



can you hear us?

# our library speaks volumes!

Alameda Free Library Annual Report  
FY2014-15



ALAMEDA *free library*  
*bigger on the inside*

**Our library is a hub for the community.** Hosting numerous community meetings and events, in addition to 890 library-sponsored programs & events.

We value **community**



Through the operation of Dewey's Friends Café and semi-annual Used Book Sales, the **Friends of the Library** provides funding for special library programming by **giving more than \$48,000 annually** to the library.

Our community showed its love for the library with gifts to the **Alameda Free Library Foundation's "2,015 by 2015" campaign**, providing **\$50,000 in supplemental funding** for all collections.







We are one of Alameda's favorite destinations. **An average day includes over 1,200 visitors, more than 1,400 items checked out, over 300 computer log-ins, and at least 17 meeting & study room uses.** Last year, items borrowed exceeded almost 500,000.



We value a great **quality of life**





**The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program** has over 741 children signed up and many have achieved their goal.



**Computer classes and Homework Coaching** assisted over 1,400 Alamedans of all ages in their quest for knowledge.

We value education

Our summer reading program **helped 2,995 kids, 127 teens and 189 adults** read and return to school or work refreshed and ready to learn.



Our **School Resource Services** program took the library's passion for reading and learning to nearly 5,800 Alameda children through library visits, classroom visits, special programs, and much more.

**Alameda Reads**, our Adult Literacy program, celebrate 30 years of assisting low-literacy adults learn to read. In FY 2014-15, almost 4,000 volunteer hours sustained this program.



The Library played a **critical role in the digital lives of Alamedans**. Over 111,300 people utilized access to the Internet, for online job applications and other essential information with library computers or wireless access.

# We value **access & opportunity**



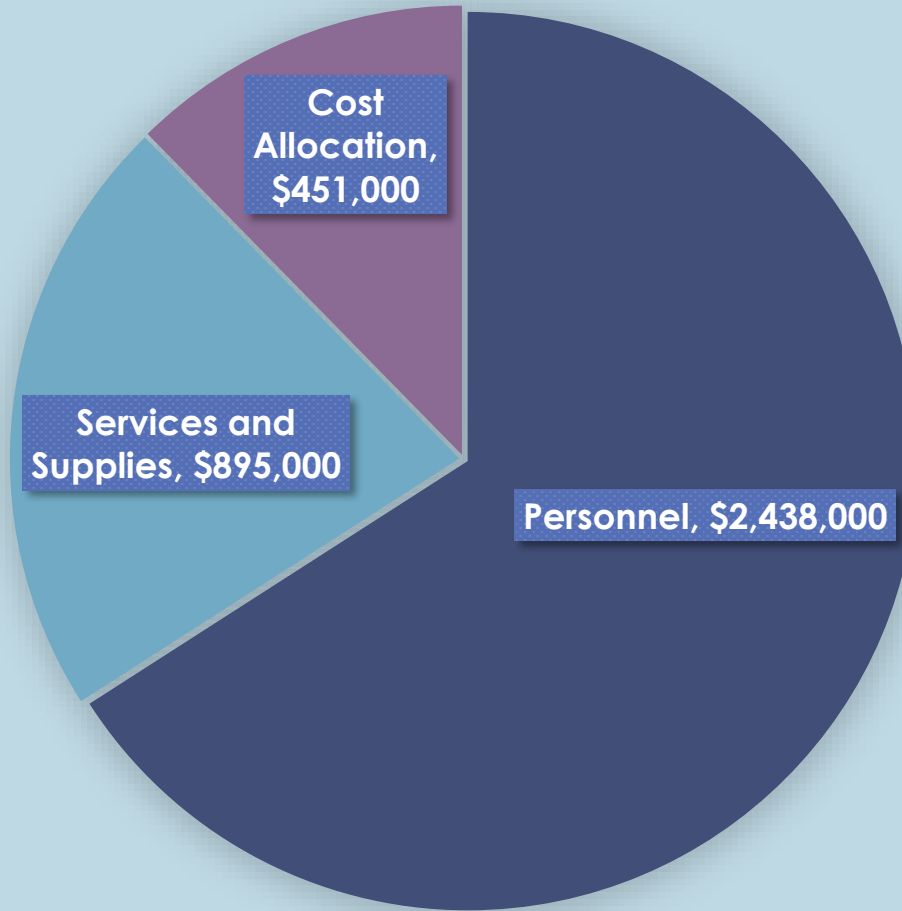
The **Homebound Delivery** program extended a lifeline of books and other library materials to people who could not get to the library. Over 526 deliveries were made.





# We value fiscal responsibility

## Library Budget FY 2014-15



- Personnel
- Services and Supplies
- Cost Allocation

**Total Library FY 2014-15  
Budget  
\$3,784,000**



# We value creativity and innovation



- Recertification from LEED-Silver for new construction to LEED-Gold for existing buildings for the Main Library building.
- Library “Words on Wheels” Book Outreach Program and Bike Repair Station.
- “Bridges of Honor” Digital Story Project connecting our Youth to our Elders.
- Library Outdoors daypacks enable families to explore the natural resources of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Lighting Up Libraries: High-speed Broadband in California Public Libraries provides faster web connections and streaming at all three libraries.
- Collaboration with other City agencies to present the “Big Truck Bonanza” to Alameda families.



Questions?

