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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

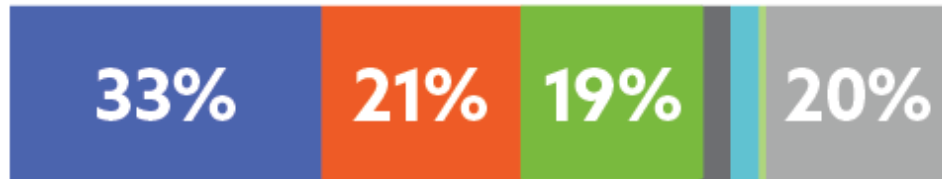
people live in
our service area



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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



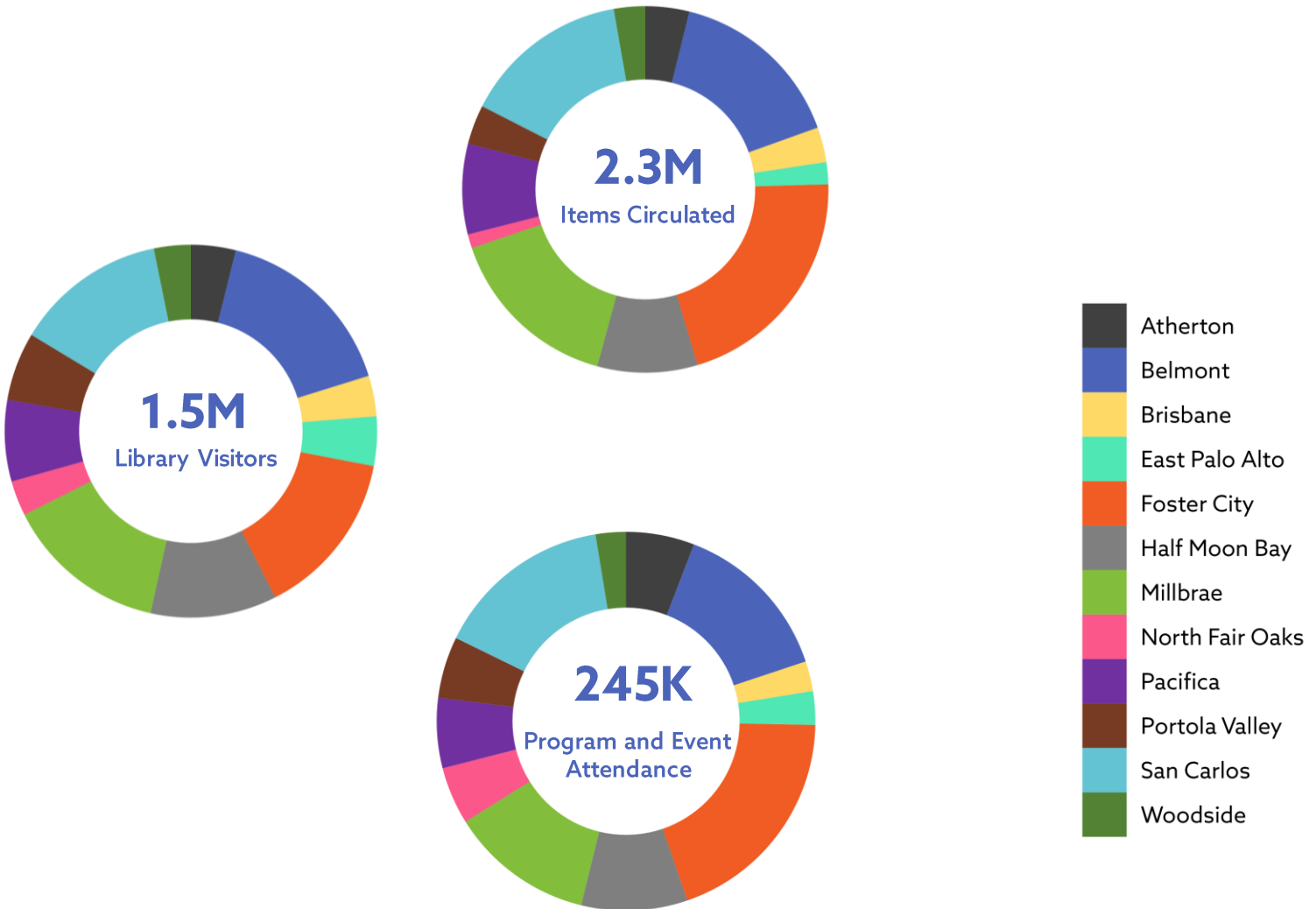
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Year in Numbers



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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

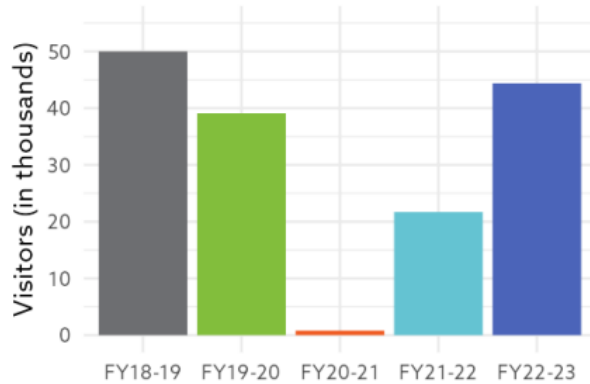
6,720

Hotspot
Checkouts

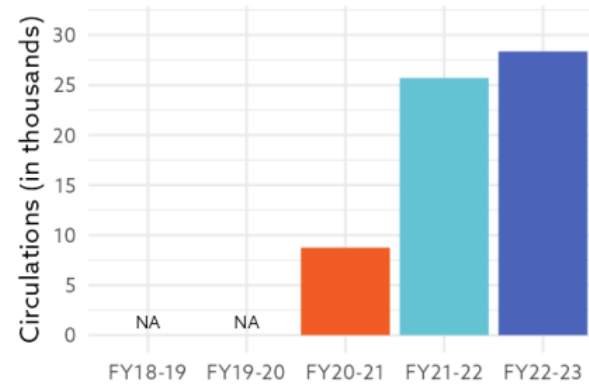


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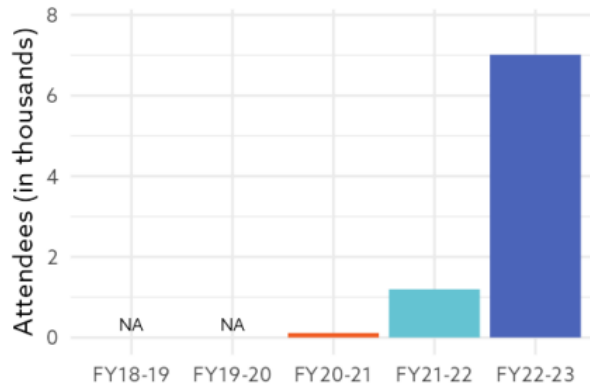
LIBRARY VISITORS



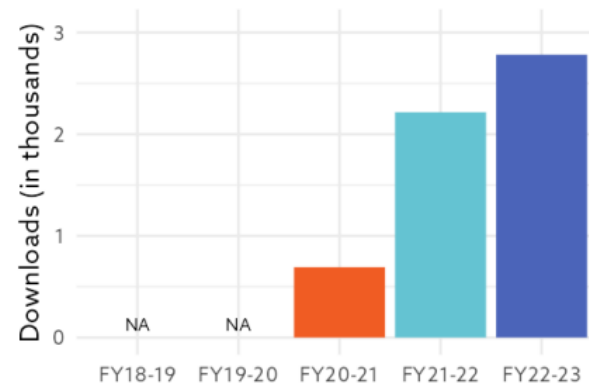
ITEMS CIRCULATED



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



DIGITAL DOWNLOADS*



*OverDrive usage only



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

Rolling Out the Makermobile



The Makermobile made its school debut at Community Connect Charter in November, bringing 3D printing activities and free books.



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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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Inspiring Summers – Library Explorers



"I am building my dream house on my dream ranch. My house will be standing, Act of God permitting, for a thousand years."

- Jack London.



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Inspiring Summers - Lunch at the Libraries



Pie Ranch, Pescadero.



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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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