When you invest in the Monterey Public Library you help build literacy skills in children, provide a space for families to connect, grow leadership skills in teens, create lifelong learning opportunities for adults, and so much more. You build a brighter future for our entire community.

Your support makes an impact. Together we accomplish more.
When you sing, talk, and read with your children - even before they can use words - you're encouraging their brain development and helping them prepare for success in life. At MPL we empower families to support their young child’s cognitive and emotional growth through stories, interactive play, and hands-on-learning.

Thanks to your support we were able to add monthly STEM Storytime and Toddler Chef — a cooking program — to the existing lineup of baby and preschool programs this year.
Your gift to the Summer Reading campaign gave kids a big reason to smile. More funds were raised and more children and teens signed up than ever before. Kids earned prizes by reading for fun and engaged in hands-on activities like Read to a Dog and Chocolate Olympics. You helped kids build confidence and friendships.

More than half of the achievement gap between lower and higher income youth can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities. Kids who read and learn for fun during the summer score higher in math and reading tests. They return to school ready to learn. Your investment pays off by building a love of learning!

Impact

- 2,137 kids & teens enrolled – a 27% increase
- 4,023 attended 92 summer events – a 23% increase
- $17,484 raised by Monterey County Gives! – a 58% increase
You supported Adulting 101, a life skills program where teens learned about managing finances, setting up roommate agreements, and cooking healthy low-budget meals. The Friends gift of a 3-D printer helped middle-school students learn CAD software and cultivate creativity and innovation. Thanks to your summer reading support, teen participation jumped 85% with activities that challenged critical thinking skills from a fun mummy-themed *Escape Room* event to solving a *Wonderland Murder Mystery*. 

**Impact**

153 teen programs

3,206 participants

13,724 teen materials borrowed
Adults turned out in record numbers for cultural and educational offerings in 2018, demonstrating your community’s thirst for life-long learning. 3-D printing and digital story telling were new hands-on workshops this year. The Stories for Adults series continued to delight full-house audiences as it has for 33 years. History lectures highlighting California History Room treasures were very popular. Eight financial literacy workshops, led by 16 local professionals were a standout with 475 attending. 26% of materials and 100% of adult programming is funded through private support. The Friends biggest fundraiser of the year, the Wine & Chocolate Benefit in February was a delicious success. Who knew that supporting the Library could be so much fun. Salud!

**Impact**

- 221 adult programs
- 2,288 attended — up by 34%
- 31,993 e-books borrowed — up by 29%
Philanthropy has been the cornerstone of MPL since the library was founded 169 years ago.

Today the City of Monterey funds the basics: staffing, core circulating collections, and most operating costs.

But your help is critical. It is needed to enhance Library services and collections. You fund educational, cultural and enrichment programs from Baby Storytimes and 3-D Printing Classes to Teen Book Club and Stories for Adults.

We are grateful to you for your ongoing support. You help Monterey Public Library achieve its vision to “Inspire, Delight, and Educate All.”

When you invest in your Library you build a brighter future for everyone.

Thank you!

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“I cannot express to you how you have enriched my heart and soul, my life.”
- Library Customer

Director’s Message

Impact

417,042 items borrowed

306,809 visits to library and bookmobile

211,299 visits to the website & Facebook page

777 programs

18,144 participants

68,130 customer questions answered
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A vital community library is a public/private partnership. Your gift to our Trust Fund, the Friends or to the MPL Endowment Fund held with the Community Foundation for Monterey County builds stability.

Community support is critical to sustaining a legacy of literacy and learning. We thank these generous grantors:

**Friends of Monterey Public Library:** $67,484 for programs.

**The Ruth Vreeland Memorial Fund:** $650 for a performance of international folktales by Shadow Puppet Workshop.

**The Stuart Day Fund:** $500 for a professional growth workshop for local school library staff. (Library Partners Program)

**The Community Foundation for Monterey County:** $3,073 in matching funds for the 2018 Summer Reading Program.

**Richard W. Greenberg Foundation:** $2,500 for a special event sponsorship.

**California State Library:** $5,000 for bilingual children’s books.
The Monterey Public Library needs public support to ensure that this historic and dynamic institution can continue its long and proud service into the future.

Create a lasting legacy and make sure that Library programs and services are there for future generations, regardless of economic circumstances—FOREVER.

There are many ways to make a legacy gift:

- Gifts from wills and living trusts
- Gifts of assets that return lifetime income such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts
- Beneficiary designations in retirement accounts, savings accounts and insurance policies
- Gifts of real estate

For more information about the Monterey Public Library Legacy Society, contact Sirie Thongchua at (831) 646-5632 thongchu@monterey.org www.montereylibraryforever.org
Bookmobile Impact

You helped us take our programming out into the community! From a new Bookmobile stop at a senior residence, to STEM storytimes at the park, our Bookmobile was out in your neighborhood providing service to those who could not come to us. Visits to the Bookmobile were up by 23% and borrowing was up by 35% in 2017-2018.
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