



Stanislaus County Library

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New services expand access to books, audiobooks, eBooks and Chromebooks at Stanislaus County Libraries

New grants and partnerships provide new offerings

The Stanislaus County Library recently joined cloudLink, which provides a platform for libraries to share digital collections with other participating libraries. This partnership allows libraries to increase digital circulation and decrease hold times. CloudLink integrates seamlessly with the existing cloudLibrary service.

“The only change customers will notice is more title selections,” said Bryan Sontag, Library Operations Manager. “By joining cloudLink with more than 25 other libraries, our digital collection grew from 5,000 to about 100,000 titles.”

Through Zip Books, a service provided through a grant from the California State Library, customers can request books and audiobooks that are not in the Stanislaus County Library catalog. The library will order available books and audiobooks for delivery directly to the customer’s home using Amazon Prime.

“This innovative new program will enable us to deliver requested materials directly to customers within a few days,” said Diane McDonnell, County Library Director. “This grant will provide \$60,500 for books and audiobooks over the next year.”

To use the Zip Books service, a customer simply completes a form on the library’s website: www.stanislauslibrary.org. The item is ordered and delivered to the library customer. The customer may keep the item for three weeks, just like other library materials. When the customer returns the book to the library, it can then be added to the library’s circulating collection for others to enjoy as well.

Another recently awarded grant from the California State Library will provide 36 Chromebooks to be allocated to select Stanislaus County Libraries, including Waterford, Patterson, Newman, Modesto, Salida and Turlock. The Chromebooks will be checked out for use within the library.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.stanislauslibrary.org to learn more about these and other library services.

About the Stanislaus County Library

The Stanislaus County Library engages all members of the community and offers access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development. With 13 locations throughout the county, the Library offers free access to a diverse collection of materials, computer access and Wi-Fi, Story Times, programming for all ages, and more. To learn more about the Library’s wide array of programs and services, visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.

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