

*The Stanislaus County Library fosters the love of reading and opens the door to knowledge.*

In 1995, Stanislaus County voters approved a 1/8 cent sales tax increment to support the Stanislaus County Library. They voted to extend the special tax in 1999 for a period of five years. In March 2004, voters approved an eight-year extension. In June 2012, voters overwhelmingly approved a five-year extension. It is in effect until June 30, 2018.

# THEN STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY AND NOW

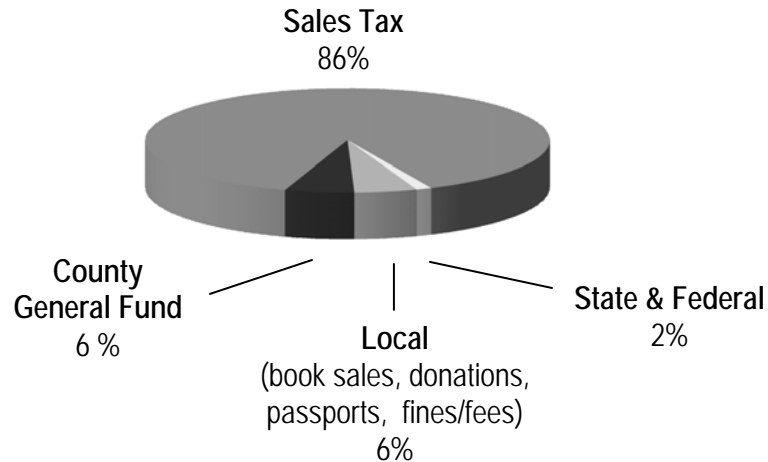
<b>County-wide</b>	
<b>1994/1995</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>
<p><b>In 1994/1995, all cities in the county contributed funding to libraries.</b></p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open 240 hours per week</li> <li>• No Story Times</li> <li>• No children’s programs</li> <li>• No class visits</li> <li>• No public Internet stations</li> <li>• No teen services</li> <li>• Limited reference services</li> <li>• 16,732 new library cards issued</li> <li>• No new libraries</li> <li>• No telephone reference</li> <li>• No Internet access to electronic information sources</li> <li>• 12,482 new books purchased</li> <li>• Staff members system-wide: 34</li> <li>• No adult literacy tutoring program</li> <li>• Limited senior services</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No city funding</b></p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open 474 hours per week</li> <li>• 27 Story Times per week</li> <li>• Special children’s programs: puppet shows, storytellers and craft programs</li> <li>• Class visits available</li> <li>• 132 public Internet stations</li> <li>• Teen services available</li> <li>• Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax, and email</li> <li>• 14,391 new library cards issued</li> <li>• Larger libraries in Salida, Keyes, Empire &amp; Hughson</li> <li>• Ceres Library renovated in 2015, including a fully updated children’s area and enhanced technology</li> <li>• Telephone reference available during all open hours</li> <li>• Internet access to electronic information sources: <a href="http://www.stanislauslibrary.org">www.stanislauslibrary.org</a></li> <li>• 55,476 new books, eBooks, audiovisual resources, newspapers, and magazines</li> <li>• Full-time and part-time staff: 157</li> <li>• Adult and family literacy tutoring program</li> <li>• Senior services, large-print books, home delivery service for the homebound</li> <li>• Passport applications accepted at the Modesto and Salida libraries</li> </ul>

# Promises Made.

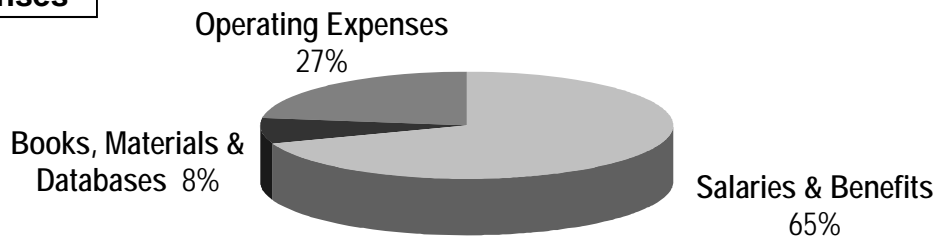
# Promises Kept.

## Fiscal Year 2015-2016

### Revenue



### Expenses



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

The average Stanislaus County resident contributes \$1.51 per month (or \$18.07 per year) to the library budget through their taxable purchases. Stanislaus County Sales Tax includes 1/8-cent that is earmarked for the library. Use the **Library Value Calculator** at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org) to compare what you would pay out-of-pocket for library services.

Since the inception of the Library Sales Tax in 1995, \$151,713,050 has been received and...

- 19,539 Story Times have been attended by 700,743 people.  
Investment since 1995: approx. \$736,326
- 6,606 special children's programs have been presented, including puppeteers, jugglers, storytellers and magicians, with attendance of 266,690.  
Investment since 1995: \$470,646
- 1,477,418 new books and materials have been purchased and 42,899,070 items have been checked out.  
Investment since 1995: \$22,092,215
- 3,121,704 reference questions have been answered in person, by phone, fax, email and online chat.  
Investment since 1995: approx. \$11,196,767
- Customers have logged 3,591,204 computer sessions at Stanislaus County Libraries, providing access to technology for all residents.  
Investment since 1995: \$2,312,495
- 16,886 adult learners improved their literacy skills in reading, comprehension, writing and math through the Adult Literacy program, a partnership with Learning Quest - Stanislaus Literacy Centers.  
Investment since 1995: \$3,086,226
- The 13 branches of the Stanislaus County Library System have been open 589,796 hours collectively.  
Investment since 1995: \$183,672,064