

IMPACT REPORT

FY 2021-2022

SAN MATEO PUBLIC LIBRARY



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Over the past year the San Mateo Public Library (SMPL) continued seeking a balance between restoring many of the services that defined us before COVID hit the world and thoughtfully adapting to a changed world. After reducing services during the height of COVID, in 2022 we not only fully restored pre-pandemic hours at the beginning of fiscal year 21/22, but expanded them along with increasing public computer access from 2 hours to 3 hours per day and made our popular small conference study rooms fully available for use again.

We are still emerging from the pandemic into a world where we must continue reimagining our practices, services, and identity as a resilient, impactful, and trusted cultural institution. Public libraries remain integral to healthy communities across America today because we have intelligently, creatively, and enthusiastically evolved to meet the changing needs of our communities, while maintaining our core values. Here at SMPL, fostering a love of literacy, exploration of our world, and self-directed learning will remain our guiding principles as we move forward into a new era.



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Executive Director:
Lynne Esselstein

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Anne Bernard

LIBRARY SUPPORT



- Annual Foundation Funds
Granted: \$164,000
- Total Library Volunteers: 497
- Total Library Volunteer
Hours: 1,781

**"THE SAN MATEO LIBRARY SYSTEM IS AMAZINGLY GOOD—
ESPECIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC. YOU FOUND WAYS TO
GET BOOKS INTO THE HANDS OF PATRONS WHILE KEEPING
EVERYONE SAFE." —LIBRARY PATRON**

Since 2006, the San Mateo Public Library Foundation has supported the library's diverse programs and outreach services. With the Foundation's generosity, the library was able to expand the Technology Lending Devices program, now offering musical instruments, robots, and equipment catering to the creators' community. The 2021 Fall Appeal raised \$112,000 to maintain and enhance the library's collection. The Foundation also partnered with the library for National Library Week and established the Legacy Fund Membership Campaign. For more information, please visit the San Mateo Public Library Foundation at www.smlibraryfoundation.org.





ACCESS + OUTREACH

983K

TOTAL
CIRCULATION

72K

NUMBER OF
REGISTERED
LIBRARY CARD
USERS

715K

INTERNET &
DATABASE
SESSIONS

20K

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

In 2022, the San Mateo Public Library showcased three new vibrant library card designs by local budding artists in the community. These designs were among 100+ submissions in three age groups (adult, teen, and child) in a card design contest held during National Library Week in April.

Nichole Forti, Mackenzie Chan, and Saphina Sid are the artists whose works were selected and announced as the winners in May. Their talents will be enjoyed by San Mateo patrons for years to come!



ORDER 9066

- DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066
- YA NOVCON
- NATIONAL POETRY MONTH
CELEBRATION
- BOOK DISCUSSIONS
- TECH LENDING PETTING ZOO
- HILLSDALE BRANCH 65TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
- BIOTECH LECTURES &
HEALTH SEMINARS
- FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS
- MUSIC CONCERT SERIES
WITH KOHL MANSION
- GIRLS WHO CODE



EVENTS + PROGRAMS

February 19, 2022 was the 80th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. This order authorized the deportation and internment of Japanese Americans. To mark this anniversary, the library invited guest speaker Steve Okamoto to recount his experiences of being held at the Tanforan Assembly Center and later in an internment camp. Tanforan was in the City of San Bruno and the second-largest assembly center, detaining over 8,000 Japanese Americans.



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Builds community by
inspiring imagination,
discovery, and reading.



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