

Library

Michael Lee – Director

Library	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	
101-6000	Adopted	CAO	
	Budget	Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$428,047	\$428,884	\$837
Services and Supplies	\$574,409	\$391,535	(\$182,874)
Other Charges	\$0	\$357,862	\$357,862
Fixed Assets	\$1,325,000	\$1,325,000	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,327,456	\$2,503,281	\$175,825
REVENUE			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant	\$16,000	\$12,000	(\$4,000)
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$1,861,713	\$1,683,676	(\$178,037)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,877,713	\$1,695,676	(\$182,037)
FUND BALANCE			\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$449,743	\$807,605	\$357,862

Program Description

Providing Yuba County residents access to information and encouraging reading remain the core functions of the Library. The content of the Library's physical and digital collection, along with access to the Internet, is of vital importance, and the Library Department strives to provide this information in a customer service-oriented and cost-effective manner.

Accomplishments

FY 2021-2022

- Completed another successful Summer Reading Program – Reading Colors Your World!
- Continued to digitalize and make archival material available to the public on the web - Historical newspapers, Ramey Index, and School Registration Cards.
- Collaborated with various County Departments and external agencies to offer in-person programs at the library.
- Exterior signage - Installed letters on the exterior wall on 3rd Street.
- Continued to work with Group4 Architecture on the library renovation project.
- Continued to work with LibraryIQ and streamline the process for collection, selection, acquisition, processing, and cataloging of library material.
- Library patrons continued to take advantage of the State-funded 'Zip Books' program.

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- Collaborated with HHSD – Public Health to distribute COVID-19 at-home test kits to the community.

Performance Measures FY 2021-2022

	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21
Registering New Patrons*	1097	1069	651	265
Physical Item Circulation*	86,753	75,963	60,299	7,110
Electronic Material (eBooks) Circulation**	1,366	2,057	3,484	4,491
Library Programs*	538	422	336	147
Program Attendance***	5168	4997	6741	8110
Zip Book Requests (program began 11/2018)	N/A	77	90	112

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following services were affected:

Registering New Patrons, Physical Item Circulation, and in-person Library Programs decreased due to the library building being closed to the public.

**Electronic material (eBooks) circulation continued to increase, especially during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Program Attendance increased due to virtual programming via Facebook Live and the library hosting outdoor events in the parking lot in July (Summer Reading), October (Halloween Event), and December (Holiday Event). Library staff attended outreach events hosted by various community agencies, which also increased program attendance.

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Goals and Objectives

FY 2022-2023

- Complete another successful Summer Reading Program – Read Beyond on the Beaten Path!
- Continue digitalization of the California Room historical archives.
- Continue to offer library programs virtually and in-house, and increase outreach within the community.
- Form partnerships with local and State agencies to promote employment, career development, and skill-building for job seekers in Yuba County.
- Offer Chromebooks and Hotspots for check out, funded by the State Library from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.
- Bid and construct the improvements associated with the library renovation project. This may include significant additional improvements beyond original scope approved by the Board of Supervisors, depending on whether the County’s Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant application is successful.
- Continue to work with LibraryIQ and streamline the process for collection, selection, acquisition, processing, and cataloging of library material.
- Continue to accomplish goals set within the Library Strategic Plan.

Pending Issues/Policy Considerations

FY 2022-2023

The Library is operating at historically low funding and staffing levels, while also operating in a transitional environment where access to information is transitioning from physical materials to digital. There is continual public feedback that an increase in public hours is desirable, however, beyond being open longer, the County needs to be strategic with its investments in the Library to ensure they are in line with this transforming environment. This pressure to transition to more digital has increased due to COVID. For the bulk of FY 21-22, the library operated on an appointment basis. Balancing the health & safety of patrons with increased accessibility will be a policy consideration for FY 22-23.