



January 19, 2022

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Atherton City Council  
City of Atherton  
80 Fair Oaks Lane  
Atherton, CA 94027

Dear Mayor DeGolia and Members of the City Council,

It is with great pride that we share with you our 2020-2021 Annual Report!

Despite our challenges this year, San Mateo County Libraries proved to be a nimble organization with a flexible mission that allowed us to pivot, innovate and quickly respond to community needs. Our library champions jumped into action quickly to offer much beloved programs and classes virtually, support new needs like distance learning, and reinvent traditional library services in creative ways, such as curbside service.

This year, we expanded our award winning summer camps to help youth overcome pandemic losses and prepare for a new school year. Five exciting weeks of programs provided our highest-need youth with important social emotional skills and enriching, evidence-based learning experiences.

As construction of Atherton's new library comes closer to completion signaling to the expanded learning and engagement opportunities to come, checkouts of collection materials saw an increase of over 120%. The temporary location holds just over 10,700 books and materials.

Our staff supported county library programming helping to coordinate and host virtual programs; assisted residents with technology virtually; provided 3D printing a highly used service; and created and distributed DIY craft kits for individuals and families to be engaged at home.

In addition to serving our community through inventive new curbside and virtual services, we were also able to reopen the library successfully and safely.

Our accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the phenomenal support of our community and partners. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Despain  
Director of Library Services  
Manager

Tomika Price  
Atherton Library

CC: George Rodericks, City Manager

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East Palo Alto CA 94303

**Foster City**  
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Foster City CA 94404

**Half Moon Bay**  
620 Correas Street  
Half Moon Bay CA 94019

**Millbrae**  
1 Library Avenue  
Millbrae CA 94030

**North Fair Oaks**  
2510 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City CA 94063

**Pacifica Sanchez**  
1111 Terra Nova Boulevard  
Pacifica CA 94044

**Pacifica Sharp Park**  
104 Hilton Way  
Pacifica CA 94044

**Portola Valley**  
765 Portola Road  
Portola Valley CA 94028

**San Carlos**  
610 Elm Street  
San Carlos CA 94070

**Woodside**  
3140 Woodside Road  
Woodside CA 94062

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# San Mateo County Libraries Annual Report

Tomika J Price  
Atherton Library Manager





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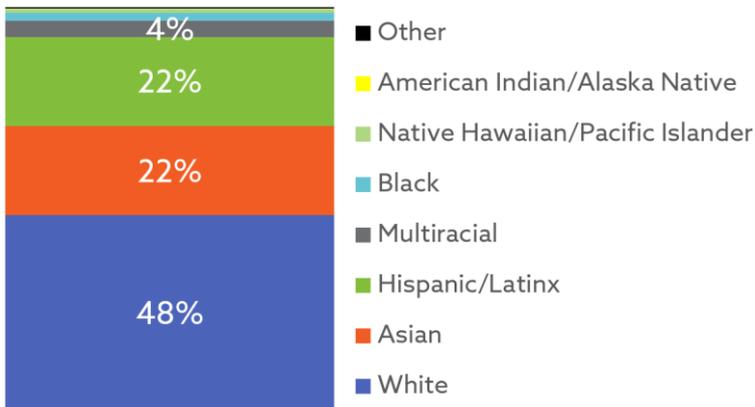
# Demographics

283,997 people live in our service area

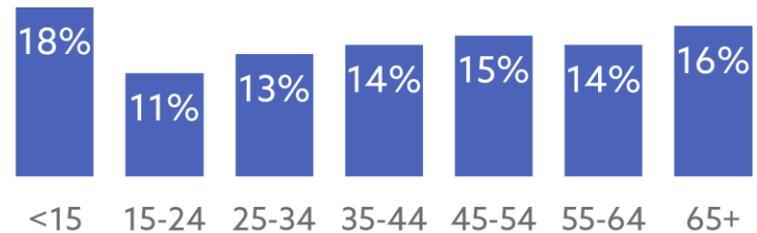
37% of total county population

6% population growth since 2012

## Race & Ethnicity



## Age Distribution



## Vision

San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences

## Mission

San Mateo County Libraries strengthen our community by creating an inclusive sense of place and environment for learning

1.5M  
Items  
Circulated

2.1M  
Website  
Visits

1.1M  
Digital  
Downloads

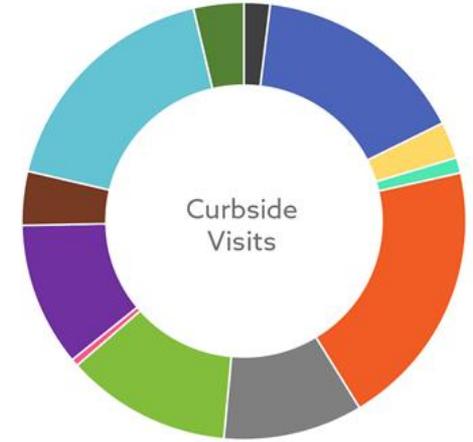
75%  
Population With  
Library Cards

93%  
Favorability  
Rating



2,639  
Curbside  
Visits

4,050  
Items  
Circulated



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**EXPRESS  
SERVICE!**



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1,075  
Virtual Events

25,313  
YouTube Views





608

Tech Help  
Sessions

2,037

Laptops and  
Wi-Fi Hotspots

2.7M

Wireless  
Sessions

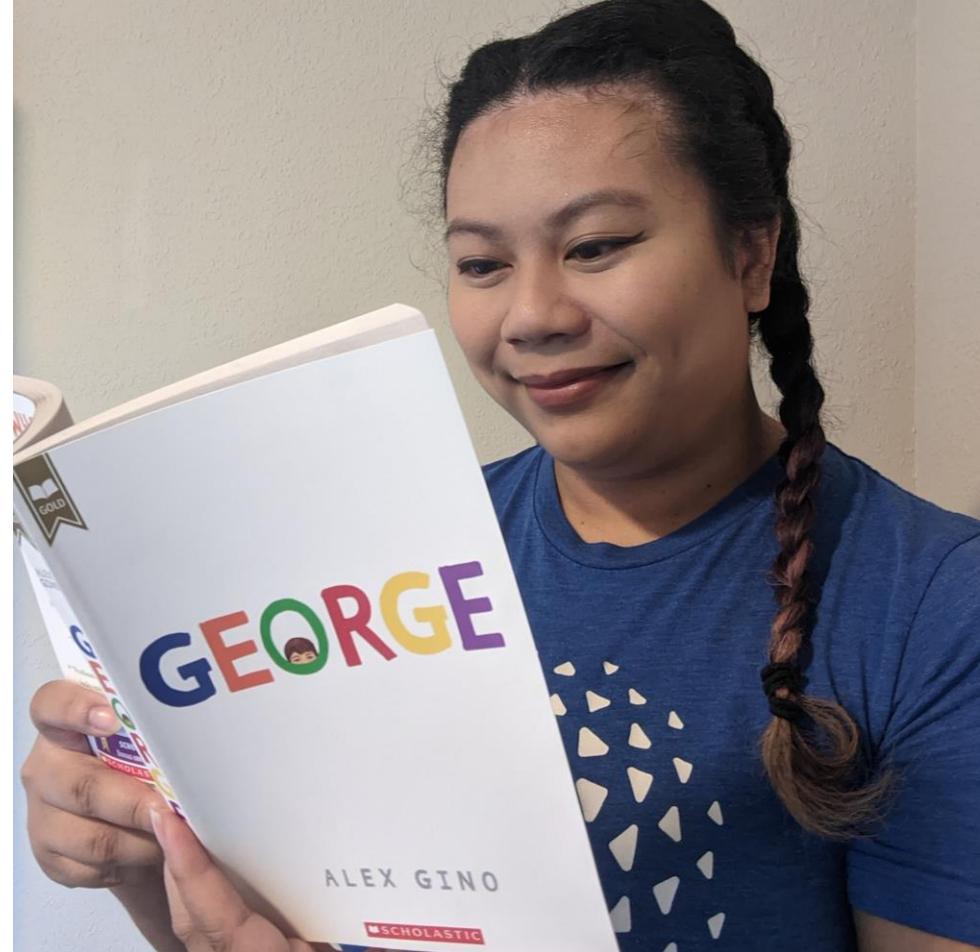


55,231

Total Books  
Given Away

77%

of Patrons  
Believe Libraries  
Supports  
Communities of  
Color



186,322

Curbside  
Visits

33,010

Customer Care  
Connections

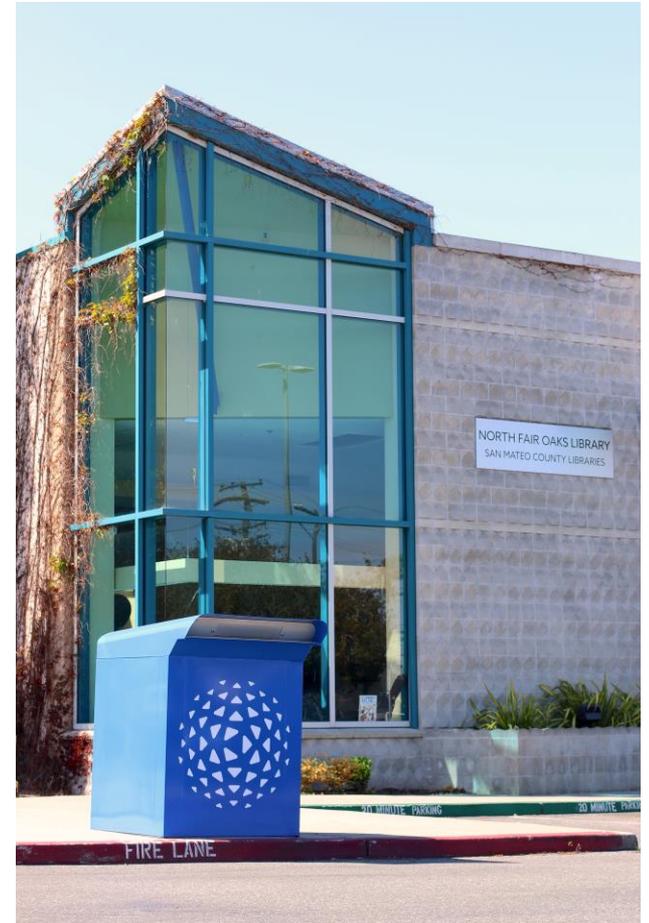
35,347

Meals  
Provided





















Thank you!

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