

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 a measure to continue the tax, this time for eight years. It is in effect until June 30, 2013.

Then & Now

Stanislaus County Library

1994/95

2006/07

County-wide

In 1994/95, all cities in the county contributed funding to libraries.

- Open 240 hours per week
- No StoryTimes
- No children's programs
- No class visits
- No public Internet stations
- No teen services
- Limited reference services
- 16,732 new library cards issued
- No new libraries
- No telephone reference
- No Internet access to electronic information sources
- 12,482 new books purchased
- Staff members system-wide: 34
- No adult literacy tutoring program
- Limited senior services

No city funding

- Open 581 hours per week
- 31 StoryTimes per week
- Special children's programs: puppet shows, storytellers and craft programs
- Class visits available
- 128 public Internet stations
- Teen services available
- Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax and e-mail
- 21,798 new library cards issued
- Larger libraries in Salida, Keyes, Empire & Hughson
- Telephone reference available daily
- Internet access to electronic information sources: www.stanislauslibrary.org
- 84,187 new books, books on tape/CD, newspapers, magazines, premium online databases & videotapes/DVDs purchased
- Full- and Part-Time Staff: 230
- Adult and family literacy tutoring program
- Senior services, large print books, home delivery for the elderly house-bound