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.

Melinda S. Cervantes
County Librarian

**MOST POPULAR BOOKS**

**KIDS**
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child by J.K. Rowling
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

**TEENS**
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

**ADULTS**

**COUNTYWIDE EVENTS**

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**OUTREACH EVENTS**

492 events with 35,993 attendees

**SUMMER READING**

7,779 people completed Reading Records

5,444 people attended Summer events

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

35,734 hours = $458,467

**DONATIONS**

$426,258 + $232,707 = $658,965 Total

$426,258 from Friends/Foundations

$232,707 from Individuals or Bequests

**BUDGET**

Revenue - $29.8M

Expenditures - $29.8M

**BUDGET INCREASES**

23% Collection Materials

5% Online Resources

**BY THE NUMBERS**

In person visits 3,235,783

Virtual visits 4,411,666

Computer logins 449,902

Wi-Fi sessions 427,937
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

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
- 35 Public Computers
- 15,000 New Items Added
- 7 Open Hours/week

ITEMS BORROWED

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

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.