

*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 PATTERSON LIBRARY AND NOW

1994/1995	2015/2016
<p><b>In 1994/1995, the City of Patterson contributed funding to the Patterson Library.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open 23 hours per week</li> <li>• No Story Times</li> <li>• No children's programs</li> <li>• No class visits</li> <li>• No teen services</li> <li>• Limited reference services</li> <li>• No public Internet stations</li> </ul>	<p><b>No city funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open 38 hours per week</li> <li>• 2 Story Times per week</li> <li>• Special children's programs: puppet shows, storytellers and craft programs</li> <li>• Class visits available</li> <li>• Teen services available</li> <li>• Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax and email</li> <li>• 10 public Internet stations</li> </ul>
<p><b>County-wide</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14,391 new library cards issued</li> <li>• Wireless Internet access at all libraries</li> <li>• Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax, and email</li> <li>• Internet access to electronic information sources: <a href="http://www.stanislauslibrary.org">www.stanislauslibrary.org</a></li> <li>• 55,476 new books, eBooks, audiovisual resources, newspapers, and magazines</li> <li>• Full-time and part-time staff: 157</li> <li>• Adult and family literacy tutoring program</li> <li>• Senior services, large-print books, home delivery service for the homebound</li> </ul>