An adventure down every aisle

Your Library At Work

• There are more than 753,000 books (including large print), books on tape/cd, videotapes, magazines, newspapers and premium online databases available at the library every day.

• In 2003-2004, there were 23,077 new library cards issued.

• More than 94,500 new items were added in 2003-2004.

From Book Babies and StoryTime to business research and homework, the Stanislaus County Library has what you need. Friendly staff will guide you, helping you find exactly what you’re seeking. Last year, area residents checked out more than 2 million items at 13 convenient library locations. Visit the Stanislaus County Library – for an adventure down every aisle.
In 2003-2004, 134,303 reference questions were answered by library staff in person, by phone, fax or email.

Telephone reference/information is available seven days a week at (209) 558-7814.

Ask Now – 24/7 Reference, a live online chat with a librarian, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access it by visiting the Web site: www.stanislauslibrary.org

The Special Collections Room at the Modesto Library is staffed by volunteers from the Stanislaus County Genealogical Society: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The most frequently requested information topics are: auto repair manuals, product reviews, obituaries, used vehicle values, sheet music and song lyrics, cookbooks and a range of homework research.
Children’s Services

Pre-School StoryTime is offered at all 13 libraries throughout the county. StoryTimes are also offered at some locations for older children, families, toddlers and even infants.

• Last summer, 368 teens participated in Teens Read. They read 2,223 books.

• More than 7,500 children participated in the Summer Reading Club. As a group, they read more than 19,000 hours!

Stanislaus County Libraries make reading and learning fun. Weekly StoryTimes are offered at all 13 libraries – developing pre-reading skills in even the youngest children. Children also participate in craft projects, special storytelling events and musical performances. Last year, children attended StoryTime 38,359 times countywide.

Families are reading at home, too. More than 1 million children’s books were checked out last year.
Computers & Technology

- Through Bridges to Technology, 234 small-group computer classes were offered countywide in 2003-2004, serving 802 students.

- WebWednesday, monthly technology classes offered in partnership with modbee.com, has provided information to 993 attendees about topics such as digital photography, Web site design and online security.

Get connected at www.stanislauslibrary.org

- Search the library catalog, place holds, renew items checked out, apply for a library card online.

- Email a librarian with your questions or use Ask Now – 24/7 Reference for immediate assistance through an online chat.

- Search Ebscohost, an online magazine database, with full text articles from 1,800 publications.

- Search Biography Resource Center, with more than 300,000 biographies on 200,000 people.

- Search Contemporary Literary Criticism, an extensive collection of critical essays on contemporary authors.

- Search Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center, a complete one-stop source for information on social issues. Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, primary document links to Web sites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

From home or at your library, we’re helping you make the most out of every busy day. With 145 public computer stations countywide, the library provides access for word processing, Internet searching and premium subscription databases. At www.stanislauslibrary.org, you can save time by searching the library catalog online, placing holds or renewing items, even applying for a new library card – all from the convenience of your own home or office.
Home Delivery Service

For more than 30 years, the library’s Home Delivery Service has been a vital link for those who cannot come to the library. This nationally recognized, award-winning program operates with the help of 34 dedicated volunteers who select and deliver books, large-print books, books on tape/cd, magazines and videos to 241 homebound residents in private homes and retirement facilities.

To volunteer or learn more about this service, call (209) 558-7817.
Reading Works

• Last year, 71 percent of students improved their reading skills by one grade level, and/or met a literacy improvement goal.

• 75 percent of employed students improved on their jobs.

• 100 percent of students with children report an increased ability to read to their children.

For more information about becoming a tutor or getting help, call (209) 558-4505.

Improving literacy skills among Stanislaus County’s adults is essential to building a stronger, healthier community. Through ReadingWorks, a partnership with the Stanislaus Literacy Center, volunteers conduct individual or small-group tutoring sessions at libraries, the West Modesto Community Center and the Job Club Center. As a result, 601 adults improved their reading and writing skills last year. Tutors are always needed and they make a tremendous difference in the lives of their students.
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Circulation Statistics 2003-2004

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Library Expenditures 2003-2004

- Human Resources: 60%
- Operating Expenses: 23%
- Structures and Improvements: 1%
- Materials: 16%

Library Revenue 2003-2004

- Sales Tax: 81%
- State: 5%
- County General Fund: 9%
- Local: 5%
Library Cards

Getting a library card is quick and easy!
1) Visit your library and complete an application or complete the application online at www.stanislauslibrary.org.
2) Show your photo identification and proof of address to activate your account. There is no age limit to obtain a library card, but children will need a parent or guardian’s signature, accepting responsibility for borrowed materials.

For more information, contact Reference/Information at (209) 558-7814, visit your local branch or send email to refquest@scfl.lib.ca.us