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Civics 101

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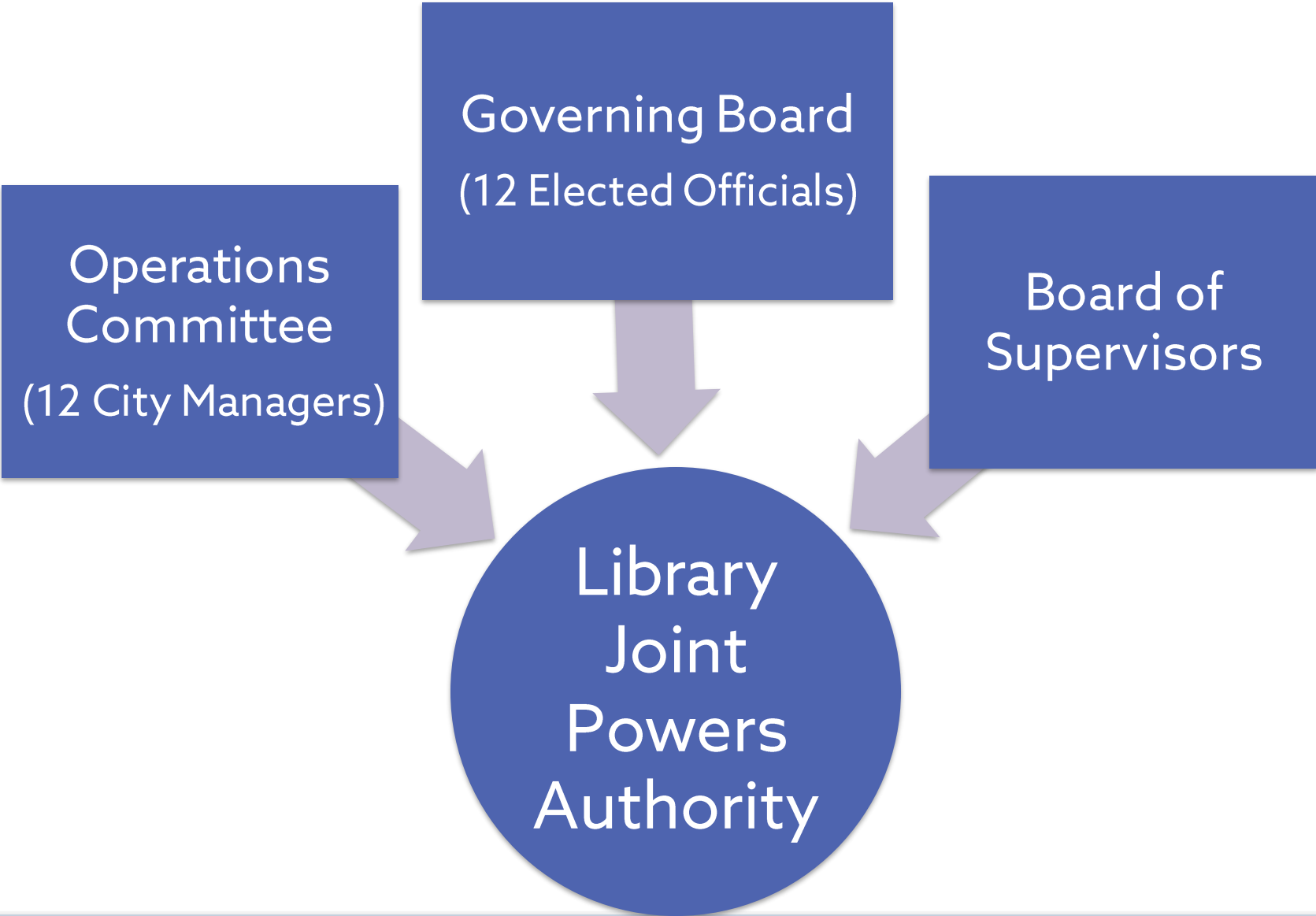
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Established in 1912



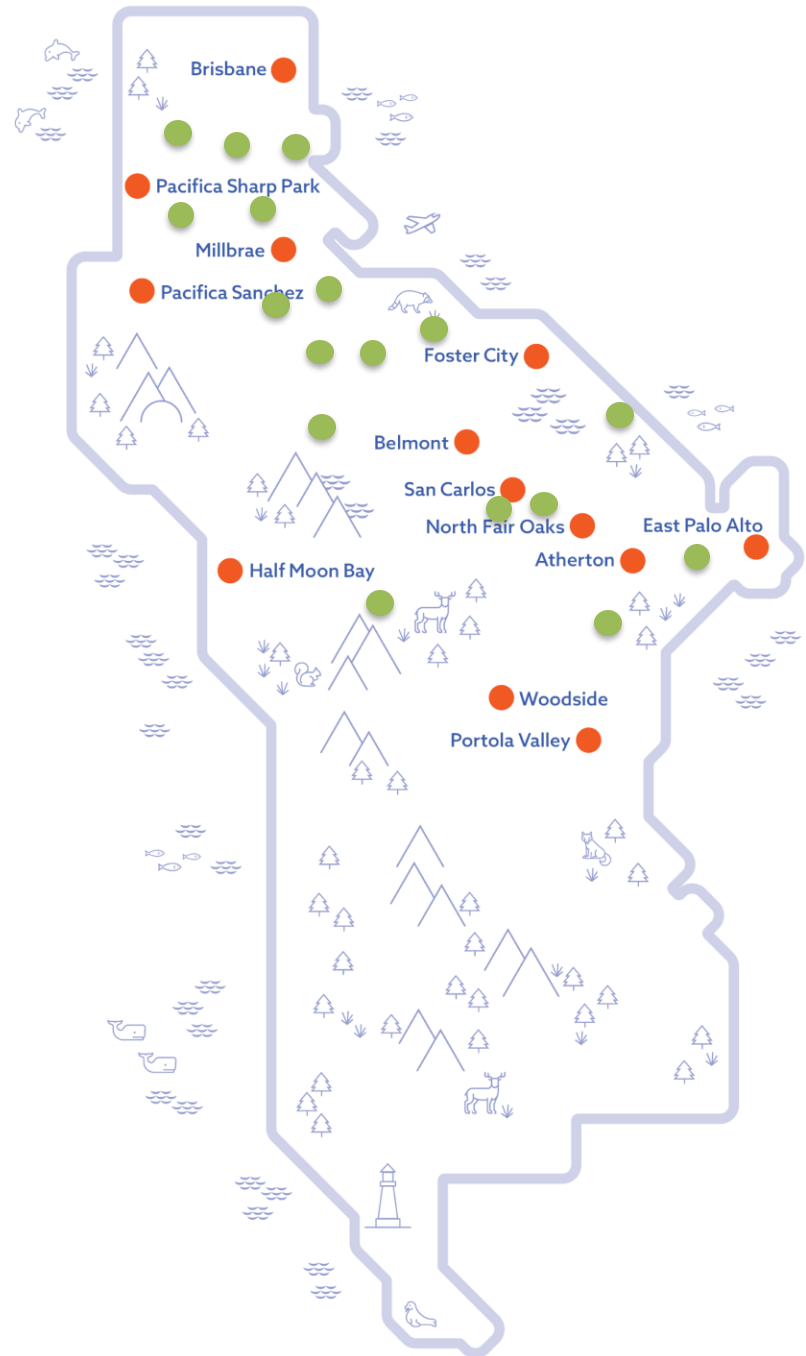




- Atherton
- Belmont
- Brisbane
- East Palo Alto
- Foster City
- Half Moon Bay
- Millbrae
- North Fair Oaks
- Pacifica Sanchez
- Pacifica Sharp Park
- Portola Valley
- San Carlos
- Woodside

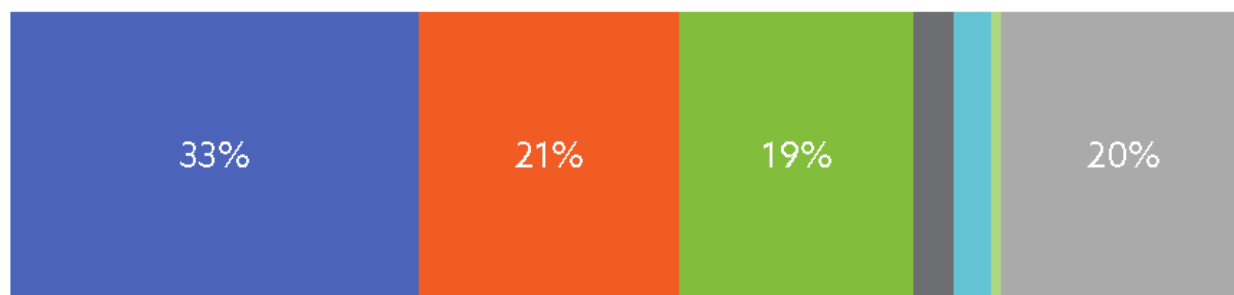
A total of 35 libraries in the San Mateo County

- Daly City
- South San Francisco
- San Bruno
- Burlingame
- San Mateo
- Redwood City
- Menlo Park
- Community Colleges



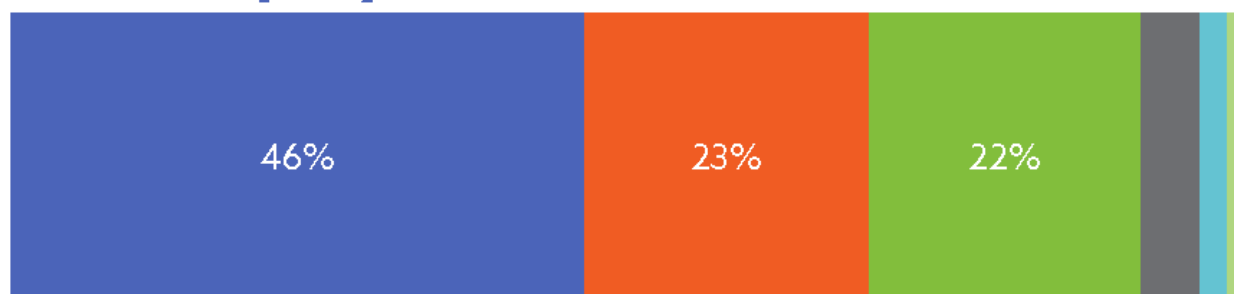
Demographics

Our Community



- White, non-Hispanic
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Multiracial
- Black
- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
- American Indian / Alaska Native
- Other
- Unspecified

Our Employees



Demographics



33%

Of our permanent staff
are bilingual certified

At home, **16%** of
our community
speaks Spanish,
8% speak Chinese
and **15%** speak
another language.

Library Champions



Library Champions

"An excellent and valued community resource that has proved of even greater value during these strained times for me and my family. Thank you."
— Library Patron



Year in Numbers



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Systemwide Year in Numbers

1.8M

Website Visitors

7,520

Total Programs
and Events

4.3M

Wireless
Sessions

28,820

Laptops Circulated

775,530

Digital Downloads

43,120

Meals Served

10,950

Homework
Help Sessions

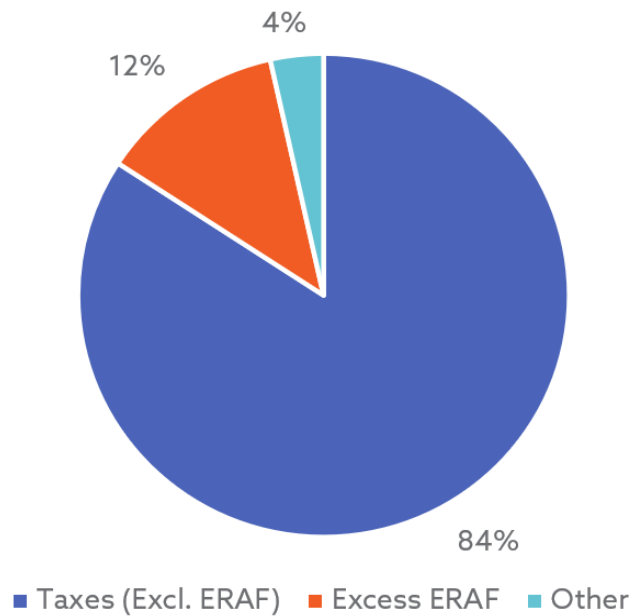
6,720

Hotspot
Checkouts

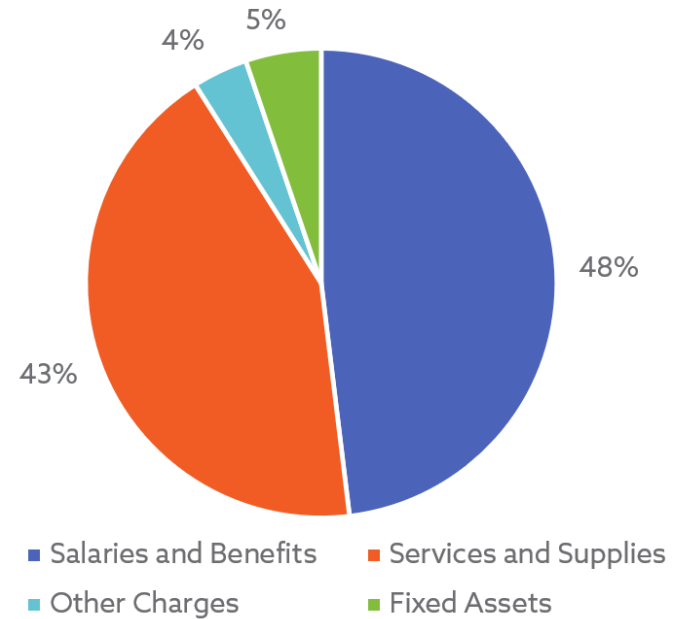


Revenues and Expenditures

FY 2023-24 Budgeted Revenue



FY 2023-24 Budgeted Expenditures



Strategic Plan

Vision

San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences

Mission

San Mateo County Libraries strengthen our community by creating an inclusive sense of place and environment for learning



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Our Goals

We cultivate an active presence and create spaces that support discovery, enrich lives and uplift the community

We are leaders in establishing a foundation of early literacy and supporting exploration and growth at every stage of life

We understand needs and promote meaningful library services as solutions



Accomplishments



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Expanded Hours



Books in More Languages



29,000

World language
items added

227,630

World language
items circulated



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Transformative Experiences

"I've enjoyed working with staff to plan and lead our Power Up Afternoon programs. It's been a nice opportunity to spend time with small groups of school-aged kids and families as they drop-in to do whatever activity we are offering."

— Library Staff



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Inspiring Summers

954

Students
Enrolled

149

Youth
Hired



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Everyone A Maker



2,330
Maker
Programs

37,800
Maker Program
Attendees

Everyone A Maker



Responsive Services



“No one should have to leave the library where they are studying, reading or exploring because they don’t have the simple supplies they need.”

— Sara McDowell,
Library Board Chair and
San Carlos Councilmember

Mental Health First Aid



36%

Of mental health
first aid trained staff
are bilingual

92

Service hours since
March



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Technology Access



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Community Meals



“San Mateo County Libraries is designing spaces, programs and services to fill critical resource gaps in our communities.”

— Congresswoman
Jackie Speier

Open for Exploration



“The library has evolved from a place for books, music and movies to a place of learning in so many forms.”

— Library Patron

Inspiring Spaces

“This project began to address aging infrastructure but soon grew into a more important goal, to honor this community and provide a lasting place where neighbors and families could come together and feel a sense of civic pride.”

— Rick DeGolia, Atherton Councilmember and Library Board Member



Inspiring Spaces



Photo by Cesar Rubio



LIBRARY

Now Open for Exploration
7 Days a Week

FREE
CONCERT
SUNDAY
2-4 PM

620



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Thank you

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