San Francisco Public Library

Mission: We work to ensure free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning, information, knowledge, independent learning, and the joys of reading for our diverse community.

SAN FRANCISCO’S VISION

Be the premier public library in the nation

- Restore seven-day service and full hours of operation with safe and welcoming in-person access to library programs and services at all twenty-eight neighborhood libraries.
- Increase community awareness and usage of San Francisco Public Library through targeted outreach and marketing efforts to reach new users and underserved neighborhoods.
- Provide programming and services to residents experiencing homelessness through the Library’s Social Worker Program.

Support the economic recovery of San Francisco

- Help individuals with programming and services to support job searching, technology access, and career development, and connect small business owners with government assistance and services.
- Expand Smart Money financial coaching program to provide patrons one-on-one help with certified financial coaching professionals.

Continue strong community partnerships

- Partner with the SF Arts Commission to support the City’s artistic community via artist residencies at branches, and Cultural Equity Grants for projects that illuminate the city’s recovery and resilience.
- Expand Summer Stride with Human Rights Commission and DCYF to encourage reading of BIPOC authors and increase book giveaways via Summer Together.

Engage youth in learning, workforce and personal growth

- Support virtual enrichment and STEM learning opportunities for school age children.
- Provide job training, internships, college prep, and educational support for teens and transitional age youth.

Excel in operational and fiscal management and professional development

- Host the 17th Annual One City One Book: San Francisco Reads initiative.
- Create library programs, classes, services, partnerships and exhibitions that foster learning, equity, inclusion and community connection.

Excel in operational and fiscal management and professional development

- Implement Phase I of the Library’s departmental Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) and develop public facing Phase II action plan promote more equitable outcomes for city residents.
- Engage residents in eleven Supervisorial Districts regarding SFPL programs and services to inform development of a new strategic plan.
- Seek voter approval for renewal of the Library Preservation Fund.

Provide facilities to meet 21st century needs

- In collaboration with San Francisco Public Works, renovate the historic Mission and Chinatown Branch Libraries, and plan for the construction of a new Ocean View Branch Library.
- Support the installation of public artwork at the Main Library to honor Dr. Maya Angelou and increase female representation in the public realm.

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