SAN MATEO
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023-2024 IMPACT REPORT



Director's Message



James Moore

City Librarian

Over the past year, the San Mateo Public Library (SMPL) empowered the community with diverse services. In 2023, a partnership with the San Mateo County Genealogical Society provided free office space and resources, helping residents explore their family histories.

The 2023/24 fiscal year also featured the second "San Mateo Celebrates!" festival, showcasing SMPL's role as a cultural hub with performances, lectures, and activities, supported by local businesses.

SMPL remains dedicated to enriching and connecting the community.

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Library Support

- Friends of the Library
- Project Read
- Library Cultural Committees
- San Mateo Genealogical Society



The San Mateo Public Library Foundation

In 2024 the San Mateo Public Library Foundation celebrated its 30-year anniversary and hosted the second installment of San Mateo Celebrates!, a National Library Week festival held in April that is designed to spotlight and amplify the Library's rich programming. The Foundation was honored to be named a 2024 California Nonprofit of the Year by 21st District Assemblymember Diane Papan. For more information, please visit the San Mateo Public Library Foundation at smplibraryfoundation.org.

A Healthy Library = A Healthy Community

- Annual Foundation Funds Granted: $135,000
- Total Library Volunteers: 670
- Total Library Volunteer Hours: 10,798

Access & Outreach

- Technology Lending
- Digital & Streaming Collections
- Parks Pass



In August, the San Mateo County Genealogical Society (SMCGS) launched its genealogy collection and services at the Main Library, offering workshops, speaker programs, and consultations for family history research. With a rich collection of books, journals, maps, records, and online resources, SMCGS provides invaluable access to research tools. Its First Families of San Mateo County program highlights the area's historical roots. Located on the library's 2nd floor, SMCGS remains a vital resource for those exploring their family heritage and preserving it for future generations.

↑	7.4% Increase	**1.05 MIL**	Total Circulation
↑	.05% Increase	**1.16 MIL**	Electronic Resources Usage
↑	5.6% Increase	**81,266**	Number of Registered Library Card Users

Events & Programs



- Cultural Committees
- Summer & Winter Learning
- Seed Library
- Science Lectures
- Music Concert Series with Kohl Mansion
- Trivia Nights
- After-hours Arts & Crafts
- 8th Annual SMFC Education Foundation Readathon
- Memorial Day: Remember and Honor
- Career of the Month
- Digitize and Document Your Family History
- Festival in the Library

Parks Pass Program

Support from the California State Library through the Parks Pass Program has made it possible for the library to offer exceptional events, such as a visit to the Folger Stables Historical Site. Participants explored the rich history of the stables and toured the Carriage Room, a stunning museum that highlights our local heritage, including the lumbering, farming, and great estate eras. The program also provided an opportunity for a hiking trip to Moss Beach in Pacifica, where attendees enjoyed the outdoors and engaged with a knowledgeable park ranger.

"Thank you so much for the services you provide, the amazing staff, and all the programs and events that are available. I honestly could not wish for a better library." **–Library Patron**

San Mateo Public Library

Cultivates boundless potential through exploration, learning, and connection.







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