



Promises Made, Promises Kept



SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

YES!

Our libraries are vital, and we
are willing to support them!



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SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY AND 1/8TH OF A PENNY

OUR MISSION

We are the people, places, and services that spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and champion learning.

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Solano County Library has been an essential provider of information, ideas, and education for over 100 years. Outreach, dynamic programming, and partnerships are the integral services of Solano County Library.

YOUR SUPPORT

In 1997, voters understood libraries were essential for a community's success and agreed to tax themselves 1/8th of a penny sales tax (Measure B). In return, promises were made: **more books, more hours, more programs for youth**. In 2012, the 1/8th of a penny sales tax was extended with the support of an 80% vote (Measure L), ensuring that our libraries continue to be the centers of inspiration and learning: essential for a community's success. Solano County Library is continually responding to, reflecting, and representing our dynamic community.



OUR NUMBERS

**FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM,
TWITTER FOLLOWERS:**

9,806

**ATTENDANCE AT FREE
EVENTS:**

152,716

ITEMS BORROWED:

1,889,095

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS:

159,399

**BOOKS IN PEDIATRIC
CLINICS SINCE 1999:**

285,100

LIBRARY VISITS:

1,454,986

QUESTIONS ANSWERED:

155,153

**FREE LAWYER
CONSULTATIONS:**

590

**ADULT AND YOUTH
VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

31,741

**PASSES TO LOCAL
MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL
ATTRACTIONS:**

1,294

COLLECTIONS

The Library is much more than its books. In addition to the arrival of new books each month, investment in digital choices continues, so that free books, movies, and online learning are available anywhere, anytime for children, teens, and adults.

The Library expanded its collection with the introduction of WiFi hotspot lending for the home or on the go. With the launch of the musical instrument collection, customers of all ages can explore and try out new instruments that can be checked out at no cost with a library card.

COMMUNITY

In addition to being open morning, noon, and night, library staff extended the Library's reach, and continued to meet Solano residents where they are. They visit senior centers for "gadget clinics" and book discussions. Staff continues to bring Storytime at the Mall with an opportunity for children to check out library books after the program.

FACILITIES

Solano County Library introduced RFID technology and automated materials handling in 2018, which checks in and sorts library materials, improves efficiency of staff time and resources, and contributes to increased accuracy of library accounts. As of this year, all branches have high-speed broadband connections, allowing for improved Internet access for staff and customers.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Free tickets to learning destinations such as museums, zoos, and art galleries are downloaded from solanolibrary.com and professional tutors are ready from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, for one-to-one, on-demand, online sessions in English and Spanish.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Solano County Library has storytimes available for families and children where staff share their love of books and reinforce early literacy skills. The variety of storytimes and other book-based programming is just the beginning. There is homework help, afternoon “adventures” and special teen events each week. Activities encourage friendship building skills and social play with the use of the gaming console Nintendo Switch for school age children and Duplo tables for preschool children. Programs planned around STEAM kits provide tweens and teens an opportunity to work with easy-to-use robotics to satisfy their scientific and creative curiosities.

TECHNOLOGY

The Library launched its own makerspace, The Makery, to inspire and empower youth and adults alike to create, explore, discover and learn new skills. This collaborative community space offers a variety of tools from virtual reality and drawing tablets to a 3-D printer and vinyl cutter. Community volunteers donate their time and expertise to teach workshops on using the various equipment in The Makery.

STORYTIME PRESENTATIONS:

1,371

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS:

8,588

MINUTES SPENT READING DURING THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE:

1,270,888

(EQUAL TO 2.4 YEARS)

VISITS TO SOLANOLIBRARY.COM:

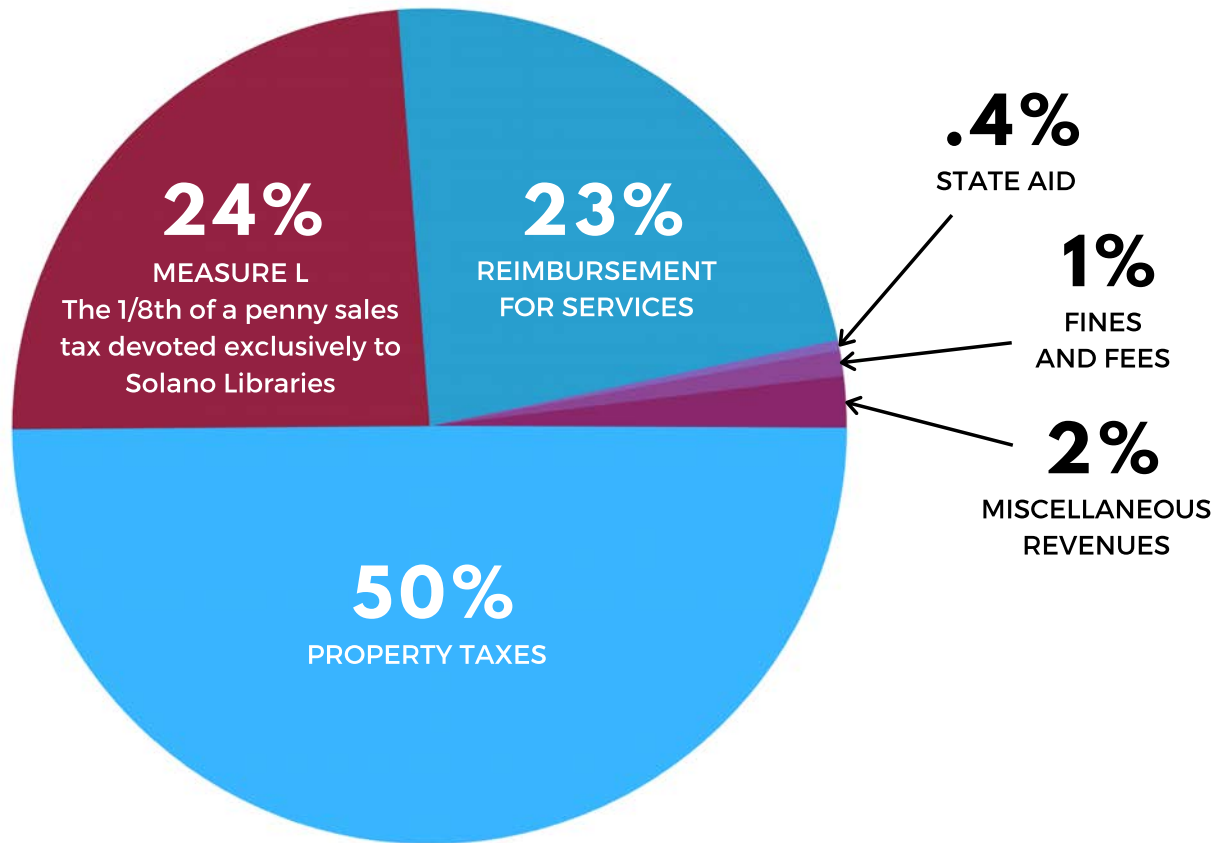
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LIVE ONE-TO-ONE TUTOR.COM SESSIONS:

7,215

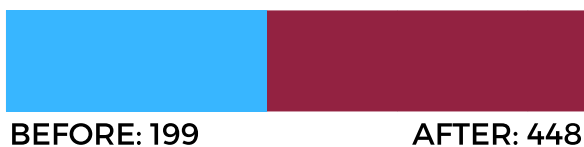
FUNDING SOURCES

FOR SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019



BEFORE & AFTER

THE POSITIVE IMPACTS OF MEASURE L



125%
INCREASE IN HOURS OPEN



289%
INCREASE IN BUDGET FOR
BOOKS, DIGITAL RESOURCES,
AND OTHER MATERIALS



222%
INCREASE IN PROGRAMS
FOR YOUTH

CELEBRATE "PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT" WITH US

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

1150 Kentucky Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

[Band of the Golden West](#)
Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

This band is part of the United States Air Force and performs a variety of events throughout the West Coast. With a range of styles including marches, Latin, Dixieland, and even hits by the Beatles, the Clarinet Quartet offers something for everyone.

FAIRFIELD CORDELIA LIBRARY

5050 Business Center Drive
Fairfield, CA 94534

[After Hours Paint Night](#)
Friday, January 10, 6 p.m.

Join us for a special paint night. This program is designed for adults and teens ages 12 and up. All supplies are provided free of charge. Space is limited, so please call the library to register: 1-866-57-ASKUS

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY

505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

[Paper Moon Music Performance](#)
Saturday, January 18, 2 p.m.

Paper Moon returns to the library with an afternoon of acoustic jazz and Latin music. From exciting originals to Brazilian choros, Argentine tangos, and the music of Duke Ellington, Katrina Wreede and Leo Cavanagh play viola and guitar arrangements that are guaranteed to enchant and delight.

RIO VISTA LIBRARY

44 S. 2nd Street
Rio Vista, Ca 94571

[Community Potluck](#)
Tuesday, January 7, 5:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate another Anniversary of Measure L! Bring a dish to share and enjoy some great company. A sign-up sheet will be at the service desk so you can let us know what you plan to bring to our gathering.

SPRINGSTOWNE LIBRARY

1003 Oakwood Avenue
Vallejo, CA 94591

[Conservation Ambassadors](#)
Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.

Children and families will have a chance to meet wildlife from around the world and learn all about these fascinating critters.

SUISUN CITY LIBRARY

601 Pintail Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585

[After Hours Family Paint Night](#)
Friday, January 3, 5:30 p.m.

Parents, bring your kids! The whole family is welcome for this family-oriented Magical paint night. Space is limited, so please call the library to register: 1-866-57-ASKUS

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY - CULTURAL CENTER

1020 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

[California Raptor Center](#)
Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 p.m.

Children and their families will be able to meet various birds of prey that have been rescued from the wild and learn plenty of interesting facts about these winged predators.

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY - TOWN SQUARE

1 Town Square Place
Vacaville, CA 95688

[Paper Moon Music Performance](#)
Saturday, January 11, 3 p.m.

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