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# San Mateo County Libraries

## 2021-22 Annual Report

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Covering 351 square miles, our service area is comprised of 11 cities and the unincorporated areas of the County.  
**Photo of Crystal Springs Reservoir by Andrew Solovay.**

# Demographics

**283,000**  
people live in  
our service area

**76%**  
of our service  
population has a  
library card

Households  
in our service  
area are **78%**  
suburban,  
**15%** urban  
and **7%** rural

**25%** are  
enrolled in  
school, **45%**  
of whom are in  
grades K-8

At home,  
**16%** of our  
community  
speaks Spanish,  
**8%** speaks  
Chinese and  
another **15%**  
speaks another  
language other  
than English

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

OUR COMMUNITY



OUR EMPLOYEES



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A woman with long dark hair is sitting on the floor in a library, smiling and playing an acoustic guitar. She is surrounded by children who are also sitting on the floor, looking at her. The background is filled with bookshelves packed with books. The entire image has a blue tint.

## Vision

San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences

## Mission

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

# Systemwide Year in Numbers

1st

In California  
Star Library Ratings

3rd

In National  
Star Library Ratings

96%

Favorability  
Rating

1.67M

Website  
Visitors

4.1M

Wireless  
Sessions



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# Local Year in Numbers

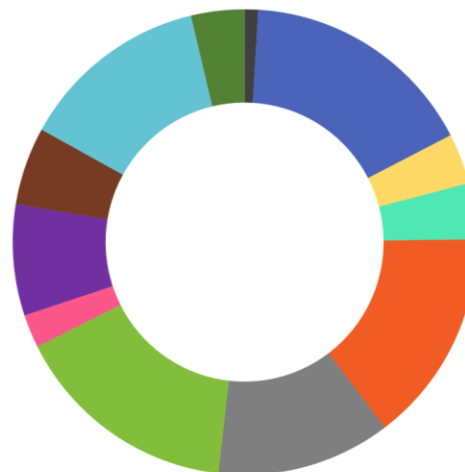
2M  
Items  
Circulated

935,621  
Library  
Visitors

ITEMS CIRCULATED



LIBRARY VISITORS



- Atherton
- Belmont
- Brisbane
- East Palo Alto
- Foster City
- Half Moon Bay
- Millbrae
- North Fair Oaks
- Pacifica
- Portola Valley
- San Carlos
- Woodside



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# Here for You



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# Impactful Service



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# Expanded Hours

29,749

Total Number of  
Hours Open

2,348

Programs  
and Events



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# Vital Support



10,000  
Masks Distributed

25,000  
Tests Distributed

32,356  
Meals  
Served



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# Student Support



The library has been the most important part of my kids' education and well-being."  
—Library Patron



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# Treasured Partner

“An excellent and valued community resource that has proved of even greater value during these strained times for me and my family. Thank you.”

—Library Patron



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# Growing Resources



40,000

New eLearning  
Courses

700,444

Digital Downloads



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# Inspiring Summers

954

Students  
Enrolled

149

Youth  
Hired



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# Exploration and Growth



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# Open for Exploration



“The library has evolved from a place for books, music and movies to a place of learning in so many forms.”

—Library Patron



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# Makerspace Leader

9,912

STEAM and Maker  
Event Attendees

1,553

3D Printing Hours



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# Inspiring Spaces

"The libraries are light  
and bright and wonderful  
spaces for adults  
and children!"  
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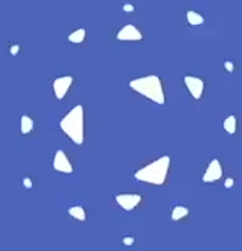


# Empowering Community



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# Why I Come to SMCL



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# Thank you!

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