20,689 Story Times have been attended by 732,277 people. Investment since 1995: approx. $800,766

7,858 special children’s programs have been presented, including puppeteers, jugglers, storytellers and magicians, with attendance of 314,218. Investment since 1995: $524,378

1,531,360 new books and materials have been purchased and 44,618,463 items have been checked out. Investment since 1995: $22,908,468

3,246,530 reference questions have been answered in person, by phone, fax, email and online chat. Investment since 1995: approx. $11,862,911

Customers have logged 3,765,002 computer sessions at Stanislaus County Libraries, providing access to technology for all residents. Investment since 1995: $2,842,455

18,004 adult learners improved their literacy skills in reading, comprehension, writing and math through the Adult Literacy program, a partnership with Learning Quest - Stanislaus Literacy Centers. Investment since 1995: $3,384,428

The 13 branches of the Stanislaus County Library System have been open 618,812 hours collectively. Investment since 1995: $195,385,926
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.

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### THEN AND NOW

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<th>1994/1995 County-wide</th>
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- Open 240 hours per week
- No Story Times
- No children’s programs
- No class visits
- No public Internet stations
- No teen services
- Limited reference services
- 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 outreach services for children/families

- Open 558 hours per week
- 29 Story Times per week
- Special children’s programs, including puppet shows, storytellers and craft programs
- Class visits available
- 138 public Internet stations and free WiFi access
- Teen services available
- Reference services via visits to the library, telephone, fax, and email
- Ceres Library renovated in 2015, with a fully updated children’s area & enhanced technology
- Telephone reference available during open hours
- Internet access to electronic information sources: www.stanislauslibrary.org
- 53,942 new books, eBooks, audiovisual resources, newspapers, and magazines
- Access to digital audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, ebooks, and emagazines
- Full-time and part-time staff: 168
- Adult and family literacy tutoring program
- Senior services, large-print books, home delivery service for the homebound
- Dedicated outreach services, with pop-up libraries at WIC and Juvenile Justice Center
- Passport applications accepted at the Modesto and Salida libraries
- Self-service stations for checkout, payment of fines and fees, and document printing
- Online payments available
- Library Mobile App

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