

2015-2016 Annual Report



2,321,449 visits to all 13 library branches



410,442 library cardholders

1,029,952

visits to the library website, www.stanislauslibrary.org



A Message from the Stanislaus County Library Director

This has been a year of progress and growth in our libraries and several highlights stand out. As interests continue to shift toward digital formats, the library has expanded your 24/7 access to innovative eResources, including eBooks, eMagazines, online language learning, and downloadable audiobooks, movies and music. We also offered expanded training opportunities to help our customers make the most of these resources with a series of online tutorials developed by our creative staff and funded by a grant received from the California State Library under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA.) For those who prefer traditional formats, our print collection continues to connect readers with the best in fiction and non-fiction selections.

Additional LSTA grants enabled the library to offer a series of citizenship/naturalization workshops, to digitize local memories of our region's cruising and car culture, and to expand children's programming in science, technology, engineering, arts and math STEAM.)

An important focus for the library is early literacy and we continue to offer a variety of popular programming, including Story Time, designed to help children prepare for success in school while having fun. We know some families can't get to the library due to transportation issues, so we created a new position dedicated to providing early literacy services out in the community. Among the many success stories associated with this new approach to outreach is a Pop-Up Library at the local WIC office (Women, Infants and Children nutrition program), and we anticipate the outreach program will continue to grow and reach more local families.

Growth and innovation at the library is made possible by the continued support of our Library Foundation, Friends of the Library and Library Advisory Board. The 1/8-cent sales tax has continued to provide a secure source of revenue, making up the vast majority of library funding.

The coming year is certain to bring more exciting opportunities!

—Diane McDonnell

1,129

Story Times attended by

34,931

children and parents

392 classes visited the library **11,214** students attended

10,530 passport applications processed



126,492 wireless logins

52,826 eBooks circulated 12,098 eAudiobooks circulated



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