



Alameda County LIBRARY



2005/2006 Report

YOUR LIBRARY: Where you LIVE, Where you GO,

Last year, Alameda County Library enjoyed record-breaking attendance. Some 4.2 million customers enjoyed more literature, more movies and more music than ever. The ten percent increase was part of a continuing trend and demonstrates that the Library continues to thrive in the Internet Age.



See, Do, Learn, Get It...

AT THE LIBRARY

Last year's calendars brimmed with activities to educate and entertain our community. Nearly 1,800 programs filled the bill.

More than 10,000 kids trekked to Pasquale's Pet Shop for the Summer Reading Program. The other three seasons featured

Castro Valley Library received \$13,961,227 of State funds for a new library scheduled to open in 2009

sessions of storytelling, crafts, puppetry, juggling, magic and animal acts.

After nine months of Homework Help and SAT workshops, teens had a chance to "Read Around the World" during the summer vacation. Open poetry sessions and animation workshops

got their creative juices flowing.

Thousands of adults stepped ahead to family and adult literacy programs and the One Stop Career Center. Many adults joined library book groups and played special summer reading games for adults only.

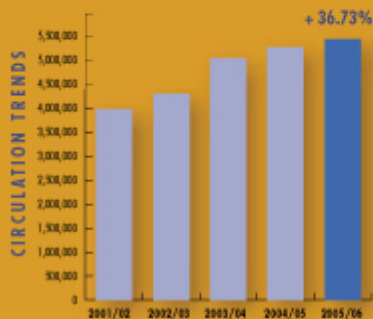
The Library's nationally-recognized Senior Services presented programs that taught how to crack tax codes, decipher Medicare, squelch scams and improve driver safety. Seniors participated in the 4th Annual Aging and Spirituality Workshop. In May, Older Americans Month programs at each library highlighted Alameda County's senior services and featured appearances by several members of the County Board of Supervisors.



Where you GROW!

Families reveled in storytelling sessions, sing-alongs, open mike poetry slams, bookbinding workshops, drop-in knitting classes, craft and cultural events, and showings of blockbuster movies. Big Band and Celtic music events inspired some feverish toe-tapping.

Wireless Internet access is now available in every branch. Self-checkout machines make life easier for our customers.



Search the Digital Library stacks at www.aclibrary.org

Using your Library card, log on to My Account to reserve items and renew materials. Take a step further and create a Preferred Search list to receive book and music suggestions, even customized news.

Enjoy the peace of mind more than 70,000 Library patrons feel when tailored e-mail messages flag approaching due dates or note that requested items are ready for pick-up.

Click through our upgraded online catalog and database of newspapers, magazines and journals. Delve into everything from car maintenance to citizenship test preparation. When you hit paydirt, print, download or e-mail newfound treasures.

Virtual playrooms let kids link to streaming videos read by real actors. Some watch and listen

to TumbleBooks – English and bilingual animated picture books. Others write their own classics.

Homework Help, test preparation and college guides are available for teens. In between assignments, young scholars can explore anime, books, movies, music and sports.

Folks on the go can download audiobooks as well as eBooks through a statewide service.

Inquiring minds can click the ASK Us button to e-mail or “Instant





Message” a librarian for grade AA answers.

Local Impact ~ National Scope

Local branches joined schools and civic organizations to showcase collections of historical photographs and artwork, host community operas, explore Bay Area heritage and improve literacy.

Dublin City Council voted for funding to open the Branch on Fridays from 10am-6pm

In April, the Library joined other Bay Area libraries to promote National Library Week through signs on buses and PSAs on movie theater screens.

Albany City Council sponsored ballot Measure G to provide funding so the Branch can open on Sundays

In June, the Alameda County Library Foundation hosted the 2nd Annual “Passport to Adventure” Fundraiser. In October, the Library participated in National Teen Read Week, and in November, celebrated National Children’s Book Week.

All told, 93,968 people attended Library programs that featured Mandarin, Spanish and bilingual components. More than 4.3 million materials were loaned from a collection of 1.2 million, including 55,416 items in 16 languages.

Library Services on the Road

Not everybody can show up or log on, so the Library took its mission on the road...

Trained volunteers in the Booklegger program visit classrooms and introduce books in ways that transform kids into lifelong readers.

The Bookmobile rolled out to 39 community locations, includ-



ing the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, loaning out 135,725 materials.

For seniors who just can't get to the Library - HomeWord Bound comes to them.

Four hundred thirty-six inmates received 16,253 hours of literacy training through the Reading 4 Life Jail Tutoring Program. Two students were finalists for the statewide Writer to Writer Award.



The Write to Read Program guided 3,835 detained juveniles into the world of books. Youngsters at Juvenile Hall checked out 98% of featured books. Many said, "I read my first book here."

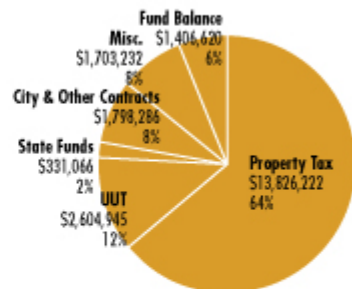
The Alameda County Library. Your Library... where you live, where you go, where you grow. Infinite possibilities.

Jean Hofacket,
County Librarian

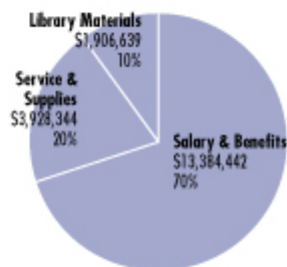
"The public library has been historically a vital instrument of democracy and opportunity in the United States...Our history has been greatly shaped by people who read their way to opportunity and achievements in public libraries."

— Arthur Schlesinger (1888-1965)

**2005/06
Revenue and Fund Balance**
Total \$21,670,371



Expenditures
Total \$19,219,425



Population service area	522,431
Registered borrowers	297,665
Resident	240,568
Nonresident	57,097
Percentage of service area population registered as borrowers	56.98%
Total visits to all Branches during FY 2005/06	2,238,924
Total annual circulation (items checked out)	5,463,529
Annual circulation per capita (books, CDs, DVDs, videos, etc.)	7.06
Reference questions for year	302,616
Website access	
Page views	147,274,673
User sessions	2,039,901
Int'l language materials (total for system)	65,547
Languages represented	16
Library volunteers	2,276
Total hours volunteered	16,273



Alameda County LIBRARY

...Infinite possibilities

BRANCHES & OFFICES

Administration / 510-745-1500

2450 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont 94538-2326

Albany Library / 510-526-3720

1247 Marin Ave., Albany 94706-1796

Castro Valley Library / 510-670-6280

20055 Redwood Road, Castro Valley 94546-4382

Centerville Library / 510-795-2629

3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont 94536-3493

Dublin Library / 925-828-1315

200 Civic Plaza, Dublin 94568-2619

Extension Services / 510-745-1477

2450 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont 94538-2326

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Irvington Library / 510-795-2631

41825 Greenpark Dr., Fremont 94538-4084

Newark Library / 510-795-2627

6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark, 94560-3795

Niles Library / 510-795-2626

150 "I" St., Fremont 94536-2998

San Lorenzo Library / 510-670-6283

395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo 94580-2491

Union City Library / 510-745-1464

34007 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City 94587-4498

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