



San Mateo
County
Libraries

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Atherton City Council
Town of Atherton
80 Fair Oaks Lane
Atherton, CA 94027

Dear Mayor DeGolia and Members of the City Council,

It is with great pride that we share with you our 2021-2022 Annual Report! Over the past year, we have impressively built back from the pandemic and continued to be a critical connection point for our communities. This year has been historic in many ways, in addition to opening the new Atherton Library and marking the return of library service it is also the 110th anniversary of our founding as a County Free Library, a testament to the enduring legacy of San Mateo County Libraries as an essential and trusted institution.

It was a banner year for the Town of Atherton, highlighted by the opening of the Town Center and new Atherton Library. On Saturday, June 4th, hundreds of excited community members attended the Library's Grand Opening and celebrated the momentous completion of the new building. Residents enjoyed performances, storytimes, digital lab and makerspace demonstrations, and exploring the new library spaces and services. The beautiful new Library has been enthusiastically embraced by the community and use over the past few months continues to grow.

During the summer, the Library was once again a bustling community hub and learning space, hosting a variety of engaging events and programs. In the exciting new maker and digital spaces, staff provided more opportunities for children, families, teens, and adults to create and learn new technologies. A different technology program has been hosted each month including introductory and workshop sessions. Residents have successfully crafted keychains and ornaments of family memories on the Glow Forge laser cutter, learned to sew, and printed personalized board game on our popular 3D printers.

It has been delightful to see so many new and familiar faces returning to the Library and making it a regular part of their routine once again.

Our wonderful, attached Annual Report showcases the new library and will be shared with the community and available online at: <https://smcl.org/annual-reports>. Our accomplishments would not be possible without the strong support of the Library JPA Governing Board and Operations Committee, our volunteers, Friends of the Atherton Library, community partners and our phenomenal team of staff.

The new library was the result of many years of collaboration planning and hard work and it is rewarding to receive such overwhelmingly positive feedback. We look forward to continuing to provide award-winning services and work in partnership with the Town.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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