



FY 2021/22 FACT SHEET

San José Public Library

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sjpl.org

Mission

Enrich lives by fostering lifelong learning and ensuring every member of the community has access to a vast array of ideas and information.



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Overview

San José Public Library (SJPL), located in the Capital of Silicon Valley, serves a culturally diverse population of more than one million in the country's 10th largest city. SJPL is one of the busiest library systems nationwide with nearly 7-million visits, annually. Award-winning staff strive to ensure library services reflect the city's rich diversity and that every library member's experience is exceptional. SJPL is recognized for its innovation and leadership and has received a number of recognitions and honors, including the 2011 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for a library.

Locations

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

A unique collaboration between the City of San José and San José State University, combining the collections and services of the public and university libraries.

Branch Libraries

Twenty-four welcoming branches are community hubs of activity.

Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Library

A bridge branch library provides services to residents in neighborhoods where geographic barriers may limit access, by transforming a new or existing facility into a functional public library.

Unique Services

California Room

Local and state history.
sjpl.org/CAroom

Citizenship Services

Naturalization resources and assistance.
sjpl.org/Citizenship

Early Education Services

Resources and programs for ages 0-5.
sjpl.org/EarlyEducation

Education & Literacy Services

Providing and connecting the community to a vast array of ideas and information.
sjpl.org/Education

Family Learning Centers

Programs to improve literacy and life skills.
sjpl.org/FamilyLearning

Maker[Space]Ship

An innovative mobile maker space.
sjpl.org/MakerSpaceShip

Partners in Reading

Reading help for adults.
sjpl.org/PAR

SJPL Works

Career & business resources.
sjpl.org/SJPLWorks

TeenHQ

Center designed by and just for teens.
sjpl.org/TeenHQ

Volunteer Services

Providing volunteer opportunities.
sjpl.org/Volunteer

FY 2020/21 Facts

At a Glance

Population served	976,482
Visits	2,154,869
Web Visits	2,090,691
Facilities	25
Staff	535
Library card members	733,824
Operating budget	\$59 million
Costs per capita	\$60.52

Enhancing Access

Items in collection	2,094,344
Languages in collection	94
Items loaned	6,904,760
Digital downloads	1,421,101
Computer reservations	156,690

Creating Connections

Library questions answered	293,574
Homework sessions	374
Homework hours logged	1,711
Total events & programs	6,915
Events & programs attendees	204,298

Volunteer Engagement

Total Volunteers	1,157
Volunteered Hours	21,925