

BOOKMOBILE THROUGH THE YEARS



1975



1993



24-HOUR SERVICE

The Del Paso Heights Library debuted a [24-Hour Book Kiosk](#), the first of its kind in Northern California. The vending machine-style kiosk provides round-the-clock free access to materials that patrons can check out and return. The kiosk holds 250 of the latest books and DVDs available at the touch of your fingertips any time of day or night.



The library's digital collections and popularity continued to grow, providing users with on-demand access on any device. Digital circulation was nearly equal to physical circulation in FY 2022-2023.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The library released its facilities vision plan to provide 21st century library spaces and facilities that support high-quality library services for Sacramento County's diverse communities. The plan incorporated input from thousands of Sacramento County residents, library staff and representatives of the Joint Power Authority member jurisdictions.



KEY FINDINGS:

- Expanded and enhanced library collections, programs, and space are needed to support our diverse and growing community needs
- Welcoming, inclusive, and well-maintained facilities are essential for providing high-quality services and maximizing positive community impact
- Our communities love and appreciate the library's services, staff, and spaces

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the Facilities
Vision Plan





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