



Discover Connect Get Inspired

FY15-16 Annual Report
Alameda Free Library



ALAMEDA *free library*
bigger on the inside



*FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
and the
LIBRARY FOUNDATION*

Working for over a YEAR to become
ONE GREAT Library Support Group

**The Friends of the
Alameda Free Library**

*“Without libraries, what do we have? No past
and no future.” – Ray Bradbury*

- Bi-Annual Used Book Sales
- Dewey's Friends Café
- Live @ the Library Concert series
- Building an ENDOWMENT for the future
- Funding for all Library Programs
- Funding for “Alameda Reads” Adult Literacy
- Provides Volunteers for any event, whenever asked
- ...and MUCH, MUCH, MORE!

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life" - Henry Ward Beecher

- **Summer Reading** for all ages – **Over 3,000 children, teens, and adults** participated!
- **Libraries Outside** conducted **22 programs** with National & Local parks
- **"Words on Wheels,"** the Library's mobile branch, is out and about at the Ferry Terminal, Esperanza Plaza, Earth Day Fair, and various community festivals
- Completed connecting to the CENIC Broadband Backbone at all three libraries – Resulting in **54,056 WiFi sessions** and **39,528 log-ons** to desktop workstations
- Hosted Author **Gene Luen Yang**, who is the *National Ambassador for Young People's Literature*



- Total Registered **Library Card Holders: 63,025** (14,284 children; 48,741 adults)
- **Library Visitors – over 450,000**
- Annual **Check-Outs**, including eBooks – **over 460,000**
- Programs presented – **over 1,000 programs with over 20,000 attendees!**
- Almost **61,000 Reference questions** answered
- Over **470 visits** to the **Homebound**, delivering over 2,650 items
- **Alameda Reads:** Adult Literacy program had **453 Learners**, ALL reaching their goals!



“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”
– Sidney Sheldon

“Technology is the campfire around which we tell our stories.” – Laurie Anderson

- 54,056 Computer sessions / 39,528 Wi-Fi sessions
- 368 computer classes in the Computer Lab for the public
- 87 Open Lab Sessions for the public
- 40 Mac User Group sessions
- **Added a scanner for public use.** Can email scanned documents or save to flash drive at no cost.



Staff

Full-Time = 18

Part-Time = 42



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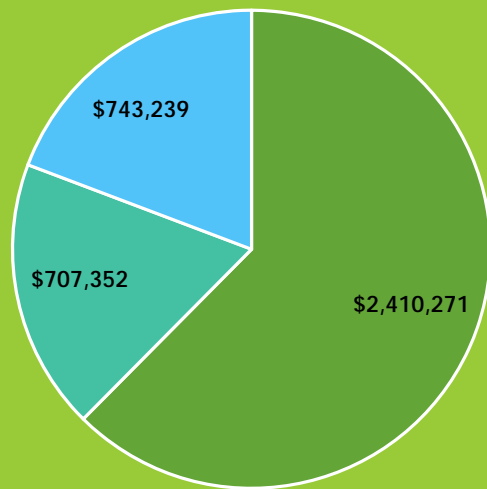


Over 1,000 Volunteers generously worked over 12,400 hours which equals about 6 FT employees

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff." – Timothy Healy

**"Cutting libraries during a recession is like
cutting hospitals during a plague."
– Eleanor Crumblehulme**

Library FY 2015-16 Actual Spending (or Cost)



□ Personnel Cost
■ Operations & Services
■ Cost Allocation

Personnel Cost	\$	2,410,271
Operations & Services	\$	707,352
Cost Allocation	\$	743,239
	\$	3,860,862

**Total Library FY 2015-16
Expenditures
\$3,860,862**

Looking FORWARD



*"A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and always has what people need."
– Vicki Myron*

"The Alameda Free Library is a place where every member of the community has a stake. From our Library family to yours, let's make every year one worth celebrating. Thank you for celebrating this year's accomplishments with us."

~ Jane Chisaki
Library Director



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#alamedafreelibrary

Questions?