

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 MODESTO LIBRARY AND NOW

1994/1995

2015/2016

In 1994/95, the City of Modesto contributed funding to the Modesto Library.

- Open 27 hours per week
- 2 Story Times per week (funded by corporate donations)
- No children's programs
- No class visits
- No teen services
- Limited reference services
- No public Internet stations

No city funding

- Open 51 hours per week
- 7 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
- 26 public Internet stations
- Passport applications accepted

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
- 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