



People, places, and things; these details are important for the development of any good story, including ours.

The People

"I taught my daughter to read at age two and -- in large part due to the care and enthusiasm she received from the librarians and staff every time we visited one of Stanislaus County's libraries -- she became a brilliant student!" - Library Customer

Fiscal year 2022-2023 saw a continuation of our staff's commitment to first-rate programming and services, fostered in part by our collaboration with key community partners.

There's More to Our Story

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"Books, printing, computers, you name it they have it... This library has given us years of entertainment and will do so for generations."
-Library Customer



Author Talks launched in July 2022.

These virtual events have included authors such as Alka Joshi, Bonnie Garmus, Fredrik Backman, and more.

More Master Gardener Classes.

Demand for this gardening series from the UCCE Master Gardeners of Stanislaus County led to adding classes at two additional libraries.



Youth Craft Fair Returned.

After a two-year hiatus, our craft fair returned to the library! 85 crafters between the ages of 10 to 17 sold handcrafted items and learned the basics of running a small business.

Story Into Song Literacy Initiative

Our partnership with Opera Modesto gave us an opportunity to dig into the world of Edgar Allen Poe through escape rooms, trivia, and a true-crime event surrounding Poe's life.



The Places

Libraries provide access to knowledge, entertainment, technology, new skills, and more. We strive to be a must-visit destination in our community, and in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we saw the results of what increased library access can do.



21,684 total open hours across the library system.



An additional **149,135** visits were made compared to the previous year for a total of **647,454** library visits.



2,632 people attended the Lunch at the Library program at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library during the summer, where ages 18 and under enjoyed free lunches and activities.



83% of survey respondents rated themselves as **satisfied** or **very satisfied** with the Library.

"Coming to the library has been a 'second home' or safe space other than home. Being able to have FREE access to books is life-changing." - Library Customer

What's Next

As we write the next chapter of the Library, we do so with the needs of our community in mind. Look for **improvements to our physical spaces** to increase the longevity and accessibility of our libraries, as well as **creative and educational programming for all ages**. Thank you for being part of our story; we look forward to writing the next chapter of the Library together!



The Things

"Most recently tickets for a play were emailed to my phone? I was at a loss how to print them. A coworker always goes to the library, and sings its praises, so I went to the library!! My tickets were printed from my phone!! Whaaat?? YES! Go to the library folks!!" - Library Customer

2022-2023 was a year of growth and exciting new offerings. From public computer sessions to checking out books, the library's physical and digital collection was a draw for the people of Stanislaus County.



For example, community members were able to access free online tutoring with **Brainfuse's HelpNow**.



The Palace app launched this year, giving digital audiobook and eBook readers access to an expanded collection of electronic materials with no monthly or daily limits.



Project STEAM* kits were created for K-6th grade students (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Each themed kit contains books and digital and screen-free activities to engage with STEAM concepts.

Our physical collection of **600,838** materials had a circulation of **1,207,614**.

That's more than **twice** the number of people living in Stanislaus County!

