

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Library

BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.2  
AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Close All County Libraries on Saturday, July 4, 2026, and Close All County Libraries Early on Thursday, December 31, 2026

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0209**

On motion of Supervisor Withrow ----- Seconded by Supervisor B. Condit -----  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: B. Condit, Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Chairman Chiesa -----

Noes: Supervisors: None -----

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None -----

Abstaining: Supervisor: None -----


1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

  
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ATTEST: MARY E. HARTSFIELD, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: NO

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Close All County Libraries on Saturday, July 4, 2026, and Close All County Libraries Early on Thursday, December 31, 2026

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the closure of all Stanislaus County Libraries on Saturday, July 4, 2026.
2. Approve the closure of all Stanislaus County Libraries at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2026.
3. Authorize select Stanislaus County Libraries to remain open during regularly scheduled hours on Friday, July 3, 2026, transferring observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday to Saturday, July 4, 2026.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Board of Supervisors has the authority to set operating days and hours of County facilities. Each year, various Stanislaus County agencies close due to the holidays. The Stanislaus County Library (Library) operates 13 community libraries and one express library. Its locations include Stanislaus County's nine incorporated cities and four unincorporated communities. Regularly scheduled hours of service range from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. All Library locations are closed on Sundays.

In calendar year 2026, the July 4th holiday falls on a Saturday. Stanislaus County observes the July 4th holiday on Friday, July 3, per Stanislaus County Code 3.48.010. In honor of the July 4th holiday, the Library is requesting to align its public closure with the July 4th date. The Library requests to remain open to the public on Friday, July 3, 2026. There are five libraries regularly scheduled to be open on Fridays:

1. Empire Library
2. Hughson Library
3. Modesto Express Library
4. Salida Library
5. Turlock Library

The Library requests to close 11 of its libraries that would regularly be scheduled to operate on Saturday, July 4, 2026. The libraries are:

1. Ceres Library
2. Empire Library

3. Hughson Library
4. Modesto Express Library
5. Newman Library
6. Oakdale Library
7. Patterson Library
8. Riverbank Library
9. Salida Library
10. Turlock Library
11. Waterford Library

Keyes Library and Modesto Library are not included in this request as they are closed for construction. Denair Library is regularly closed on Saturdays.

The Library is requesting approval to close all libraries at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2026. Customer visits are expected to be low on New Year's Eve. The libraries are:

1. Ceres Library
2. Denair Library
3. Empire Library
4. Hughson Library
5. Keyes Library
6. Modesto Express Library
7. Modesto Library
8. Newman Library
9. Oakdale Library
10. Patterson Library
11. Riverbank Library
12. Salida Library
13. Turlock Library
14. Waterford Library

These requests will only apply to any libraries that will not be closed for construction on the affected dates. The Board of Supervisors has approved similar requests in prior years. The most recent Library closure requests were approved on December 9, 2025 ([Board Resolution No. 2025-0643](#)) and on June 9, 2020 ([Board Resolution No. 2020-0241](#)).

As part of its public information program, the Stanislaus County Library prepares a monthly calendar of events that is made available at all Library branches, via the internet, and through the local media. Upon Board of Supervisors' approval of the recommended actions, the Stanislaus County Library will be able to update information pertaining to hours of operation so that members of the public are aware of the Library schedule.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Board approval is required for library closures pursuant to Stanislaus County Code 2.56.010. The code section reads, "All county offices shall be kept open for the transaction of business during such hours and on such days as may be prescribed by the board of supervisors by resolution."

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this item.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

The closure of the Stanislaus County Library for holidays is consistent with the Board's priority of *Delivering Efficient Public Service* to benefit residents and businesses by aligning operating hours with community expectations.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with approval of the recommendation.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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