



Stanislaus County Library

Sarah Dentan
County Library Director

1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354
209.558.7801 Fax: 209.529.4779
www.stanislauslibrary.org

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 22, 2022

For more information, contact:

Susan Lilly, 209-558-4813 or 209-613-3672

Library eBooks and audiobooks now available in a single app

Palace Project app expands access for local readers

Access to eBooks and audiobooks is getting a boost at Stanislaus County Libraries, through the Palace Project app. The new app will combine titles in the current cloudLibrary collection with a statewide collection of thousands of books in the Palace app, and shared access to collections from other California Libraries.

“This is fantastic!” said Sarah Dentan, Stanislaus County Library Director. “We’re so excited to offer expanded access to eBooks and audiobooks, which has been somewhat limited.”

The Palace Project is a non-profit, library-centered platform and ereader app that combines access to multiple collections through a single app. In addition, the Palace Project negotiates directly with publishers to offer flexible licensing on materials purchased through the Palace Marketplace. The Stanislaus County Library will expand the local collection of eBooks and audiobooks with Palace Marketplace purchases, maintaining a robust local collection. This is important, because local library customers have priority access to materials owned by their own local library.

January is the official kickoff of the Palace Project in Stanislaus County, but readers are invited to download the Palace Project app and begin using it now. Consider it a holiday gift to yourself! A valid Stanislaus County Library card is required to complete the setup, so those without a library card, should visit www.stanislauslibrary.org to apply for a digital services library card first. Applications are generally processed within 48 – 72 hours. Or, visit in person for a full service library card.

The Palace Project was established with a \$5 million investment from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, with the goal of fostering informed and engaged communities, believed to be essential for a healthy democracy. The foundation invests in journalism, the arts, and the success of cities where brothers John S. and James L. Knight once published newspapers. The Palace Project is expanding rapidly and currently onboarding libraries in 11 states, with new libraries signing on each week.

###