

## Stanislaus County Library

- Mission: To foster the love of reading and open the door to knowledge.
- Libraries located throughout Stanislaus County in Ceres, Denair, Empire, Hughson, Keyes, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Salida, Turlock and Waterford.
- Library Administration Office is located at the Modesto Library, 1500 I Street. 209-558-7801.
- Stanislaus County Library is funded primarily (87%) through a 1/8-cent special sales tax, which expires in June 2013. Other revenue comes from the state, county, grants and fines/fees.
- Collection totals more than 781,000 items, including books, large print books, libros in español, books on tape/CD, classic movies and educational videos/DVDs, magazines, and newspapers. Annual circulation is just over 2 million items.
- Cardholders may check out and return materials at any Stanislaus County Library. Materials may also be transported between branches for more convenient customer pickup.
- Weekly StoryTimes and special programs for children offered at all branches.
- Customers can search the library catalog, place holds on materials, renew items and apply for a library card at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org).
- Electronic resources available at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org) include:  
(A library card is required to access these resources from outside the library.)
  - General One File – 98 million magazine and newspaper articles published 1980 to the present day.
  - Chilton Library – car repair manuals for most cars produced in the last 30 years.
  - Biography in Context – more than 300,000 biographies on 200,000 people.
  - Opposing Viewpoints in Context – pro and con arguments on various social issues.
  - Social Studies Fact Cards – basic social studies facts on states, the United States and the world. (Designed for grades 4 through 8.)
  - Reference USA – a nationwide database of businesses.
  - Specialty databases on topics such as home improvement, health, agriculture, arts & music.
  - Job Now – a one-stop online resource for job seekers. Includes study materials for job preparation, expert critiques on résumés and cover letters, and online interview practice.
- The Foundation Center Cooperating Collection at the Modesto Library includes *The Foundation Directory Online*, profiling more than 80,000 U.S. grantmakers, *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*, print directories, periodicals and proposal writing guides. A mobile app for the online resources can also be used for 24 hours after first accessing it through the Modesto Library.
- ReadingWorks, a partnership with the Stanislaus Literacy Center, trains and matches volunteer tutors with adults who need help with their reading, writing and basic math skills.
- Home Delivery Service utilizes volunteers to select and deliver library materials to those who are physically unable to visit the library. Home Delivery Service was nationally recognized with an “Acts of Caring” Award, presented by the National Association of Counties.
- Traveling Tales – a program created through a grant from the Children and Families Commission, provides training and storytelling kits to daycare providers and preschools throughout Stanislaus County.