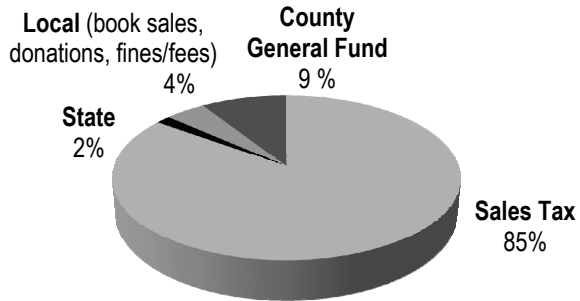


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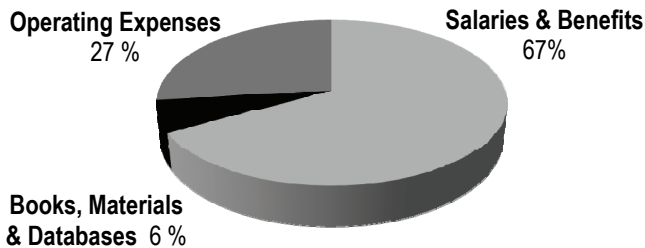
Your library is a great value! The Stanislaus County Library, which is funded primarily through a 1/8-cent dedicated sales tax, is a community treasure — a necessity for a healthy and vibrant community.

The average Stanislaus County household contributed \$1.66 per month (or \$20.00 per year) to the library through its taxable purchases. In return, all residents have access to 801,391 books, magazines, newspapers, audio books, videos and DVDs, valued at \$18.7 million. Sixty-two percent of residents have library cards and last year, they checked out 2.3 million items.

Revenue



Expenses



What's your family's annual return on your investment in the library?

Use the *Library Value Calculator* at www.stanislauslibrary.org

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Resources

The 2008-2009 fiscal year brought many changes, including the reduction of open hours by one day per week at each library branch, due to reduced tax revenues. What didn't change was the library's commitment to providing excellent customer service. With a limited budget, library staff carefully selected library materials and provided services to meet the needs of our customers. E-notices helped library users keep track of due dates, simultaneously reducing printing and postage costs.

Reference librarians **answered 149,617 questions** last year, guiding customers to both print and electronic resources. Premium subscription databases and e-reference books offer everyone high quality information in an electronic format.

In 2008-2009, customers **utilized public computers 250,635 times** to prepare résumés, search for employment online and do school research. Many also utilized the library's free wireless Internet service with their own web-enabled laptops or phones.

During this financially difficult year, hundreds of individuals and businesses contributed more than \$80,000 through the Library Foundation to build Ryan's Reading Tree. This gift from the community is a lasting legacy, creating a magical place for children to learn and explore for generations to come.

Contact Information

Hours/General Information	558-7800
Adult Literacy/ReadingWorks	558-4505
Computer Classes	558-7814
Home Delivery Service	558-7817
Information/Reference	558-7814
Children's Services	558-7810
Teen Services	558-7827
Checkout/Circulation.....	558-7808
Volunteer Opportunities	558-8949
TDD.....	558-7821
(Service for the deaf & those with hearing impairments)	

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Literacy

It's never too early to begin developing literacy skills. Studies have shown that reading aloud to young children not only helps instill a love of reading, but it's an important factor in a child's future success in school.



Early literacy is a key component of children's programs at Stanislaus County Libraries. Last year, **42,892 people attended 1,138 StoryTimes** at Stanislaus County's 13 libraries.

Summer Reading Club keeps teens and children engaged in reading through the summer months. In the summer of 2009, approximately **1,500 teens participated** in the Teen Summer Reading Club and more than 500 attended special teen programs at libraries countywide. Last summer, **9,423 children participated** in the Summer Reading Club, an increase of 15 percent over 2008.



Quality

Helping adults learn to read, use computers, and find library resources improves the quality of life for our community.

Through the ReadingWorks Adult Literacy program, a partnership with the Stanislaus Literacy Center, adult learners receive individual tutoring from trained volunteers. Last year, **1,500 adults were served** through this important program. For information, call 558-4505.



Volunteer instructors also teach small-group computer classes in several branches. In 2008-2009, **138 classes were offered countywide, serving 527 students**. Students learned to use the Internet, how to create a résumé and to use software such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. For information, please call 558-7814.

For 37 years, the Library's Home Delivery Service has been a vital link for those who cannot come to the library. This nationally-recognized, award-winning program operates with **19 volunteers**, who select and deliver books, books on tape/CD, magazines, videos and DVDs to **226 homebound residents** in retirement facilities and private homes. For information, call 558-7817.

