

Stanislaus County Library

- Mission: To foster the love of reading and open the door to knowledge.
- Libraries located throughout Stanislaus County in Ceres, Denair, Empire, Hughson, Keyes, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Salida, Turlock and Waterford.
- Library Administration Office is located at the Modesto Library, 1500 I Street. 209-558-7801.
- Stanislaus County Library is funded primarily through a 1/8-cent special sales tax, which expires in June 2013. Other revenue comes from the state, county, grants and fines/fees.
- Collection totals more than 826,000 items, including books, large print books, libros in español, books on tape/CD, classic movies and educational videos/DVDs, magazines, and newspapers. Annual circulation is just over 2 million items.
- Cardholders may check out and return materials at any Stanislaus County Library. Materials may also be transported between branches for more convenient customer pickup.
- Weekly StoryTimes and special programs for children offered at all branches.
- Customers can search the library catalog, place holds on materials, renew items and apply for a library card at www.stanislauslibrary.org.
- Customers can chat with a librarian anytime – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by clicking on “Ask Now” at www.stanislauslibrary.org.
- Electronic resources available at www.stanislauslibrary.org include:
(A library card is required to access these resources from outside the library.)
 - EbscoHost – magazine and newspaper articles from more than 1,800 publications.
 - Auto Repair Resource Center – car repair manuals for most cars dating back to the 1970s.
 - Biography Resource Center – more than 300,000 biographies on 200,000 people.
 - Literature Resource Center – information about authors and their works.
 - Opposing Viewpoints – pro and con arguments on various social issues.
 - Social Studies Fact Cards – basic social studies facts on states, the United States and the world.
(Designed for grades 4 through 8.)
- Other electronic resources searchable within the library:
 - Reference USA – a nationwide database of businesses.
 - Ancestry.com – a collection of records useful in researching family history. Includes census records, military records, birth, death and marriage records.
- Inter Library Loan – Library customers may borrow materials from other libraries worldwide through Inter Library Loan. A \$5 search fee is assessed for items not owned by the Stanislaus County Library.
- ReadingWorks, a partnership with the Stanislaus Literacy Center, trains and matches volunteer tutors with adults who need help with their reading, writing and basic math skills.
- Home Delivery Service utilizes volunteers to select and deliver library materials to those who are physically unable to visit the library. Home Delivery Service was nationally recognized with an “Acts of Caring” Award, presented by the National Association of Counties.
- Traveling Tales – a program funded through the Children and Families Commission, provides training and storytelling kits to daycare providers and preschools throughout Stanislaus County.