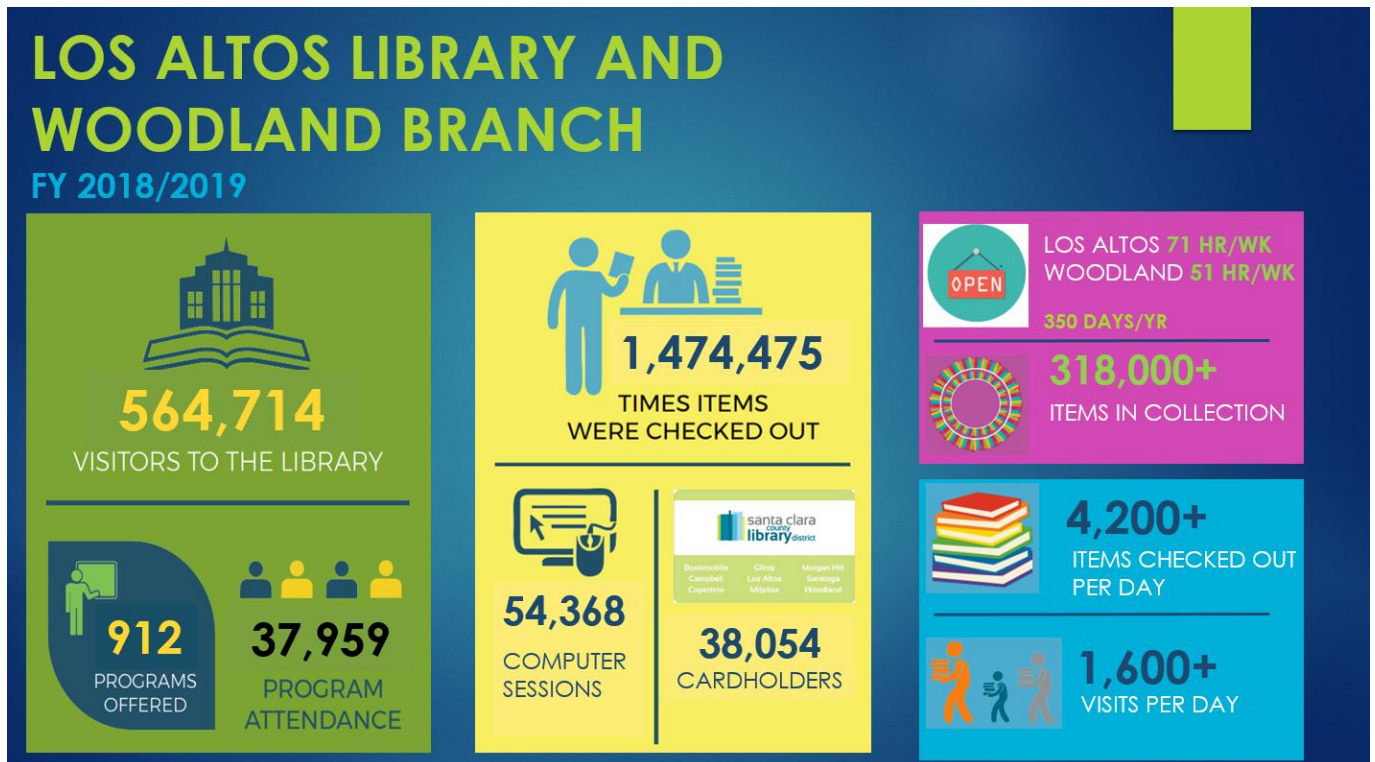


LOS ALTOS LIBRARY AND WOODLAND BRANCH

2019 Year End Report

STATISTICS



Los Altos Main Library and Woodland Branch Library are open 7 days a week. The main library is open 71 hours per week and the branch is open 51 hours per week. In FY 2018/2019, Los Altos Main Library and Woodland Branch Library had over 560,000 visits with an average of 1600 visitors per day. Almost 38,000 people attended 912 programs designed for children, teen, adults and seniors. The community checked out over 1.4 million items with an average of 4,200 items checked out per day. Our robust collection includes over 318,000 books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, periodicals, book club kits, and more. In addition to checking out materials, library users logged over 54,000 sessions on the public computers. Over 38,000 of our library card holders reside in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and neighboring unincorporated areas and include students of LASD and MVLAHSD. In an ongoing effort to provide education resources to students, this year all LASD and MVLAHSD students received library ecards and access to all of the library's digital content and online resources 24/7.

NEWS

PASSPORT SERVICES

AT THE LOS ALTOS LIBRARY

www.sccl.org/passports



HOURS (by appointment only):

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 5 pm

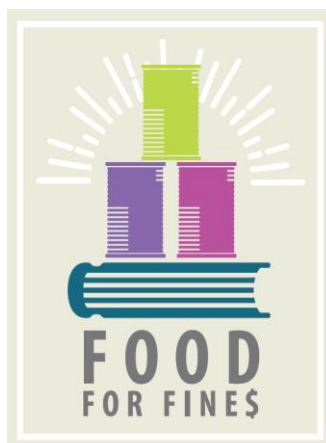
Monday, Wednesday 1 pm – 8 pm

Los Altos Library is an official Passport Acceptance Facility offering the following services:

- First-time passports
- Renewals of passports issued before the applicant was 16 years of age
- Renewals for expired passports issued more than 15 years ago
- Replacements for lost, stolen, or damaged passports
- Passport photo service

Appointments must be booked in advance online. For full details including forms, required documentation and fees, and to book an appointment, please visit our website at www.sccl.org/passports

Come to the library to plan your next trip AND take care of your passport. The library has an extensive collection of travel books, Rosetta Stone to learn another language, information on different states, countries, cultures, international foods, and now, passport services!



You donate
the food –
we'll waive
your fines

Food for Fines returned. During the month of April, patrons donated food and we waived library fines. In its two years (April 2018 and April 2019), over 14,000 patrons participated in Food for Fines in Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD). SCCLD waived \$277,189 and collected over 35 tons of food which is equivalent to 60,000 meals for Second Harvest Food Bank.

HIGHLIGHTS

STEAM Programs



STEAM programs allow children to explore, question, experiment as well as create, learn and build. Library STEAM programs include robot coding, basic circuitry and electronics, 3D design, physics and engineering challenge, stop motion film, and coding in Python and JavaScript.

Storytimes



Our storytimes are designed to help build early literacy skills and support parents and caregivers of young children as they develop skills needed to become successful readers. Weekly, Los Altos Library offers 3 interactive toddler storytimes, a preschool storytime, a bilingual storytime in Mandarin-English, a baby lapsit storytime (including sign language). The inclusive sensory storytime is monthly. Woodland Branch offers a weekly toddler storytime and baby lapsit storytime.

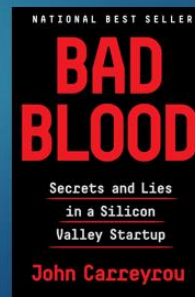


Summer Reading

Summer Reading Program is for all ages. There is something for everyone with reading lists, programs and resources. We challenged participants to read at least 5 books during the summer months to keep skills sharp preventing the Summer Slide.

Book Clubs

- Book Bugs Club 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Cool Kids Read Club 4th through 6th Grade
- Adult Book Discussion
- Senior Book Club
- Great Books Discussion
- Now Read This Book Club
- The Whodunit? Book Group
- Adult Book Club at WO
- Senior Book Club at WO



Reading keeps children learning and improves memory at any age. If you would like to join others who love reading and enjoy lively discussions, we offer nine book clubs ranging from 2nd grade to seniors.

Reading Buddies



In addition to Storytime and Summer Reading, the library offers Reading Buddies. Children buddy up with a furry friend and delight in reading a favorite book. Reading Buddies is for readers from kindergarten through 5th grade. Each session is with a specially trained therapy dog and volunteer from Furry Friends.



Music, Theater, Dance



The library also strives to provide cultural experiences through music, theatrical performances, dance and art.

Lectures and learning

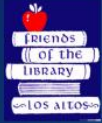
- Travel
- Investments
- Gardening
- Art
- Health
- Science
- Photography
- ESL Conversation Club
- History
- Author Talks
- Real Estate
- Great Decisions
- World Affairs
- Genealogy
- Technology
- and more...

The library offers a wide variety of programs and events for adults and teens, including lectures, demonstrations, discussions, author events, and classes.



- Browse and check out materials
- Get a library card
- Learn more about library resources and services from staff

The Go Go Biblio and staff have been popping up all around town and included Spring Egg Hunt, Pet Parade, Apricot STEM Fair, Farmer's Market, Movie Night on the Green, Science on the Green, LAH Campout, Halloween Spook-tacular, Pumpkin Carving with Cops, senior center, preschools and neighborhood block parties.



Friends of the Library



- Serving community since 1957
- 200+ Volunteers

FY 18/19

- \$113,200 for bestsellers and new books
- \$30,400 library programs for children, teens and adults

Friends of the Library fund the bestseller collection, numerous library programs for children, teens, adults and seniors. Proceeds from their quarterly book sales, online sales, ongoing sales and a café benefit the library and community.

Los Altos Library Endowment



FY 18/19

- \$22,500 science and technology collection
- \$2,500 STEAM programs
- \$7,000 Whipple Collection
- \$6,000 3D Project

Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) contributes funds to support the science and technology collection, Whipple collection of Teaching Courses, STEAM programs, Science and Technology Week and most recently the 3D design and printing project. LALE also funded the Go Go Biblio, our electric mobile library vehicle.



Volunteer Appreciation



9,400+
VOLUNTEER HOURS

We celebrated with our amazing volunteers who donate their time and energy in supporting the library and community.

- Thank you to the volunteers who assist staff in delivering services more efficiently and effectively. Such as helping with the search lists, placing books in order, preparing supplies for programs and much more.
- Thank you to the Friends of the Los Altos Library for your endless support and generous funding of the best seller collection, new book collection, quality programming such as Summer Reading and library projects.
- Thank you to the Los Altos Library Endowment for your unfailing support and funding of the Whipple Collection, the science and technology collection, STEAM programming and our Go Go Biblio.
- Thank you to the Library Commissioners, NCLA and NCLA Library Redevelopment Task Force for your continued guidance and support.

2020

- Silicon Valley Reads
- Summer Reading
- Go Go Biblio & Outreach
- NCLA Library Redevelopment
- Friends of the Library Space
- Science & Technology Week
- Commission Work Plan
- Service Plan

