



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

2018



In 2018, the Contra Costa County Library made great progress toward achieving the goals outlined in our strategic plan to improve access, increase community engagement in reading and literacy, deliver high-quality experiences and promote our values, programs and opportunities. This report celebrates some of the many accomplishments we achieved.

A brand new library opened in Brentwood and six other libraries received a variety of improvements including paint, carpet, furniture and restrooms. In partnership with the City, we increased hours at the El Cerrito Library by 15 hours per week. Our librarians made 321 school visits reaching more than 24,430 children. New digital services like Kanopy, Brainfuse and Rosetta Stone were rolled out on our website and the use of eBooks and eAudiobooks increased by 38 percent. And perhaps most importantly, we began laying the groundwork for the nearly yearlong project to eliminate fines.

Our 26 libraries and more than 400 employees bring ideas and enthusiasm to work every day and strive to bring the joy of reading into the lives of everyone who visits.

Twenty eighteen was a great success and we look forward to enhancing services, adding resources and improving community engagement in the coming year.

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MOST POPULAR BOOKS



KIDS

Wonder
by R.J. Palacio



TEENS

The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas



ADULTS

Origin
by Dan Brown

BY THE NUMBERS



In person visits
3,198,459



Wi-Fi sessions
436,848



Virtual visits
1,566,210



Computer logins
695,409



Open hours each week
1,072

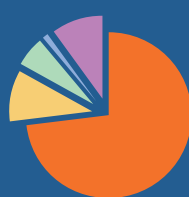


Museum pass usage increase
23%

BUDGET



Revenue - \$31.2M



Expenditures - \$31.2M

COUNTYWIDE EVENTS

	# of Events	Attendees
Preschoolers	4,990	144,502
Children	3,287	92,470
Teens	1,375	23,167
Adults	3,525	59,595
Total	13,177	319,734

BUDGET INCREASES

58%



Collection Materials

5%



Online Resources

DONATIONS

\$393,610 + **\$64,895** = **\$458,505**

Friends/Foundations

Individuals or Bequests

Total

OUTREACH EVENTS

477 events with **33,199** attendees

SUMMER READING
7,078 people completed Reading Records
5,444 people attended Summer events

VOLUNTEER HOURS:
1,166 volunteers gave
35,734 hours



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FACILITY OPENINGS, IMPROVEMENTS & INCREASED HOURS



⚙️ Brentwood Library Grand Opening September 29, 2018

- 20,400 square feet; 2 stories
- Outdoor Garden
- Two study rooms
- Conference room
- Community room

⚙️ Facility Improvements

- New Carpet - Orinda, Oakley
- Paint and Furniture - Kensington
- Renovation of public restroom - Concord
- Refresh children's area - Moraga, Danville
- New teen area - Danville

⚙️ El Cerrito hours increased to 50 hours - April 2018

- Now open Wednesdays and Sundays
- LGBT+ Collection Added

⚙️ **El Sobrante Library** fire provides an unexpected opportunity to completely redesign and improve the facility.

EARLY LITERACY



Book Rich Initiative

70% increase Books given to families in public housing neighborhoods

Reach Out and Read

Early literacy information was shared at **6,196** well baby visits at Contra Costa County Health Clinics

Lunch at the Library

9 Locations
6,118 Lunches served



Video Storytimes

34 Videos on YouTube
9,757 Views



321 School Visits

In classrooms, assemblies, and school libraries
24,430 students reached

ADULT LITERACY



Project Second Chance Groups

175 Adults learned to read, write, and spell better

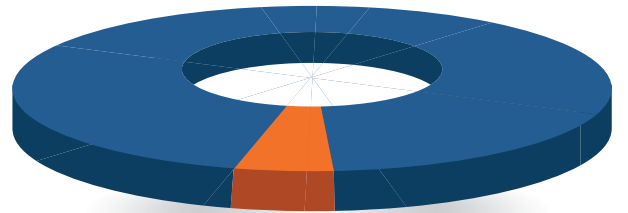
15,567 Dedicated volunteer hours to this important work

English as a Second Language Conversation Groups

472 Programs

3,791 Attendance

ITEMS BORROWED



● Books, DVD's & more - **5,921,276**

● eBooks, eAudiobooks - **425,897**



38% Increased demand for eBooks and eAudiobooks via Overdrive/Libby

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Locations

District I Supervisor John Gioia
El Cerrito
El Sobrante
Kensington
Pinole*
San Pablo

District II Supervisor Candace Andersen
Danville
Dougherty Station
Lafayette
Moraga
Orinda
San Ramon
Walnut Creek*

District III Supervisor Diane Burgis
Brentwood
Oakley
Prewett

District IV Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Clayton
Concord
Pleasant Hill
Walnut Creek*
Ygnacio Valley

District V Supervisor Federal Glover
Antioch
Bay Point
Crockett
Hercules
Martinez
Pinole*
Pittsburg
Rodeo

*Shared library

The Contra Costa County Library is the pulse of the community. Working together, we spark imagination, fuel potential, and connect people with ideas and each other.