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# San Mateo County Libraries

## 2022-23 Annual Report

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## Our Vision

San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences

## Our Mission

San Mateo County Libraries strengthen our community by creating an inclusive sense of place and environment for learning

# Our Service Area

**271,407**

people live in  
our service area



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# Demographics

## Our Community



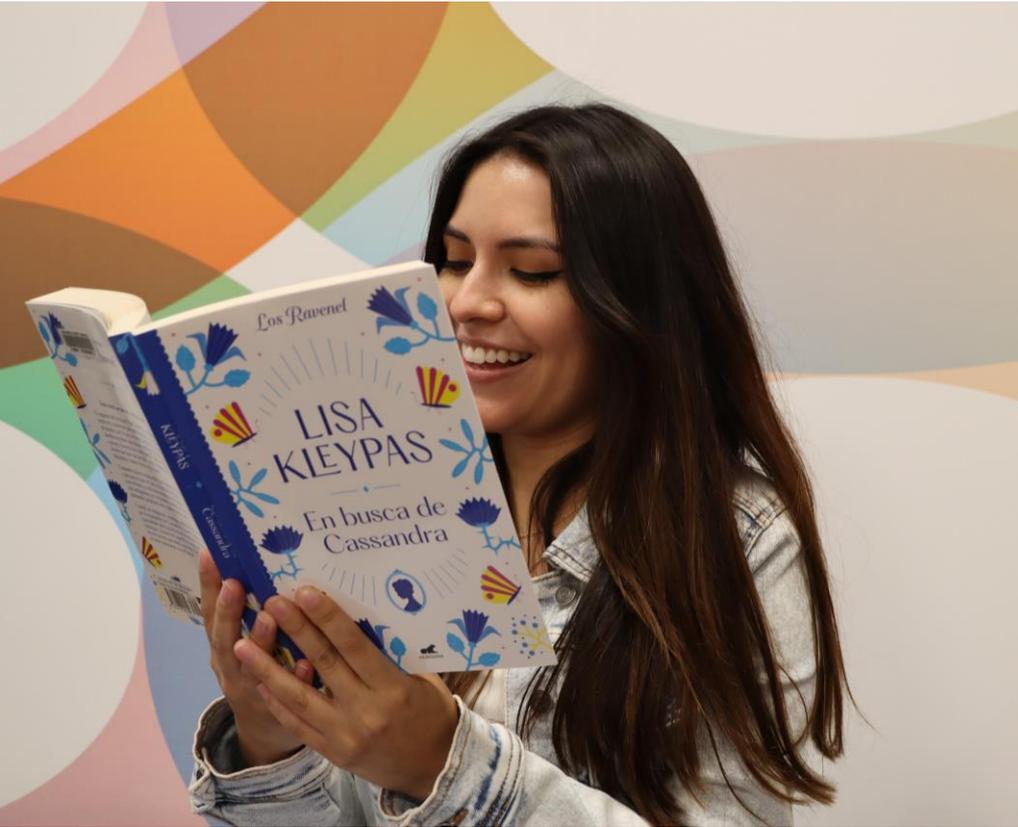
## Our Employees



- White, non-Hispanic
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Multiracial
- Black
- Native Hawaiian/  
Pacific Islander
- American Indian/  
Alaska Native
- Other
- Unspecified



# Demographics



At home, **16%** of our community speaks Spanish, **8%** speak Chinese and **15%** speak another language.

**33%** of our permanent Staff are bilingual certified



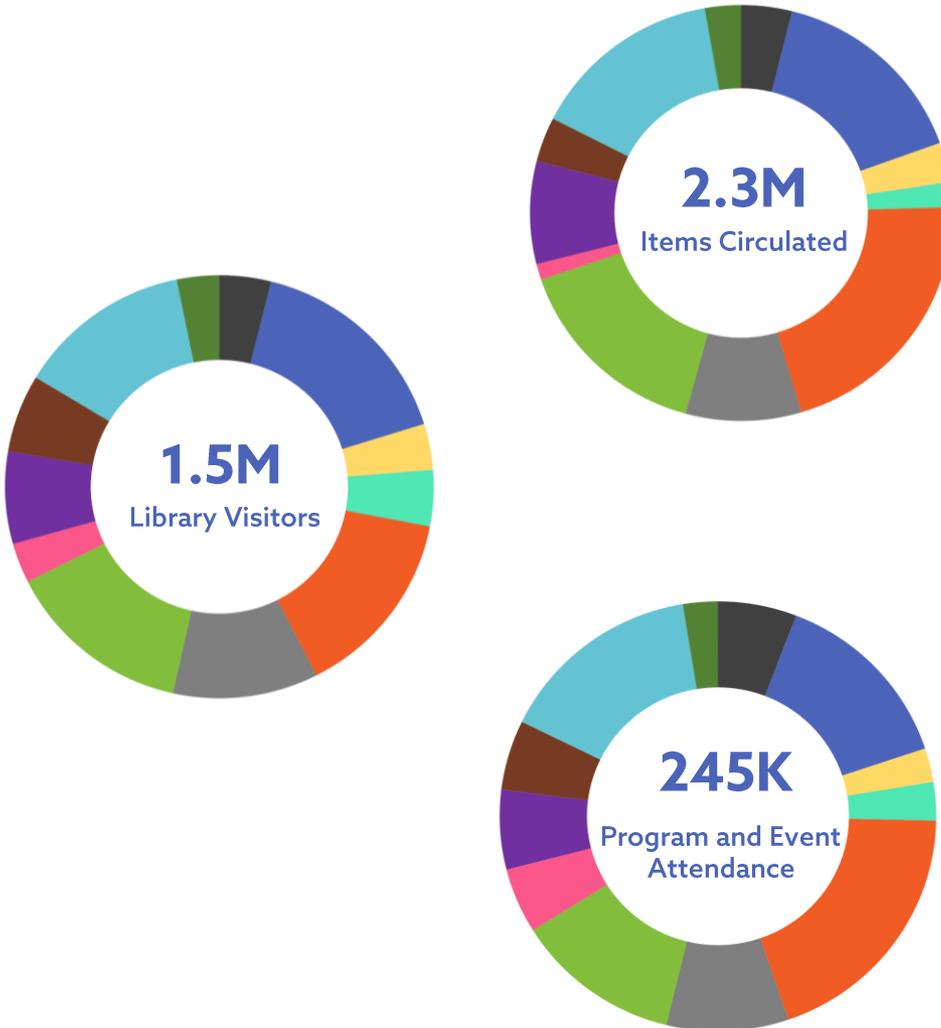
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# Year in Numbers



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# Systemwide Year in Numbers



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**1.8M**

Website  
Visitors

**7,520**

Programs  
and Events

**4.3M**

Wireless  
Sessions

**28,820**

Laptops  
Circulated

**775,530**

Digital  
Downloads

**43,120**

Meals  
Served

**10,950**

Homework Help  
Sessions

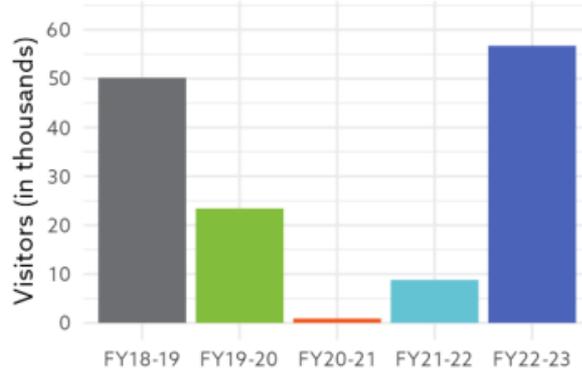
**6,720**

Hotspot  
Checkouts

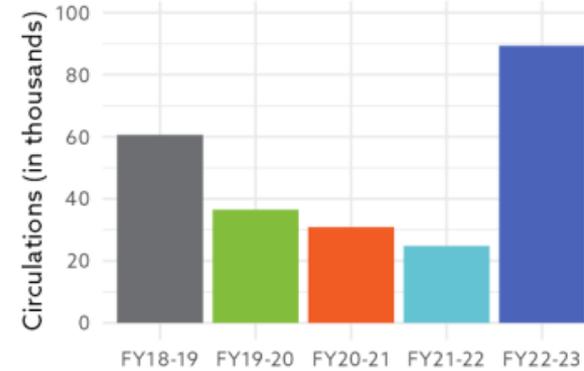


# Atherton Library

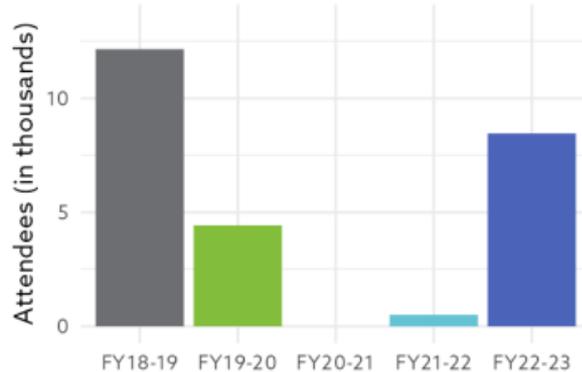
## LIBRARY VISITORS



## ITEMS CIRCULATED



## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



## DIGITAL DOWNLOADS\*



\*OverDrive usage only



# Atherton Year in Numbers

**8**

Outreach Engagements

**605**

Outreach Attendees

**56,736**

Visitors

**326**

Program Events

**8,455**

Program Attendees

**FY 2023**

Branch:

Total Circulation:

Checkouts:

Renewals:

% diff from previous value: **220%**

**All**

**Atherton**

**91,519 (3.7% of system)**

**48,266**

**43,253**



# Accomplishments



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# 7-Day-A-Week Milestone



“Public libraries welcome all, provide a place of refuge, and are a vital component of community building. San Mateo County Libraries is designing spaces, programs and services to fill critical resource gaps in our communities.”

–Congresswoman Jackie Speier



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# Rolling Out the Makermobile



"This Makermobile means we can take state-of-the-art tech and transformative experiences to more people in more places and invite everyone to be curious, to experiment, explore, learn and play."  
-Anne-Marie Despain, Library Director

# Power Up Afternoons and Inspiring Summers



“During this summer program, I see the excitement in his face every morning. He’s ready for class and comes back happy and excited to share what he learned at school. We loved this program, and I hope it continues so many more children can thrive in kindergarten.”



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# More Books in More Languages



“My kids didn’t want to leave and that is such a testament to what a magical place San Mateo County Libraries is.”



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# Advancing Period Equity

"All San Mateo County Libraries are now offering no-cost period products to any patron who needs them. Access to resources for all our residents is powerful equity work."



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# Mental Health Supports



“We are thrilled that our local libraries will offer Mental Health First Aid trainings to the public. To carry these skills is empowering—for us as individuals and for our community.”  
-Sara McDowell,  
San Carlos City  
Councilmember and  
Library JPA Governing  
Board Chair



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# Welcoming Back Volunteers



“Library staff are a joy to work with. They are friendly and helpful. They make volunteering (and visiting the library) fun. They are the heart of our communities, and we are lucky to have you.”



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# Library Champions



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# Thank you!

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