



Stanislaus County
Library



Annual Report 2021-2022

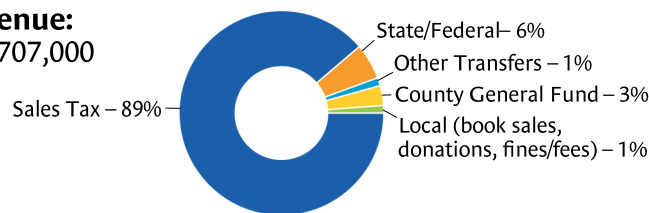
Stanislaus County Library engages all members of the community and offers access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development.

Refresh. Recreate. Revitalize. These are just a few of the words that describe the essence of library services and programs in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. As services were gradually restored, library customers were happy to return to in-person use of the library. Some of the better practices adopted during COVID-19 are here to stay. Circulation of all library materials is trending up, while the number of customer visits is increasing at a slower rate. E-books and downloadable audiobooks continue to be well-used materials.

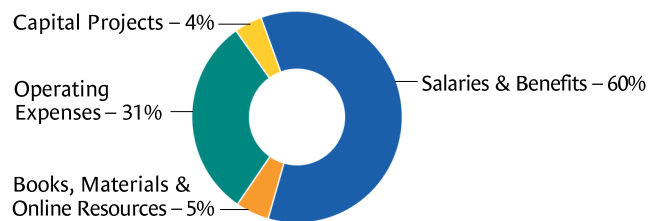
Demonstrating Fiscal Responsibility

The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year ended with \$3.8 million more in revenue than expenses. As elevations in sales tax revenue are not expected to continue indefinitely, the library continues to operate on a lean budget, while using one-time funds to address critical needs, including technology and facility repairs and improvements.

Revenue: \$15,707,000



Expenses: \$11,825,000



Expanding the Reach of the Library

The Youth Services Outreach program provides services outside the walls of the library and brings the love of reading to children and families who may not otherwise visit the library.

Lunch at the Library takes place at the Salida Library and at several community parks in Modesto and Turlock, where children receive meals during the summer. Children receive free books to help build their own home libraries, and outreach staff engage children and families with the Summer Reading Challenge and other library programs. Parents learn about free services that are available at their library.

Youth outreach staff resumed library service at the Juvenile Justice Center in November 2021. For the remainder of the fiscal year, students at the Juvenile Justice Center checked out 483 books.

In partnership with organizations, such as Sierra Vista, Parent Resource Center and Ceres Partnership, Youth Outreach staff conduct Story Times and present information about library services. Students, teachers, and parents also learn about using the library through presentations offered at schools.

Ensuring the Library is a Welcoming Environment



A new Maker Space was completed in the Modesto Library, and the library has hosted escape rooms, trivia nights, and poetry readings, with more creative programming ahead.

In August 2021, the new, expanded Turlock Library opened to a community of enthusiastic library users, with dedicated spaces for children, teens and adults, as well as quiet study rooms and a Friends of the Library Used Book Store.

"I think our new and improved library in Turlock is a very inviting place! The staff is always friendly and helpful and I always enjoy going there."
- Customer Comment

Increasing Community Connections & Partnerships

Library services are enhanced by numerous community partnerships, including:

- University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners – presentations on gardening topics of interest
- Opera Modesto's Story Into Song Initiative – related library programming, book displays/book lists and promotion
- Stanislaus County Workforce Development – information and resource sharing to better serve job seekers

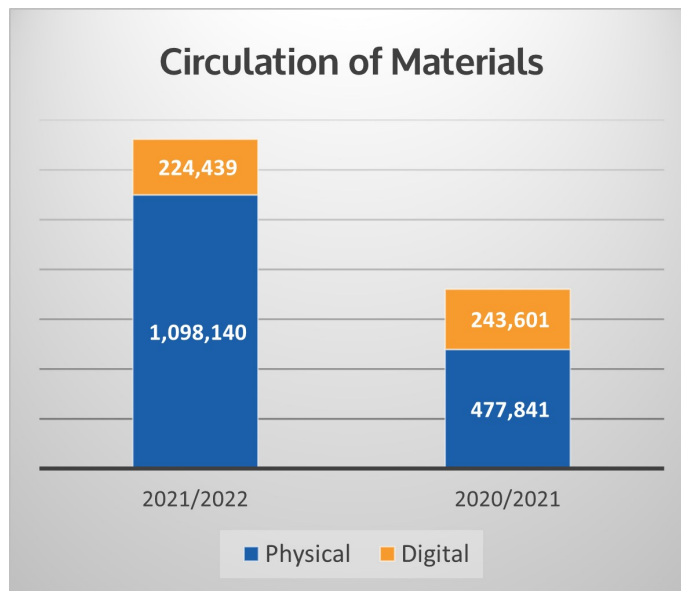
Providing Responsive and Creative Programs

In response to changes in employment which arose as a result of the pandemic, the California State Library created CAreer Pathways with one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. Through CAreer Pathways, library customers have access to free online job training, skill-building, academic and vocational exam prep, and professional development tools. This includes highly sought resources such as Coursera, Learning Express, Skillshare, VetNow, and more. In partnership with Stanislaus County Workforce Development, a series of workshops was offered to help job seekers learn about library and community resources, assess current skills, and refine their job search process.

California State Library Parks Passes were introduced in Spring 2022, providing day-use vehicle passes for most state parks, becoming an in-demand item throughout the summer. The program has proven successful, and the state is expanding it, so more people will be able to enjoy our beautiful state parks.



The shift to remote school and work, brought on by COVID-19, illuminated the need for greater access to computers and the internet. Through partnerships with the American Library Association and the California State Library, Wi-Fi hotspots and kits including a hotspot and Chromebook are now available from the library.



In addition to the physical and digital materials checked out to Stanislaus County Library customers, 11,039 items were loaned to customers outside our immediate area, through Link+ Interlibrary Loan. In contrast, Stanislaus County Library customers borrowed materials from other libraries 6,197 times through Link+.

Library Visits
489,319

Website Visits
2,645,532

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| Ceres – 209-537-8938 | Oakdale – 209-847-4204 |
| Denair – 209-634-1283 | Patterson – 209-892-6473 |
| Empire – 209-524-5505 | Riverbank – 209-869-7008 |
| Hughson – 209-883-2293 | Salida – 209-543-7353 |

