

City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Board of Library Trustees

Monday, December 2, 2024

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Mission Branch Library, Community Room
1098 Lexington St
Santa Clara, CA 95050

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Board of Library Trustees meeting in a hybrid manner (inperson and continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely).

- Via Zoom:
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

The items listed on the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items on the CONSENT CALENDAR unless discussion is requested by a member of the Board, staff, or public.

1 24-1170 Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting

Minutes of November 4, 2024

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

[This item is reserved for persons to address the body on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. The law does not permit action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. The governing body, or staff, may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, and appropriate body may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.]

GENERAL BUSINESS

24-1172 Informational Report on Library Services and Tour of the Mission Branch Library

Recommendation: Note and file informational report and conduct tour of

the Mission Branch Library.

24-962 <u>Discussion on Libraries Nationwide Proclaiming Themselves as</u>
Book Sanctuaries

Recommendation: Recommend that City staff research options for

declaring the Santa Clara City Library as a Book Sanctuary and identify potential next steps to

implement the Board's direction.

24-1200 Informational Report on Comic Con 2024

Recommendation: Note and file informational report on Comic Con 2024.

24-1201 Informational Report on State Library Report FY 2023-24

Recommendation: Note and file informational report on State Library

Report FY 2023-24.

STAFF REPORT

TRUSTEES REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Library Trustees Meeting is adjourned to February 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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Agenda Report

24-1170 Agenda Date: 12/2/2024

REPORT TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SUBJECT

Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

PUBLIC CONTACT

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024

Reviewed by: Sami James, Management Analyst

Approved by: Patty Wong, City Librarian

ATTACHMENTS

1. Board of Library Trustees Minutes - November 4, 2024 Minutes - Draft



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Board of Library Trustees

11/04/2024 6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting, Board Room Central Park Library 2635 Homestead Rd Santa Clara, CA 95051

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 ("The Brown Act") and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Chair calls for a Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees to commence and convene on November 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM for a Special Meeting held in a hybrid manner to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A 24-1037 Action to Recommend that the City Council Accept the FY 2024/25 California

Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Adult and Family Literacy Grant Award for the

Read Santa Clara Program and Approve the Related Budget Amendment

Recommendation: That the Board of Library Trustees recommend that the City Council Accept the

FY 2024/2025 California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant Award in the Amount of \$111,897 for Read Santa Clara, the Library's Adult and Family Literacy Program and the Related Budget Amendment as described in this

Report.

1.B 24-1097 Action on the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

A motion was made by Trustee Tryforos, seconded by Trustee Mohammed to approve the Consent Calendar.

Aye: 5 - Chair Évans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Patty Wong, City Librarian informed the Board that the next Librarypalooza fundraising event held by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends will take place on April 5, 2025, at the Triton Museum.

GENERAL BUSINESS

<u>24-1060</u> Discussion on the Library Facilities Master Plan

Recommendation: Discuss progress on the Library Facilities Master Plan and provide input to support plan development.

Kristilyn Vercruysse and Jeff Davis, consultants with MSR Design, shared a presentation with the Board to provide status updates on the Library Facilities Master Plan project. The Board received updates on the project schedule, community engagement efforts and national trends in Library facilities planning and design. Discussion elicited Board feedback on community needs and how Library might help to meet them in the future. Feedback was also provided by Betsy Megas, who attended the meeting as a member of the public. City Librarian Wong informed the Board that Library will coordinate with the City Manager's Office on the Library Facilities Master Plan, as well as the Library Strategic Plan, and will bring these back to the Board, likely in March 2025.

2 24-849

Action on Revised Collection Development Policy, Community Room Use Agreements, Audiovisual and Camera Equipment Use Policy, and Policy Governing the Use of Library Grounds

Recommendation:

- 1. Review and approve:
 - a. the draft Santa Clara City Library Collection Development Policy (Attachment 1); and
 - b. the draft Santa Clara City Library Community Room Use Agreements (Attachment 3-6).
- 2. Review and provide input on:
 - a. the draft Santa Clara Audiovisual and Camera Equipment Use Policy (Attachment 8); and
 - b. the draft Santa Clara City Library Policy Governing the use of Library Grounds (Attachment 10).

Deputy City Attorney Luis Haro informed the Board that the Library is working in coordination with the City Attorney's Office to review and update Library policies that are outdated or in need of revision to better meet contemporary service needs. He provided a summary of the policies being presented to the Board, and reviewed the changes made and the reasoning behind these. The Board asked questions and discussed the changes made. Betsy Megas attended the meeting as a member of the public, and provided additional feedback.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohammed, seconded by Trustee Huynh to approve Staff Recommendation.

Aye: 4 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, and Trustee Tryforos

Nay: 1 - Vice-Chair Ricossa

STAFF REPORT

City Librarian Wong informed the Board that the Library system would be closed for at least half the day on December 10, 2024 for a citywide staff recognition event. It was shared that the system might be closed the full day, as discussions are in progress about a Library staff training and recognition following the citywide event. The Board was queried as to their interest in attending and recognizing staff, possibly including a potluck. The closure of Northside Branch Library on Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 10am to 12pm was shared, a result of necessary plumbing repairs. The Board inquired about the results of Comic Con, and City Librarian Wong shared that the post-event debrief was upcoming, and she hoped to update the Board at the December meeting. An update was provided on the Library Cafe, for which a request for proposal is being prepared for an operating vendor. The cafe has had repairs to the cabinets, fresh paint and new floors installed. Significant community feedback has been received during Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan community engagement efforts requesting the re-opening of the Cafe.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Discussion about proclaiming the Library as a Book Sanctuary was raised and agreed to be added as an item for discussion at the December meeting of the Board. Chair Evans reported attending the Halloween in the Park event, which was well attended, and noted that there was a picnic at Central Park Library scheduled at the same time. Chair Evans reported that he spoke to many community members there, who shared an interest in longer Library hours and shared that they love story times. City Librarian Wong inquired which hours the community mentioned, and Chair Evans shared appreciation for Saturday hours at Mission Library, and an interest in more hours outside of work hours. Items raised to consider addressing at the December meeting included sharing State Library survey data, discussion of programs the Board would like more information about, and a review of comparable library services and funding. City Librarian Wong shared that recruiting is underway for Sunday Hours, and that the Library is watching to learn the results of Sunnyvale's ballot measure supporting a new main library there, meant to be joint use with a new school building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Tryforos, seconded by Trustee Huynh to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 5 - Chair Evans, Trustee Huynh, Trustee Mohammed, Vice-Chair Ricossa, and Trustee Tryforos

The Board of Library Trustees Special Meeting is adjourned to December 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Mission Branch Library Community Room.



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Agenda Report

24-1172 Agenda Date: 12/2/2024

REPORT TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SUBJECT

Informational Report on Library Services and Tour of the Mission Branch Library

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

On December 2, 2024, the Board of Library Trustees will hold its first regular meeting in the Community Room of the Mission Branch Library since October 7, 2019.

DISCUSSION

Staff and services at Mission Branch Library have undergone many changes in the five years since the last regular board meeting was held there. The Board will receive an informational presentation and a tour of the library from the Program Coordinator for Mission Branch Library, Adina Aguirre. The presentation will share current information and highlight unique features about the staff, collection, programs and services at Mission Branch Library. The purpose of this presentation is to keep the Board informed about Library services.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the Program Coordinator and staff at Mission Branch Library.

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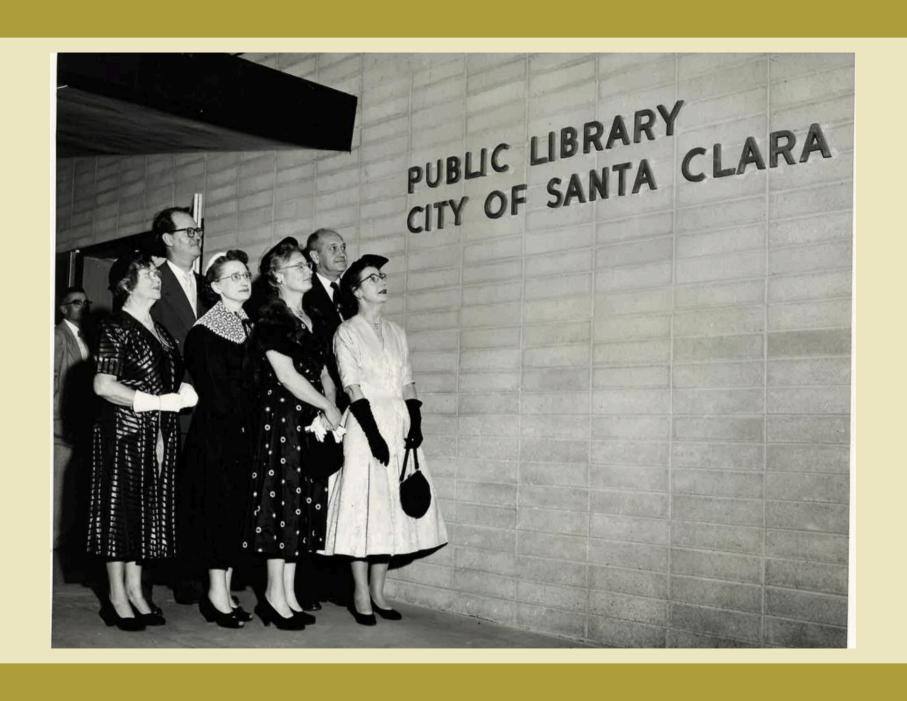
RECOMMENDATION

Note and file informational report and conduct tour of the Mission Branch Library.

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Reviewed by: Sami James, Management Analyst Approved by: Patty Wong, City Librarian





Mission Library Dedication - October 30, 1955

More from October 30, 1955





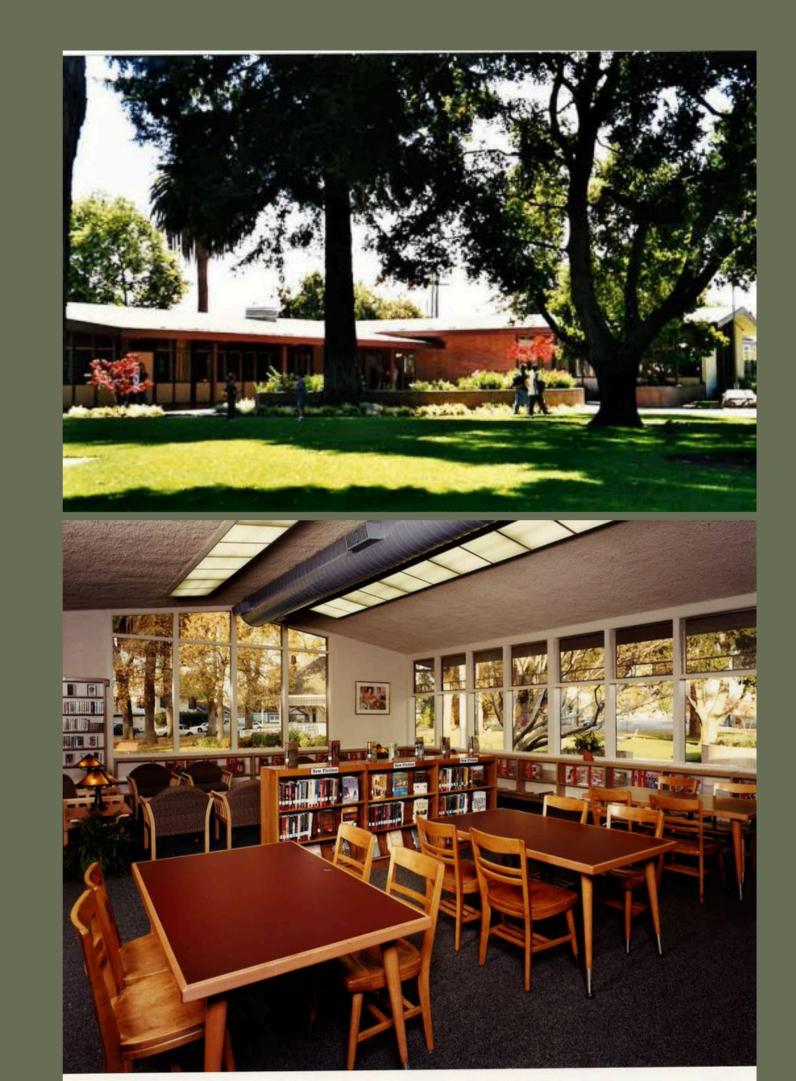


Chester Bast, architect, handing the keys to the Mission Libraryto Frances M. Klune, City Librarian

Outside Mission Library, 1955



Afew updates, before our most current remodel



Staff





2023-2024 highlights

54,284 items checked out (43,289 in 2022-2023)

48,281 patron visits

(31,388 in 2022-2023)



440 programs

371
programs for youth

ROTEWORTHY PROGRAMS





Strong Partnerships with Schools



Weekly ESL Coversation Club



Monthly Crafting Club

Programs are planned so that Mission can support other locations on different days



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Agenda Report

24-962 Agenda Date: 12/2/2024

REPORT TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SUBJECT

Discussion on Libraries Nationwide Proclaiming Themselves as Book Sanctuaries

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

At the September 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees, Trustee Tryforos shared during the Trustees Report that she had heard about Mount Laurel Library in New Jersey issuing a proclamation declaring itself to be a Book Sanctuary Library. The Board expressed interest in holding discussion whether the Library should consider becoming a book sanctuary.

History and Meaning of Book Sanctuaries

Libraries have historically stood as bastions of intellectual freedom, with a commitment to the First Amendment and freedom of inquiry and expression. These professional standards are encapsulated in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement of the American Library Association (ALA).

In recent years, the ALA has documented significant increases in efforts to ban and censor books in schools and libraries, particularly works by and featuring people of color and/or LGBTQ+ people. Book sanctuaries were launched by the Chicago Public Library in 2022, in response to marked increases in book ban or censorship efforts.

Establishing a book sanctuary means committing to do at least one of the following:

- Collect and protect endangered books
- Make those books broadly accessible
- Host book talks and events, including sparking conversations about diverse characters and stories
- Educate others on the history of book banning and burning

DISCUSSION

The Board will engage in discussion on whether to recommend the Library consider formally establishing itself as a book sanctuary.

The Library already currently meets more than the minimum functional criteria of a book sanctuary.

• The collection features broad and diverse artistic and informational works reflecting a variety of people and viewpoints, including books on the ALA's Most Challenged Books list.

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 This collection is broadly accessible to the public, and is featured on book lists on the Library website as well as on the shelves and in displays at the Library.

To formally establish itself as a book sanctuary, the City would need to adopt a resolution formally declaring itself as a book sanctuary. Attachment 1 is a draft example of such resolution language, provided for illustrative purposes only.

The Board is encouraged to discuss whether to recommend that staff conduct further analysis as to how to declare the Santa Clara City Library as a Book Sanctuary. At a future meeting City staff could present appropriate options for the Board as well as potential next steps to implement the Board's direction.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that City staff research options for declaring the Santa Clara City Library as a Book Sanctuary and identify potential next steps to implement the Board's direction.

Reviewed by: Sami James, Management Analyst

Approved by: Patty Wong, City Librarian

ATTACHMENTS

1. Book Sanctuary Resolution Draft

WHEREAS freedom of expression is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS the Board of Library Trustees of the Santa Clara City Library recognizes the Library has a responsibility to protect and promote the constitutional rights of each Library patron to access and use Library resources; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara City Library serves a broad and diverse community and provides each patron unrestricted access to a broad and diverse collection of resources; and

WHEREAS members of the community are responsible for their use of Library resources, and likewise are solely responsible for the use of Library resources by minors in their care; and

WHEREAS the Library opposes censorship and protects freedom of expression in its community by providing information resources and promoting free and respectful expression of differing viewpoints; and

WHEREAS a sanctuary library creates a safe space for ideas and resources, especially those that have been or are in danger of being challenged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara City Library declares itself to be a Book Sanctuary Library.



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Agenda Report

24-1200 Agenda Date: 12/2/2024

REPORT TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SUBJECT

Informational Report on Comic Con 2024

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

Comic Con developed out of the Santa Clara City Library's STEM Innovation Bowl, or STEM Con, held before the 2016 Super Bowl in Santa Clara, hosting over 10,000 people and connecting fun, activity-oriented programs with technology and football.

This evolved into Comic Con at the Santa Clara City Library, modeled on other Comic Cons around the country, and focusing increasingly on comics and arts as an entry to the love of reading.

In 2022, the Santa Clara City Library hosted its 6th Comic Con, a highlight of local programming. Approximately 6,000 visitors of all ages attended the event. According to visitor surveys, 95% rated the event 4 or 5 stars, and 97% said they would attend the event again.

Comic Con is sponsored by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends. The event draws crowds from around the Bay Area to the Central Park Library for activities like crafts, photo booths and displays, artist panels, drawing panels, tabletop game panels, raffles, character storytimes and photos, cosplay and costume contests. Free comic books are given away in support of activities, all to encourage and support the love of reading.

Comic Con is a continuing event and will be held every other year beginning in 2024. Alternating years may feature smaller Comic Con activities at Santa Clara City Library branches.

DISCUSSION

On October 12, 2024 Library held a successful and well-attended Comic Con at Central Park Library. This informational report is to share the outcomes of Comic Con 2024 with the Board of Library Trustees.

Comic Con 2024 hosted over 8,500 visitors, a nearly 42% increase from Comic Con 2022. The event featured an all-time high for the number of artists attending, as well as greater engagement than ever with partners and other city departments, including Parks and Recreation, SVP, and Sewer and Water. 57 staff supported the event, with the assistance of 85 volunteers

Panels and presentations featured the 501st Legion of Stormtroopers, the Cartoon Art Museum, the Charles M. Schulz Museum, and artists and authors including Thien Pham and Briana Loewinsohn,

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and Francisco Jimenez. Attendees learned about how to cosplay and build Gundam models, with over 460 participants attending the panels and presentations.

Craft activities were very popular with children and participants of all ages, with over 3,525 crafts made. The rocket launcher activity drew approximately 400 participants, as did photobooth opportunities with characters including Optimus Prime, the 501st Legion of Stormtroopers as well as the Rebel Legion, Snoopy, Elephant and Piggy, and Mecha Godzilla. Other well-attended activities included storytime with 280 participants, an escape room with 230 participants, table top gaming with 200 participants, and quidditch games with 135 participants. The community also enjoyed K-pop dance workshops with 95 participants, and a 30-person video game tournament. Thousands of attendees arrived in cosplay, with the cosplay contest drawing 50 participants with handmade costumes.

Comic Con 2024 was supported by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends.

Contributions from the city included police and fire marshal presence to ensure safety and security, equipment and support from Parks & Recreation, and a water truck from Water & Sewer. Total estimated city costs were estimated at \$9,192, supporting the Foundation which provided primary funding support for Comic Con. Library staff provided in-kind support in planning and operating the event.

Staff will review with the Board the Comic Con 2024 Presentation (Attachment 1), as well as a video showcasing Comic Con 2024, hosted on the Library's YouTube page.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

Comic Con 2024 was supported by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends. Total estimated city costs were \$9,192. Library staff provided in-kind support in planning and operating the event.

COORDINATION

This report was prepared by Library staff only.

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RECOMMENDATION

Note and file informational report on Comic Con 2024.

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Reviewed by: Sami James, Management Analyst

Approved by: Patty Wong, City Librarian

ATTACHMENTS

1. Comic Con 2024 Presentation





2,500 attendees received comic con bags
3,500 attendees received badges + lanyards
3,000 attendees received programs
3,000 comics taken home

ACTIVITES

Crafts - 3,525

Storytime -280

Rockets-400

Quidditch - 135

Dance Workshops - 95

Escape Room - 230

Table Top Caming -200

Photobooth - 400

Video Game Tournament - 30







PANELS I PRESENTATIONS

Edinger Panels

500-70

Thien&Brianna-60

Schultz Museum - 64

Cartoon Art-56

Central Studio

Quick Draw-50

Cosplay -50

Gundam-40

Francisco Jimenez - 70





Staff-57 Guests-150 Volunteers-85 OSnoopy OGEOFFREY TOYS RUS 2 Geralds/2 Piggie's 8 Many community + City partners T



85 volunteers including 60 teen volunteers

Volunteers completed 415 hours helping at Comic Con



SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARY
CONICON

50 COSPLAY CONTEST PARTICIPANTS





Thousands in cosplay & thousands of smiles















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Agenda Report

24-1201 Agenda Date: 12/2/2024

REPORT TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SUBJECT

Informational Report on State Library Report FY 2023-24

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

Every year, California's public libraries report annual circulation, visitor counts, program counts and other information with the California State Library. The resulting report, known as the annual State Library Report, allows libraries to track changes in resources and service across time, both on a system level and across the state.

DISCUSSION

Staff will review the most recent State Library Report infographic for the Santa Clara City Library for FY 2023/24 with the Board, and compare with the infographic from the prior year FY 2022/23. This is an informational report to review and share annual statistics and changes in the last year.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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FISCAL IMPACT

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COORDINATION

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RECOMMENDATION

Note and file informational report on State Library Report FY 2023-24.

Agenda Date: 12/2/2024 24-1201

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ATTACHMENTS
1. 2023-24Infographic 2. 2022-23Infographic



SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARY

Annual Report **2024**



The library had **6,661** open hours in 2023/2024!



56,422 people have a card at our library



600,240 people walked through our doors last year



In addition to **664,159** website visits



Print materials totaled **407,523**



The collection contained 448,406 items



There were 255,539 check outs of electronic materials



Contributing to a total of **1,849,758** checkouts!



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **8,120** times



Our service is delivered by **64.25** dedicated FTE staff



44,974 Reference questions were asked



And brought in **4,571** items upon patron request



1,528 total programs offered



66,801 people attended in total!

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Annual Report



The library had 4,322 open hours in 2022/2023!



54,080 people have a card at our library



399,409 people walked through our doors last year



In addition to 576,871 website visits



Print materials totaled 404,439



The collection contained 445,257 items*



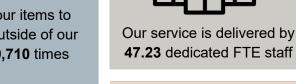
There were 179,443 electronic materials circulated



Contributing to a total of 1,780,162 checkouts!



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system 9,710 times





38,533 Reference questions were asked



And brought in 4,576 items upon patron request



952 total programs offered



54,008 people attended in total!



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*2023 report collection count originally included all physical and e-resources, while 2024 report just shows print collection. This number modified for consistency to also show just print collection.