

The Stanislaus County Library fosters the love of reading and opens the door to knowledge.

In 1995, Stanislaus County voters approved a 1/8 cent sales tax increment to support the Stanislaus County Library. They voted to extend the special tax in 1999 for a period of five years. In March 2004, voters approved an eight-year extension. In June 2012, voters overwhelmingly approved a five-year extension. It is in effect until June 30, 2018.

THEN AND NOW CERES LIBRARY

1994/1995	2015/2016
<p>In 1994/1995, the City of Ceres contributed funding to the Ceres library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open 23 hours per week • No Story Times • No children’s programs • No class visits • No teen services • Limited reference services • No public Internet stations 	<p>No city funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open 39 hours per week • 2 Story Times per week • Special children’s programs: puppet shows, storytellers and craft programs • Class visits available • Teen services available • Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax and email • 12 public Internet stations • Updated interior and services, including a fully renovated children’s area, enhanced technology (iPads and laptops available for in-house use), more public computers, and access to fax and scanning services
<p>County-wide</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14,391 new library cards issued • Wireless Internet access at all libraries • Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax, and email • Internet access to electronic information sources: www.stanislauslibrary.org • 55,476 new books, eBooks, audiovisual resources, newspapers, and magazines • Full-time and part-time staff: 157 • Adult and family literacy tutoring program • Senior services, large-print books, home delivery service for the homebound