

*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 EMPIRE LIBRARY AND NOW

## 1994/1995

- Open 10 hours per week
- No Story Times
- No children's programs
- No class visits
- No teen services
- Limited reference services
- No public Internet stations

## 2015/2016

- Open 24 hours per week
- 1 Story Time 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
- 10 public Internet stations

## County-wide

- 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](http://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