

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2017



**Twenty seventeen** was another exceptional year for the Contra Costa County Library. As we continue to work toward 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, we have much to celebrate.

We expanded and refreshed libraries in San Ramon and El Sobrante and opened a new library in San Pablo. We increased our collection budget and added new online resources like Lynda.com. In partnership with cities, towns, Friends and Foundation groups we added more open hours at several branches across the county. We're tackling challenges in our community by working with organizations who help children get healthy meals and support the homeless and those with mental health issues.

The Library includes 26 branches and serves those who cannot visit the library through online access and numerous digital resources. We serve the residents at Juvenile Hall and the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility, provide materials delivery for the homebound and sites in Discovery Bay and Rossmoor. Our talented staff does outreach with schools across the County and with organizations like First 5 and WIC.

This report is a snapshot of some of the many things we accomplished in 2017, we will have much more to celebrate in the years to come.

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### MOST POPULAR BOOKS



KIDS

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child  
by J.K. Rowling



TEENS

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children  
by Ransom Riggs



ADULTS

The Underground Railroad  
by Colson Whitehead

### BY THE NUMBERS



In person visits  
3,235,783



Wi-Fi sessions  
427,937



Virtual visits  
4,411,666



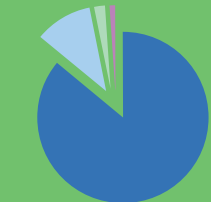
Computer logins  
449,902

### COUNTYWIDE EVENTS

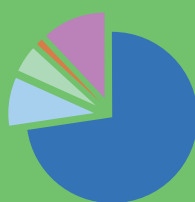


	# of Events	Attendees
Preschoolers	3,051	119,153
Children	2,629	89,221
Teens	1,688	27,282
Adults	2,931	39,910
Total	10,299	274,766

### BUDGET



Revenue - \$29.8M



Expenditures - \$29.8M

### BUDGET INCREASES

23%



Collection Materials

5%



Online Resources

### DONATIONS

**\$426,258 + \$232,707 = \$658,965**

Friends/Foundations

Individuals or Bequests

Total

### OUTREACH EVENTS



492 events with 35,993 attendees



17,574 uses



LUNCH  
at the  
LIBRARY

5,273 meals at 9 locations

#### SUMMER READING

7,719 people completed Reading Records

5,444 people attended Summer events

#### VOLUNTEER HOURS:

35,734

=

\$458,467

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## OPENINGS, REMODELS & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS



### San Ramon Library Remodel Grand Opening April 15, 2017

- 21,520 sq. ft.
- 5 Additional Meeting Rooms
- Doubled Public Seating

### El Sobrante Library Grounds Improvement Grand Opening September 19, 2017

- Total project cost \$1,329,948
- Library Contribution \$172,400
- New Landscaping and Parking lot
- New Amphitheater and Mini-park

### San Pablo Library Grand Opening Grand Opening August 19, 2017

- 20,000 sq. ft.
- 4 Meeting Rooms
- 31 Public Computers
- 15,000 New Items Added
- +7 Open Hours/wk

#### EAST COUNTY

Antioch  
Bay Point  
Brentwood  
Oakley  
Pittsburg  
Prewett

#### WEST COUNTY

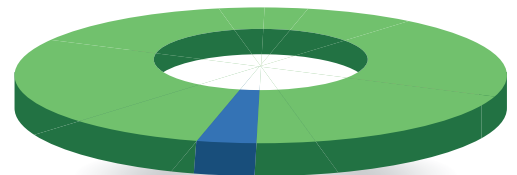
Crockett  
El Cerrito  
El Sobrante  
Hercules  
Kensington  
Pinole  
Rodeo  
San Pablo

#### CENTRAL/SOUTH COUNTY

Clayton  
Concord  
Danville  
Dougherty Station  
Lafayette  
Martinez  
Moraga  
Orinda  
Pleasant Hill  
San Ramon  
Walnut Creek  
Ygnacio Valley

**269**  
Locations

## ITEMS BORROWED



- Books, DVD's & more - **5,751,590**
- eBooks, eAudiobooks - **310,811**

#### Communities enjoyed

**1,070**  
open hours each week

#### Open Hours increased system-wide by

**30**  
per week

## JUST THE FACTS

### ESL Conversation Groups

Patrons for whom English is a  
second language met

**271** Times at  
**8** libraries

### Insiders Groups

For adults with intellectual and  
developmental disabilities

**88** meetings  
**7** libraries

### Book Rich Initiative

**4,035** books given to families  
in public housing neighborhoods  
in North Richmond,  
Pittsburg and Bay Point

### Reach out and Read

Early literacy information was  
shared at **6,743** well baby  
visits at Contra Costa County  
Health Clinics

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.