



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



2024 was a year of remarkable achievements for the Library. We launched Self-Service Sundays at the Concord Library, allowing the public to access the branch on Sundays when it would normally be closed.

The Rolling Reader celebrated its first full year of service, bringing books, storytimes, and hands-on learning to underserved communities across the county. Exceeding all expectations, the team connected with 13,050 people, distributed 7,136 books, issued 175 new library cards, and traveled 6,285 miles to foster early literacy, fine motor skills, and STEM education.

June marked the 40th anniversary of *Project Second Chance (PSC)*, the Library's adult literacy program. Over four decades, PSC has empowered more than 6,500 adults with the support of over 4,000 trained volunteer tutors. Participants have not only improved their reading skills, but also achieved life-changing milestones, such as earning a driver's license, passing the U.S. citizenship test, and reading to their grandchildren.

Looking ahead, we are setting an ambitious goal: to put a library card in the hands of every third grader in the county. We know that access to books, reading, and literacy lays the foundation for lifelong success, and we are eager to take on this challenge in 2025.

Alison McKee
County Librarian

MOST POPULAR BOOKS



EARLY READER

The Thank You Book
by Mo Willems



TEEN READER

Divine Rivals
by Rebecca Ross



MIDDLE READER

Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea
by Dav Pilkey



ADULT READER

The Women
by Kristin Hannah

BY THE NUMBERS

PressReader
Articles opened
693,073
113.8% increase

East Bay Times
views
1,073,794
8.8% increase

Brainfuse
HelpNow
56,892 visits
67.9% increase

OverDrive/Libby
2.51M Checkouts
34.8% increase

*Percentages are based on increases from 2023 to 2024

PROGRAMS

	Virtual Programs	In-Person Programs	Total Attendees
Children	19	4,291	258.9K
Teens	11	762	18.1K
Adults	189	1,487	34.5K
All Ages	3	1,202	71.9K
Total	222	6,540	383.4K

ROLLING READER

Number of Events: 227
People Served: 12,842
Giveaway books: 7,015
Giveaway crafts: 506
New Library cards: 177
Unique partners: 67
Miles travelled: 6,475



VISITS



Virtual visits
6,076,159

In-Person Visits
2,450,877



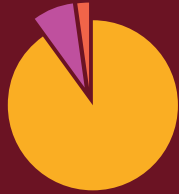
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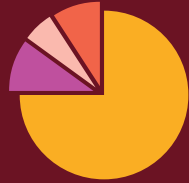
2024



BUDGET



● PROPERTY TAX 91%
● TOWN / CITY 8%
● OTHER 2%



● STAFF 75%
● MATERIALS 10%
● FACILITIES 6%
● OTHER 9%

Revenue - \$43.16M Expenditures - \$43.16M

COUNTYWIDE READING PROGRAMS



SUMMER READING

7,881 participants



COMMUNITY READS FOR KIDS

Dogtown

by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko



READ CONTRA COSTA

The Things We Didn't Know

by Elba Iris Pérez

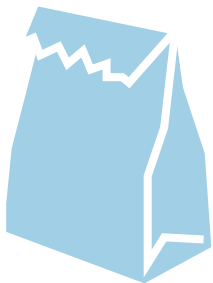
VOLUNTEERS

677
volunteers

21,105
hours served



MEALS SERVED



15,669

*Free healthy lunch and afterschool meals for children and teens 18 and under.

PROJECT SECOND CHANCE

Adult Literacy Program

Volunteer Tutors 301

Adult Learners 366

Tutoring Hours 18,200

Met/ Made Progress toward literacy goals 75%

26 **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
Antioch*
Brentwood
Oakley
Prewett

District IV Supervisor
Ken Carlson
Clayton
Concord
Pleasant Hill
Walnut Creek*
Ygnacio Valley

District V Supervisor
Shanelle Scales-Preston
Antioch*
Bay Point
Crockett
Hercules
Martinez
Pittsburg
Rodeo

*Shared library

MISSION: Bringing People and Ideas Together

VISION: 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.