Libraries are society’s most democratic institutions and the spirit of democracy is truly alive and well at San Francisco Public Library. Our libraries are the civic spaces that make people’s possibilities turn into realities.

-Library Commission President
Dr. Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi

By the Numbers

Annual Library Visits: 6,362,573
Annual Circulation: 10,778,428
Library Cardholders: 429,633

Open to All
“What an amazing neighborhood library! Beginning with the staff, always helpful, respectful, very informative and incredibly welcoming...The cool thing is this library branch really encourages community affairs and shares its belief that this library is for all to enjoy.”
-Merced Branch library user

By the Numbers

27 Branches +
4 Bookmobiles +
the Main Library

Annual Hours Open: 71,649
(13.5% over mandated minimum hours)

Annual Questions Answered: 2,371,484
“The Library is a place that supports the values of equity and inclusion.”
-City Librarian Luis Herrera

By the Numbers

Annual Library Events & Classes: 18,422

Annual Attendance at Library Programs: 505,591 (Increase: 11%)

Biblio Bistro

• Urban Libraries Council Top Innovator 2016 – Health, Safety and Sustainability Category

• American Library Association “I Love My Librarian” Award for Biblio Bistro creator Lia Kharis Hillman

Innovative Programs

Biblio Bistro Hands-on Cooking Class for Children (photo: Marianna Nobre)
Summer Stride 2016 Partnership with the National Park Service

Winner CLA PR Excellence Award

“The Library was the most amazing National Parks Service Centennial partner; bold in their thinking, strong in their actions and jointly committed to uniting literacy and the parks for the benefit of all.”

-Michele Gee, Chief of Interpretation and Education, Golden Gate National Recreation

By the Numbers

Summer Stride Registration: 18,644

Finishers: 8,310 patrons read
138,573 hours

Raffle entries: 50,720

825 Youth Classes & Workshops
80 Programs for Adults
“Our family loves this library. It’s clean, spacious and always has a great selection of books. But my favorite part about this library are the librarians. Some of the kindest, friendliest and loving. They always are kind and willing to listen to my kids repeated requests for special books. It makes coming here so fun for all.”

- Ortega Library user

**By the Numbers**

Annual Story Times: 4,007  
Attendance: 215,289

Annual School Visits: 3,337  
Number of Children & Teens Participating: 71,905
“(The financial counselor) really helped me go through all my questions and issues while feeling safe and secure. She helped me make a breakthrough in confronting my fears.”

- Financial Planning Workshop Participant

By the Numbers

Financial Planning Day
November 7, 2015
340 attendees

Pennies to Plans
Financial Literacy
95 workshops
18 libraries
569 attendees

1 website: penniestoplans.org

Partners:
ALA, AARP, BetterInvesting, Calif. Dept. of Insurance, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of San Francisco, FINRA, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, Harder+Company, HSA, MOHCD, SF Office of Financial Empowerment
“I learned a lot since I’ve been here. I love it here. My reading is improving plus I learned new things.”
– Eugene, Project Read learner and Bridge at Main patron

**By the Numbers**

The Bridge at Main Literacy & Learning Center

Annual Classes, Help Sessions & Events: 860
Attendees at Classes & Events: 5,822
Digital Skills Help: 1,689

Visits to the Veteran’s Resource Center: 1,165
First time visitors: 142

Career Online High School students: 38

New adult learners working on reading and writing skills with Project Read: 39

Services:
Project Read – Adult Literacy
Career Online High School
Veteran’s Resource Center
Learning Differences Support
Digital Literacy Training and Support
“With SFPL’s path-breaking 10 gigabits per second connection to the CENIC Network, teens at the MIX at SFPL have opportunities to use digital media to collaborate with peers throughout California. They can access remote resources, share rich multimedia objects in the forms in which they were created, engage with MIX at SFPL partners, and participate in real-time creative experiences.”

-CENIC President & CEO Louis Fox

Innovations in Networking Award for SFPL 2016

By the Numbers

3,145 students gained Basic Computer Skills
825 participants in Job Seekers Lab
2,098 attendees at Jobs & Careers Classes
Annual Uses of Library Computers: 1,094,316
Virtual Visits to the Library Website: 7,123,963
Annual WiFi Sessions: 2,100,210
Social Media Engagement: 264,434

Digital Literacy

iPad Class (photo: Brian Castagne)
“The (Library) helped me understand that school is important, and has helped me be more personable with other people.”
- Edward, 14, Mission High School student

By the Numbers

Annual SFPL Teen Programming & Engagement

Media Programs: 346
Attendees: 1,601

Special Events: 1,662
Attendees: 14,338

Community Outreach Events: 54
Attendees: 3,501

Teen Volunteers (School Year): 1,146
Hours Volunteered: 6,977

Summer Squad Volunteers: 822
Hours Volunteered: 8,805

Teen Tech Civic Hackathon 2016
at The Mix at SFPL
“The Mix helped me pick up music, in the beginning for fun but now I’m passionate about making music. The Mix sparked an interest in music that I never had before.”

- Brandon, 14, Galileo High School student

By the Numbers

Average Daily Visitors: 100

Annual Programs: 614
Attendance: 4,467

Group/Class Visits: 35
Attendance: 1,100

Members of the Board of Advising Youth: 35

Projects:

- Music & Video Recording
- Maker Space programs:
  - 3D printing and design
  - Shrink plastic crafting
  - Buttonmaking
  - LittleBits Synthesizer Kits
  - Biblio Bistro
Collections & eCollections

By the Numbers

Books, audiobooks, DVDs and music CDs added to collection: 371,000+

eBook & eMedia Circulation Increased: 48%

53 more years (1922-1985) of the San Francisco Chronicle digitized

New Resources

New graphic novels and eBook collections on Hoopla

New Chinese eBooks UDC

New Rosetta Stone for language learning

New Flipster magazines

New Fashion Archives

Bernal Heights Branch Reading Room (photo: Michael Kromat)
“The younger members of our Litquake staff were watching in amazement, as history was passed down from the elders to the younger generations. It’s a very different city now, and it’s extremely important to keep this spirit alive more than ever. So glad it all came together.”

-Jack Boulware, Founder, Litquake

Season of the Witch
by David Talbot

By the Numbers

Total Programs: 28

Attendance: 1,575

Total Circulation: 1,808

Reported sales at local bookstores: 341

Social Media participation: 20,934
Top Circulating Titles 2015-16

Books
Season of the Witch by David Talbot
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo
Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
Frog Music by Emma Donaghue
We Are in a Book by Mo Willems
Fairyland: A Memoir of My Father by Alysia Abbott
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel by Jeff Kinney
Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

DVDs
Inside Out
Mad Max Fury Road
Big Hero 6
Interstellar
Frozen
Jurassic World
The Imitation Game
Kingsman: The Secret Service
Selma
Terminator Genisys

Books on CD
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
Bossypants by Tina Fey
Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling
Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
Doctor DeSoto by William Steig
Yes, Please by Amy Poehler

Music CDs
25 by Adele
1989 by Taylor Swift
Now That’s What I Call Music! 52
Now That’s What I Call Music! 53
Now That’s What I Call Music! 54
Now That’s What I Call Music! 55
Blackstar by David Bowie
How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful
Beauty Behind the Madness by The Weeknd
To Pimp a Butterfly by Kendrick Lamar
StoryCorps at SFPL

By the Numbers

Total Interviews Recorded at the Main Library: 369

Public Interviews: 253

Community Outreach Partners: 116

Participants recorded: 743

(photo courtesy StoryCorps)
Total Budget: $117.1 Million

- Labor: $76.2M (65.0%)
- Services of Other Departments: $8.5M (7.2%)
- Non-Personnel Services: $6.2M (5.3%)
- Materials & Supplies: $2.3M (2.0%)
- Books & Materials: $12.5M (10.7%)
- Capital Outlay: $1.4M (1.2%)
- Debt Service Payment: $7.5M (9%)
“Our vision is nothing short of powering our libraries to be centers of 21st Century community, family and literary life. The place you go to for help, to find a human search engine along with a digital one, to connect with your history, and to engage in our interconnected world to move a life forward.”

-Marie Ciepela, Executive Director,
Friends of the San Francisco Public Library

By the Numbers

Direct Library Support: $1.256 M
*value of grants and in-kind support

Value of Community Advocacy & Volunteer Support: $554,000

Value of Book Operations: $1.69 M

Members: 3,775
Volunteers: 1,693
Volunteer Hours: 24,580

Friends Supported Library Initiatives:
Grants to Branches, Special Collections, Exhibitions & Programs, Children & Teen Programs, Summer Stride, One City One Book, Staff Professional Development, Effie Lee Morris Lecture, Innovation Grants, Community Relations, Library Support Fund

Friends of SFPL