

FACT SHEET

MISSION: We enrich lives and build community.

VISION: The Fresno County Public Library:

...is recognized as a premier resource for educational support, self-directed learning and recreation,
...provides creative and innovative services to meet evolving community needs,
...is a welcoming community gathering place and a cornerstone of family, cultural and civic life,
...bases all service decisions on customer needs and preferences,
...is a vibrant organization strengthened by the creative contribution of each individual.

HISTORY

The Fresno County Public Library was founded in 1910 and housed at that time in the Fresno City Library building, which had been constructed in 1904 with a \$30,000 donation from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Subsequent gifts provided Carnegie libraries in Selma, Clovis and Sanger between 1906 and 1916. Miss Sarah E. McCardle was the first county librarian, developing the library into the then second largest county library in the state with 54 branches, 152 elementary and high school libraries and a circulation of 748,553 volumes. In 1917, the two organizations merged and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors became the governing body for the County Library system, with 12 communities initially designated to have County branches.

By the late 1950s, the first Carnegie library building had outgrown its original quarters and the time had come to replace it with a new Central Library. The present-day Central Library in downtown Fresno opened on April 13, 1959 and today serves as the Headquarters for the Fresno County Public Library and its branch libraries. The Central Library also serves as the Headquarters Library for the San Joaquin Valley Library System (SJVLS), a consortium of the County libraries of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare Counties, as well as the Coalinga-Huron District Library and Porterville and Tulare Public Libraries.

QUICK STATS (FY 2012)

- Budget: \$25,935,332
- Service Population: 919,379 residents
- Public Service Hours: 76,398 hours
- Employees: 292 full time and part time
- Cardholders: 299,756 residents
- Programs: 2,220 for all ages
- Program Attendance: 82,681 of all ages
- Books: 981,536 items
- E-Books: 6,647 items
- Audiovisual Materials: 193,243 items
- Circulation: 3,989,774 items checked out
- Computer Use: 787,326 sessions
- Website Use: 1,271,041 visits

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Library offers Fresno County residents a wealth of information and materials, free of charge, in a variety of formats and languages. In addition to a diverse collection of books and magazines/newspapers, Library services include:

- Adult Programs
- Apendovan Literacy Bookmobile
- Audiobooks, DVDs and Music CDs
- Borrowing Privileges at Libraries from Merced to Bakersfield
- Business Resources
- Literacy Tutoring and Families for Literacy Service Center at the Central Library
- Grants and Nonprofit Center at the Central Library
- California History and Genealogy Room at the Central Library
- Doris Gates Children's Room at the Central Library
- Children's Storytimes
- Community Bookmobile
- Community Meeting Rooms
- Computer Classes
- Laptops for Use in the Library
- Dial-A-Story
- Downloadable E-Books
- Electronic Homework Resources
- Government Documents Repository
- Grandparents/Grandreaders Program
- Job Service Outreach, including Workshops on Resumes and Interview Skills
- Online Library Catalog
- Public Internet Computers at Every Location
- Reference Assistance
- Research Databases
- Senior Resource Center Library
- Study Rooms
- Summer Reading Program for All Ages
- Talking Book Library for the Blind
- Touchtone Service for the Deaf/Persons with Hearing Impairments
- Wireless Access (free of charge) at 13 Locations
- Mobile Library App

WEB SITE

Home Page: www.fresnolibrary.org

Children's Page: www.fresnolibrary.org/child

Teen Page: www.fresnolibrary.org/teen

SUPPORT GROUPS

Foundation for the Fresno County Public Library

Friends of the Fresno County Public Library

Branch Friends of the Library



LOCATIONS

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Central Library, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, 600-7323

REGIONAL LIBRARIES

Clovis, 1155 Fifth Street, 600-9531

Fig Garden, 3071 West Bullard, Fresno, 600-4071

Sunnyside, 5566 East Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, 600-6594

Woodward Park, 944 East Perrin Avenue, Fresno, 600-3135

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Auberry, 33049 Auberry Road, 855-8523

Kerman, 15081 West Kearney Plaza, 846-8804

Kingsburg, 1399 Draper Street, 897-3710

Reedley, 1027 "E" Street, 638-2818

Sanger, 1812 Seventh Street, 875-2435

Selma, 2200 Selma Street, 896-3393

Senior Resource Center, 2025 E. Dakota Avenue, 600-6767

Talking Book Library for the Blind, 770 North San Pablo Avenue, 600-3217

Tranquillity, 25561 Williams Street, 698-5158

NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES

Bear Mountain, 30733 East Kings Canyon Road, 332-2528

Caruthers, 13382 South Henderson Road, 864-8766

Cedar-Clinton, 4150 East Clinton, 442-1770

Easton, 25 East Fantz, 237-3929

Firebaugh, 1315 "O" Street, 600-9274

Fowler, 306 South Seventh Street, 600-9281

Gillis, 629 West Dakota Avenue, 225-0140

Mendota, 1246 Belmont Avenue, 600-9291

Mosqueda, 4670 East Butler Avenue, 600-4072

Orange Cove, 815 Park Boulevard, 600-9292

Parlier, 1130 East Parlier Avenue, 646-3835

Pinedale, 7170 North San Pablo Avenue, 439-0486

Politi, 5771 North First Street, 431-6450

Riverdale, 20975 Malsbary, 867-3381

San Joaquin, 8781 Main Street, 693-2171

West Fresno, 188 East California, 455-6066

STATIONS

Big Creek, 51190 Point Road, 893-6614

Laton, 6313 DeWoody Street, 923-4554

Piedra, 25385 Trimmer Springs Road, 787-3266

Shaver Lake, 41344 Tollhouse Road, 841-3330

BOOKMOBILES

Community Bookmobile, 600-9233

Aprendovan Literacy Bookmobile, 224-7094