

2015 Annual Report

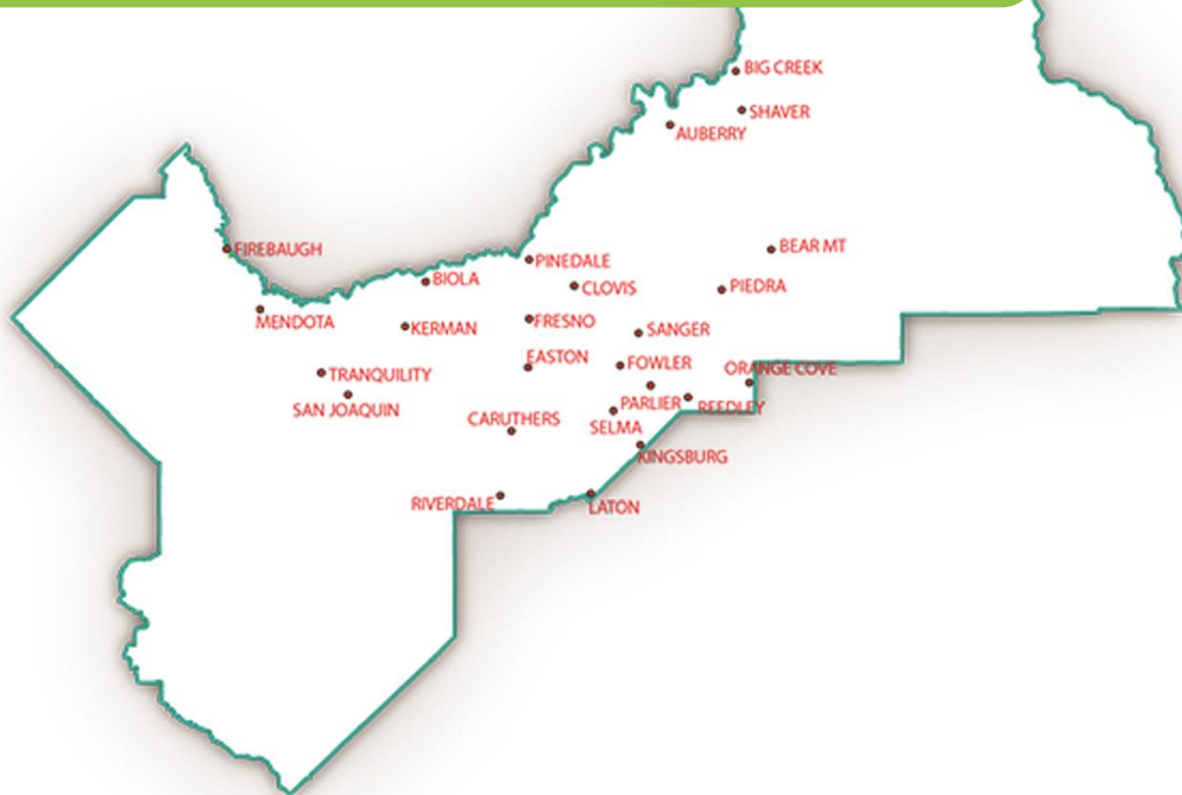


"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life"
-Henry Ward Beecher

FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Our Reach

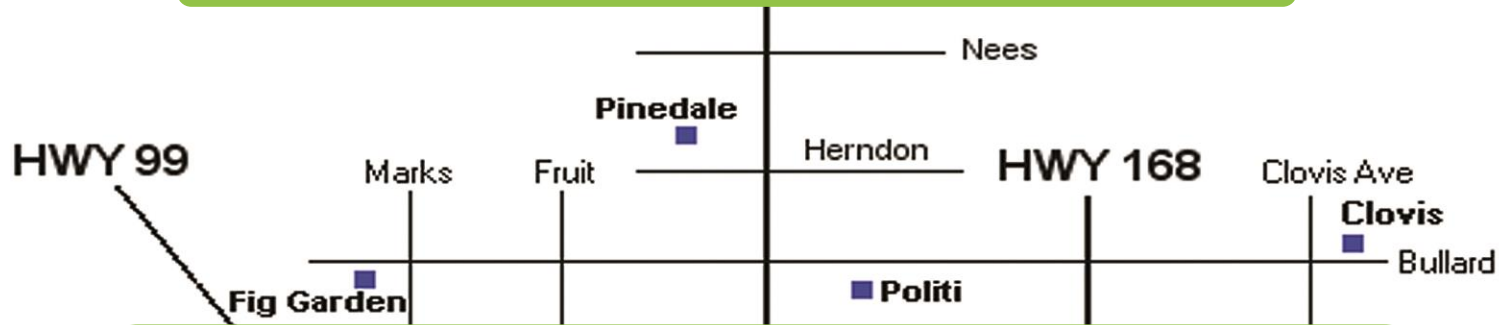
The Library's service area is over 6,000 square miles. There were 306,507 registered Library users last year and 4,175,236 checkouts.



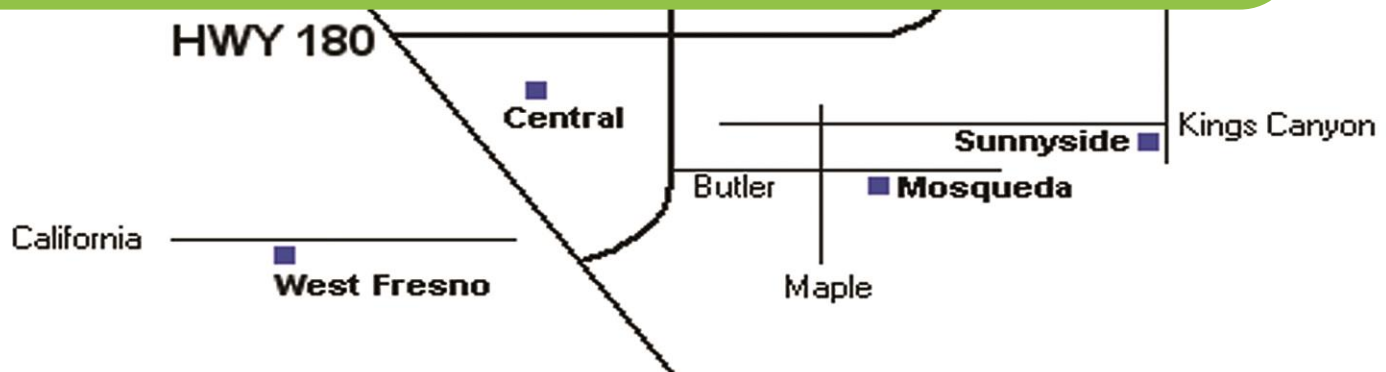
Our Impact

HWY 41

There are 39 branches throughout the County



A Veterans Resources Center; Books by Mail program for the homebound; Homework Help online for all ages; College Prep Centers for teens and adults; online resources and so much more.
The Library has you covered...There's something for everyone!



Technology



Our website and blogs had over 1.4 million visitors.
There were 418,066 digital checkouts last year.
Free Wi-Fi is available at every branch.

Programming



There are 8 Early Learning Centers with four new installations this year.

Last year:

- 4,872 programs for all ages
- 237,323 people attended a program!

Auberry

With an outdoor amphitheatre and an annual music festival, the community of Auberry has every reason to love the library!

Over 6,140 people attended programs, a 60% increase from last year!



Bear Mountain

This beautiful mountain library, complete with a botanical garden and community center, is also home to Bookie the Bear.



"There were firefighters camped everywhere. They were using the Library as a base to fight the fire." - Bear Mountain Customer

Big Creek

The Library shares space with the elementary school and provides services to this remote community.

FRESNO COUNTY
FREE LIBRARY
— BRANCH —

Big Creek added 137 new customers to the system this year.

Biola

Over 3,650 people came into the library last year,
and this branch was only open part time!

The town has a population of 1,653.
Biola is one of our school-library partnerships.



Bookmobile

Last year, the Bookmobile reached over 30,000 people who would otherwise not have had access to library services.



Serving the residents of Fresno County for over 50 years

Caruthers

Caruthers is home to the largest free gate fair in California. The Library and Friends of the Library attend this event every year and make wonderful connections with people from all over the state.

Amazing numbers for a rural branch:

- 52% more programs than last year
- Nearly 39,000 items checked out this year

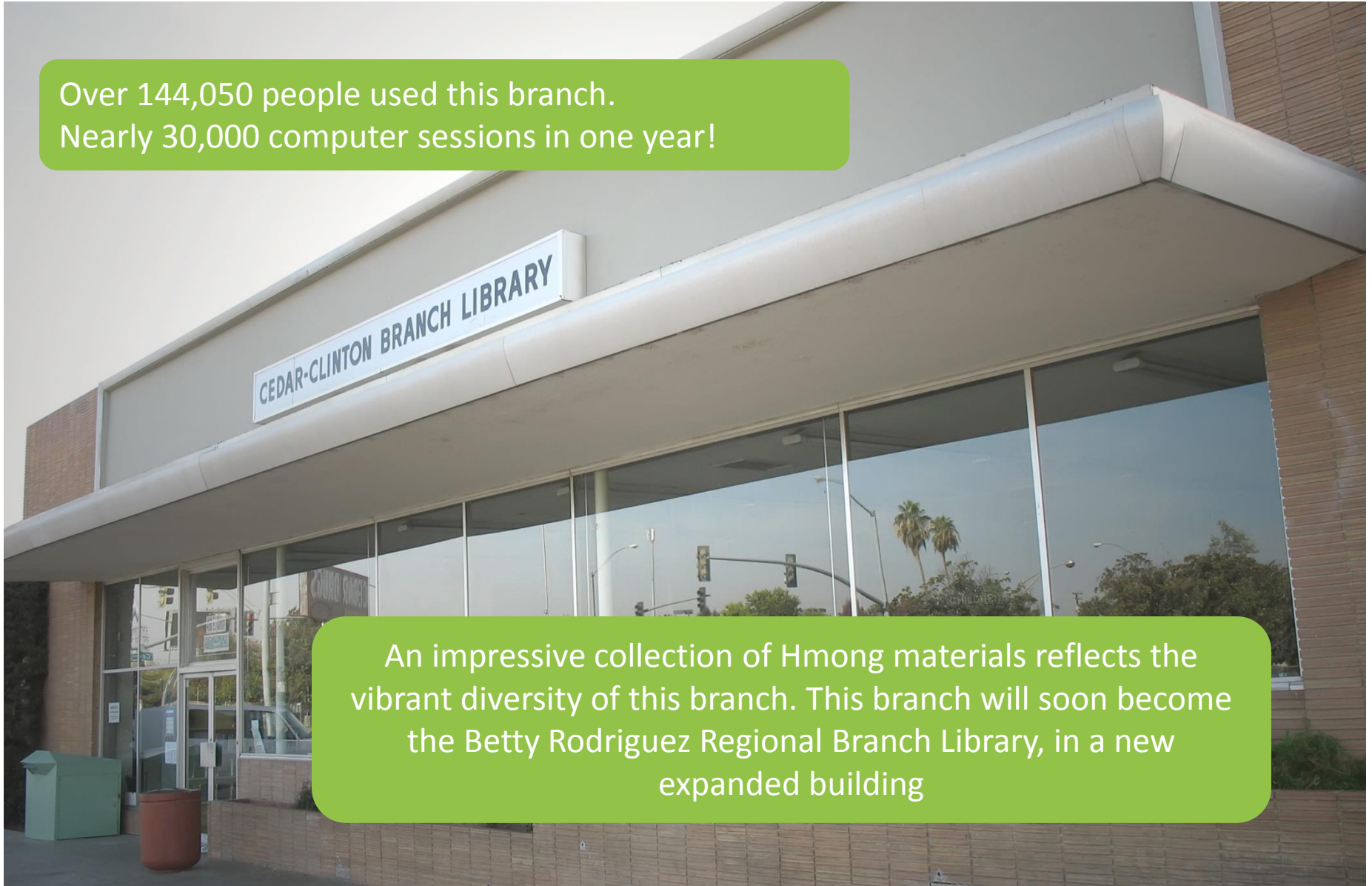
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Caruthers Branch

Cedar Clinton

Over 144,050 people used this branch.
Nearly 30,000 computer sessions in one year!

CEDAR-CLINTON BRANCH LIBRARY

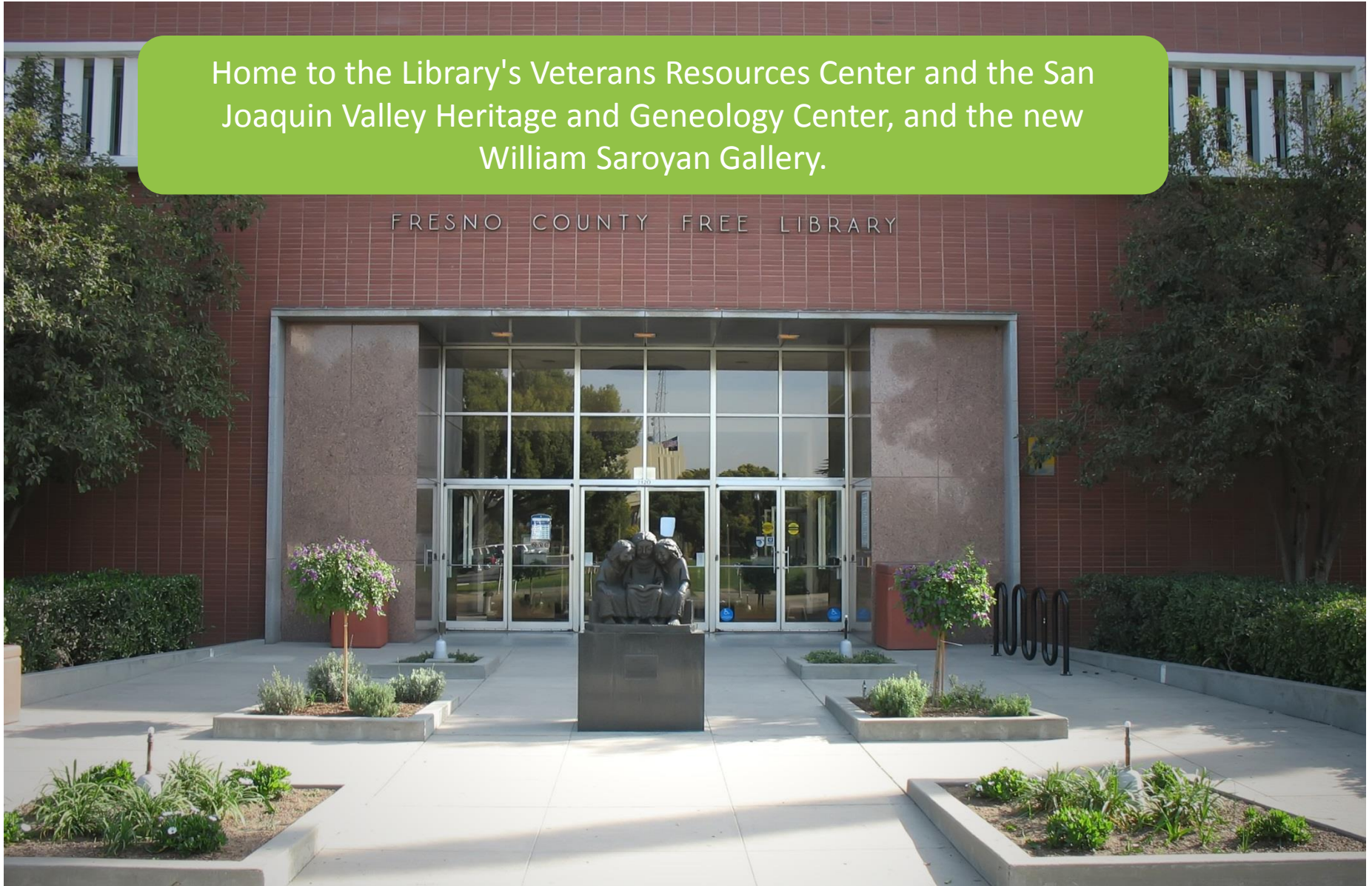
An impressive collection of Hmong materials reflects the vibrant diversity of this branch. This branch will soon become the Betty Rodriguez Regional Branch Library, in a new expanded building



Central

Home to the Library's Veterans Resources Center and the San Joaquin Valley Heritage and Genealogy Center, and the new William Saroyan Gallery.

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Clovis

This building serves over 107,000 people! Residents of Clovis are getting a new building nearly 4x the size of this tiny branch.

Fresno County Library
Clovis Branch

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In FY 14/15 389,623 people came into this branch.
The community benefits from 11% more programs.

Easton

Serving the residents of Easton for over a century!
"I love the summer programs here and so do my kids!" -Basantpreet K.



Last year:

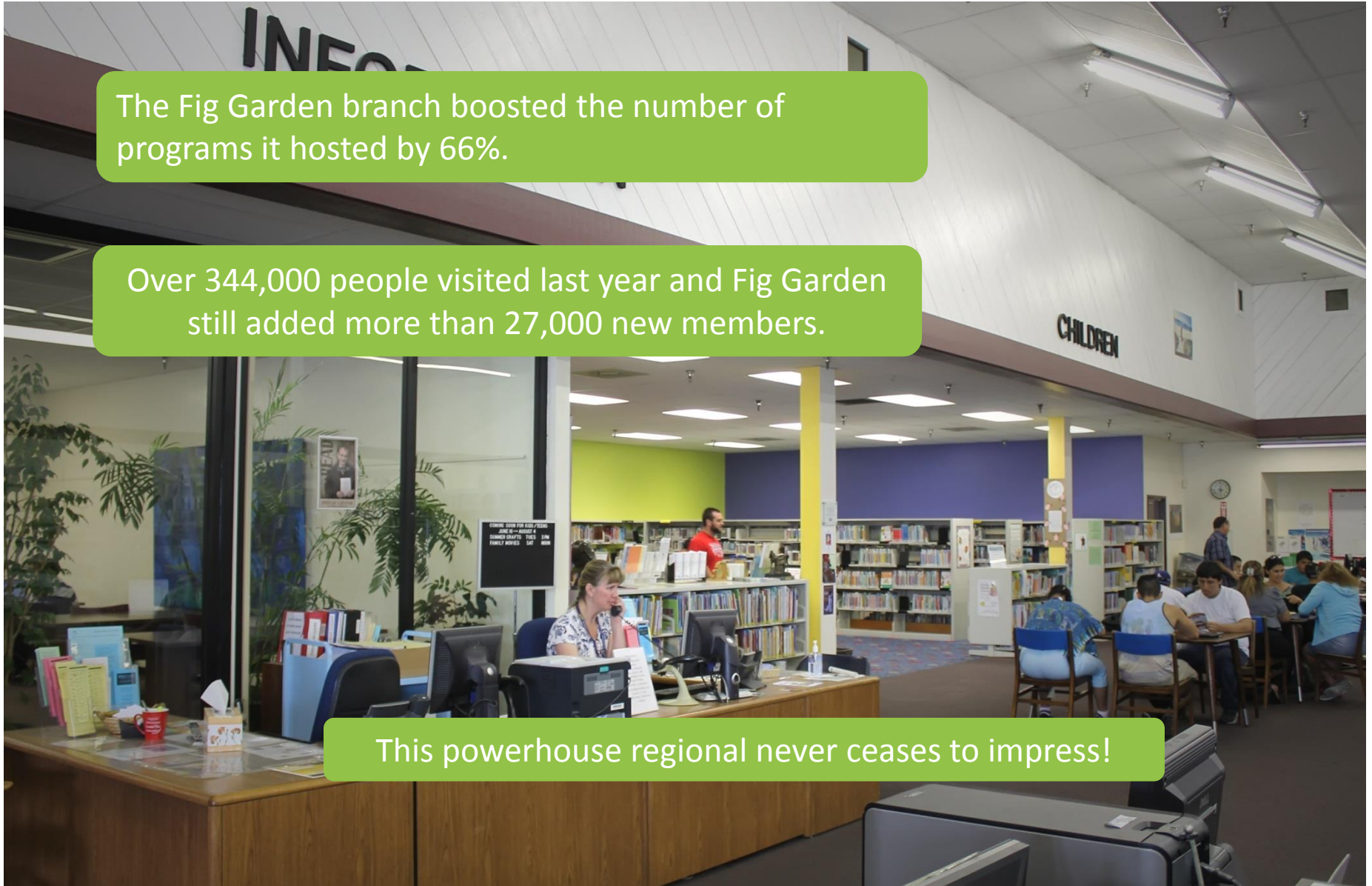
- 19% increase in the number of programs
- 22% increase in program attendance

Fig Garden

The Fig Garden branch boosted the number of programs it hosted by 66%.

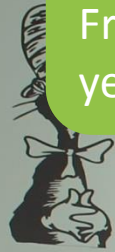
Over 344,000 people visited last year and Fig Garden still added more than 27,000 new members.

This powerhouse regional never ceases to impress!



Firebaugh

Home to rare sculptures and situated inside a town landmark, this is the Library's most remote branch west of Fresno. Firebaugh more than doubled its programs this year, a 112% increase.



THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW.
THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

- Dr. Seuss



“When it gets too busy at the West Hills campus and I need to get my work done, I always come here.” – Matias

The Library provides a Wi-Fi hub for this community.

Fowler

Last year: 41% increase in program attendance.

The little library that could.
The community raised over \$1 million dollars to get this building constructed.
No surprise, it's always busy!

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Fowler Branch
306 Seventh Street

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FOUNDATION

Kerman

This community is a "Gateway to the Westside". It also houses the largest collection of Punjabi materials in North America.

Last year:

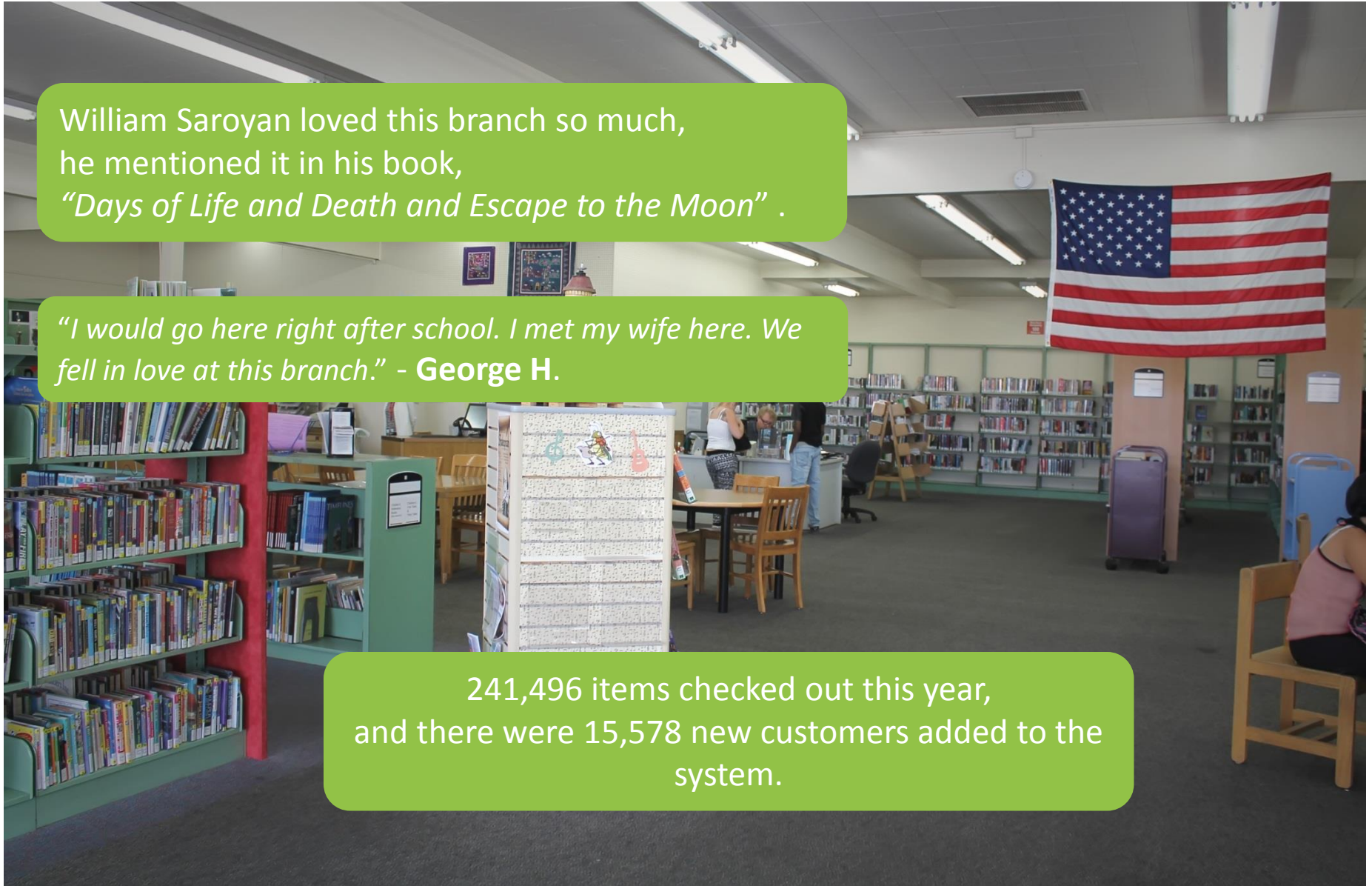
- 90% increase in program attendance
- Nearly 5,000 people connected to Wi-Fi at this branch



William Saroyan loved this branch so much, he mentioned it in his book, *“Days of Life and Death and Escape to the Moon”* .

“I would go here right after school. I met my wife here. We fell in love at this branch.” - **George H.**

241,496 items checked out this year, and there were 15,578 new customers added to the system.



Kingsburg



There was a 239% increase in program attendance,
and 97,656 customers served.
The Library is one of the few Wi-Fi spots in town.

Laton



Added 581 new customers to the system.

Provides sole Wi-Fi hub for the community!

Serving the community for over 100 years, this branch is a state landmark and a neighborhood icon.

Mendota

Situated right next door to the high school, the Mendota branch is home to an expansive Spanish collection. ESL and citizenship classes have been held at this community epicenter.

“We need help on our homework and they give it to us. Me and my sister like being able to come here and study, it's safe and my mom ain't worried about us. The staff knows us all.”

– Manuel G.

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BIBLIOTECA
Mendota Branch
1246 Belmont Avenue

Mosqueda

The home of the Gary Soto Collection, this branch is part of a larger community center.

Last year:

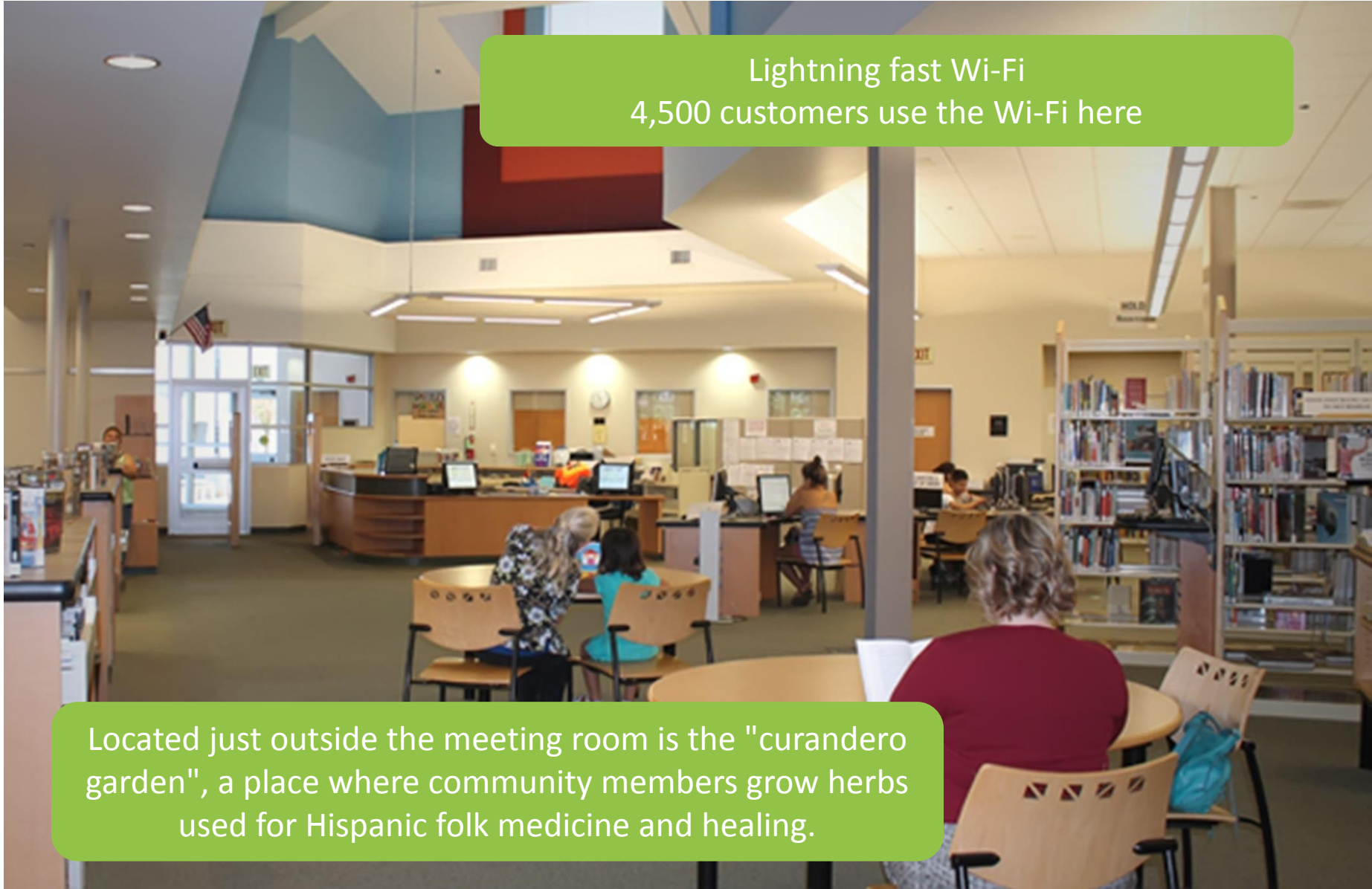
- Added 4,869 new users
- 54% increase in program attendance
- Over 71,000 customers served



Orange Cove

Lightning fast Wi-Fi
4,500 customers use the Wi-Fi here

Located just outside the meeting room is the "curandero garden", a place where community members grow herbs used for Hispanic folk medicine and healing.



Piedra

Piedra Branch Library brings people from the valley and mountain communities together

Last year:

- 8% greater circulation
- Free Wi-Fi

Pinedale

As an integral part of the new community center, this branch is a favorite gathering spot for all ages.

"My youngest daughter loves the other kids that meet for the Manga club and I like being able spend time with her and her friends." - **Gloria J.**

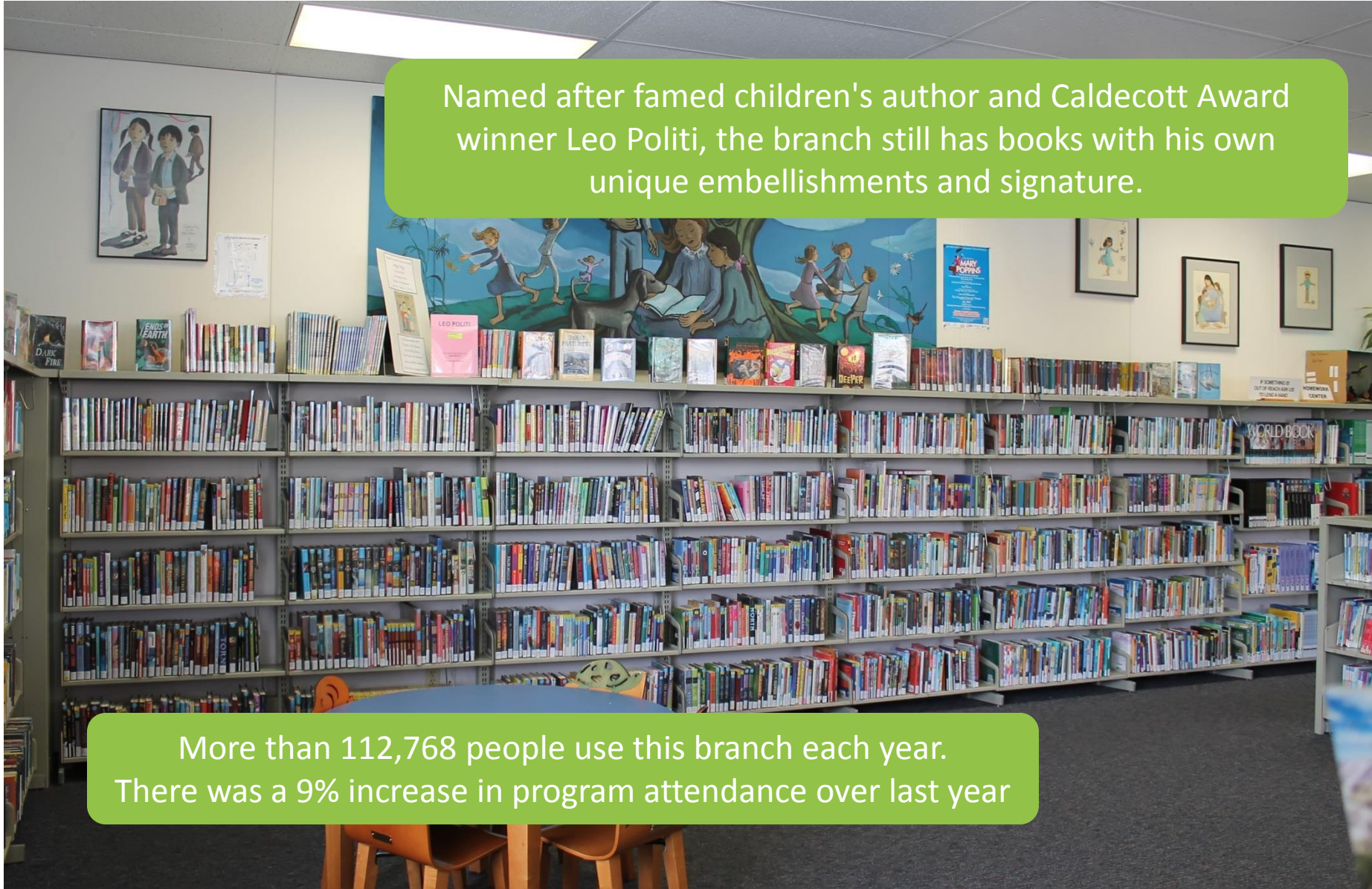
Last year:

- 12% increase in circulation
- Card games, Manga and massive programs that spill out into the community center

Politi

Named after famed children's author and Caldecott Award winner Leo Politi, the branch still has books with his own unique embellishments and signature.

More than 112,768 people use this branch each year.
There was a 9% increase in program attendance over last year



Reedley

The Reedley Branch is slated for a new building to better accommodate the growing community.

There was a 161% increase in program attendance.

Close to Reedley College, this branch sees a heavy influx of students.



Riverdale

This is the only place in town that offers dedicated Wi-Fi, plus it is home to an oversized undergarment signed by none other than Dav Pilkey!

Riverdale increased the number of programs it had this fiscal year by 33%

This little community still sees steady growth. The branch added 1969 new members this year.



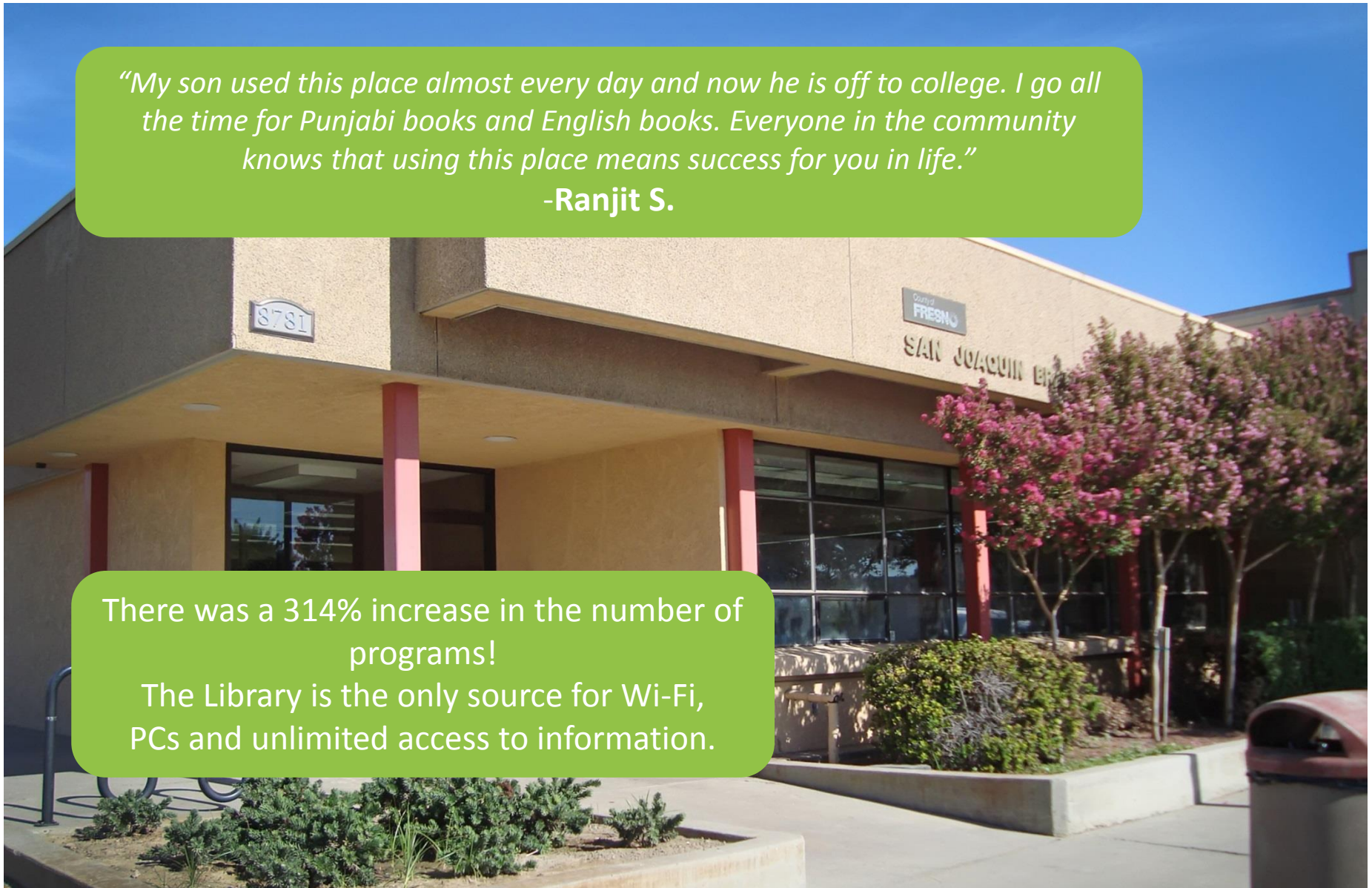
San Joaquin

“My son used this place almost every day and now he is off to college. I go all the time for Punjabi books and English books. Everyone in the community knows that using this place means success for you in life.”

-Ranjit S.

There was a 314% increase in the number of programs!

The Library is the only source for Wi-Fi, PCs and unlimited access to information.



Sanger



Last year:

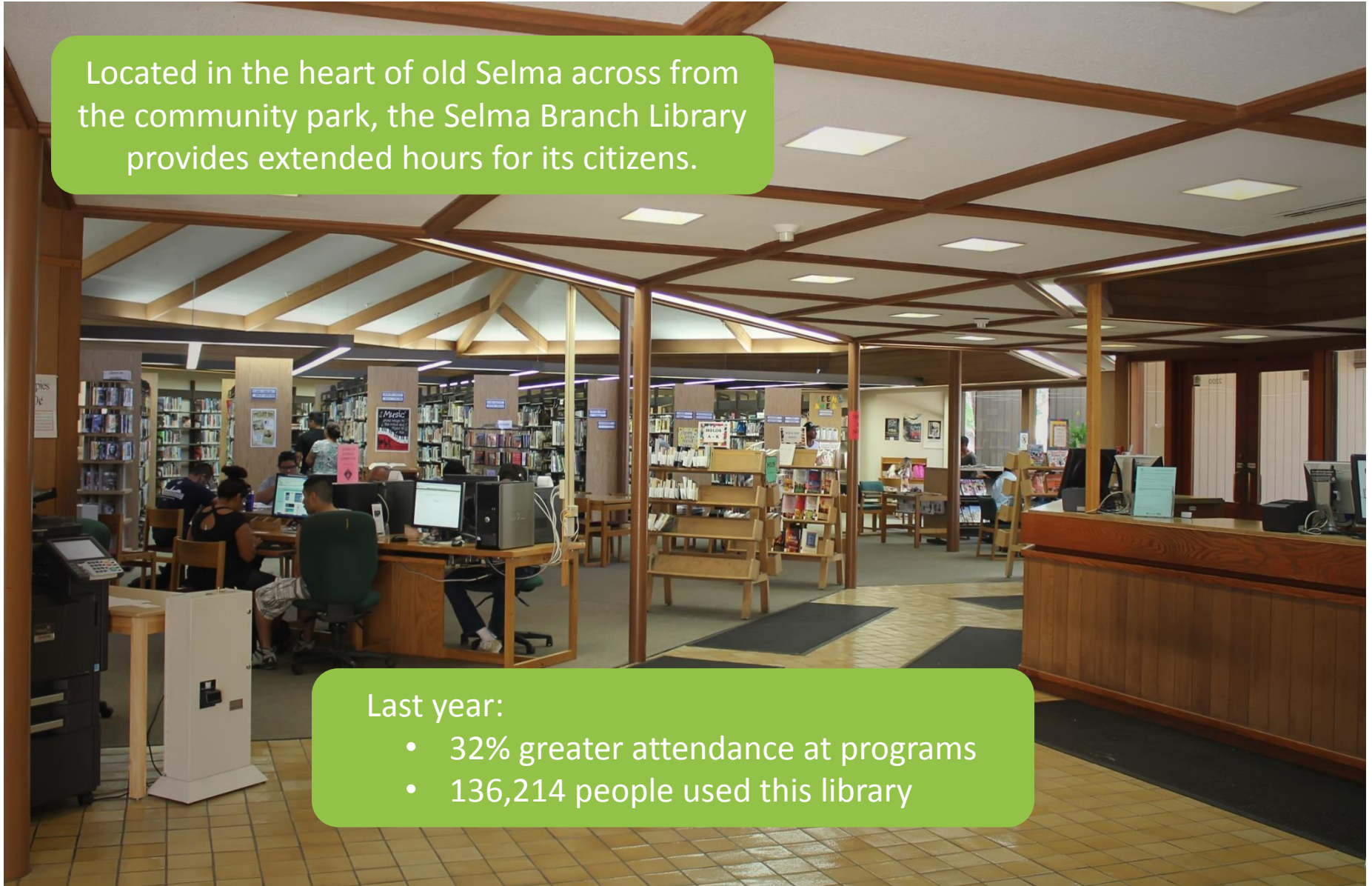
- 42% greater programming attendance
- 60% more programs
- 174,148 people served

Selma

Located in the heart of old Selma across from the community park, the Selma Branch Library provides extended hours for its citizens.

Last year:

- 32% greater attendance at programs
- 136,214 people used this library



Senior Resource Center

This community center provides Facebook classes for seniors and technophobes alike, and has a big collection of large print books.

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There were 13% more programs and 871 new customers added at this location.

BOOKS

Shaver Lake

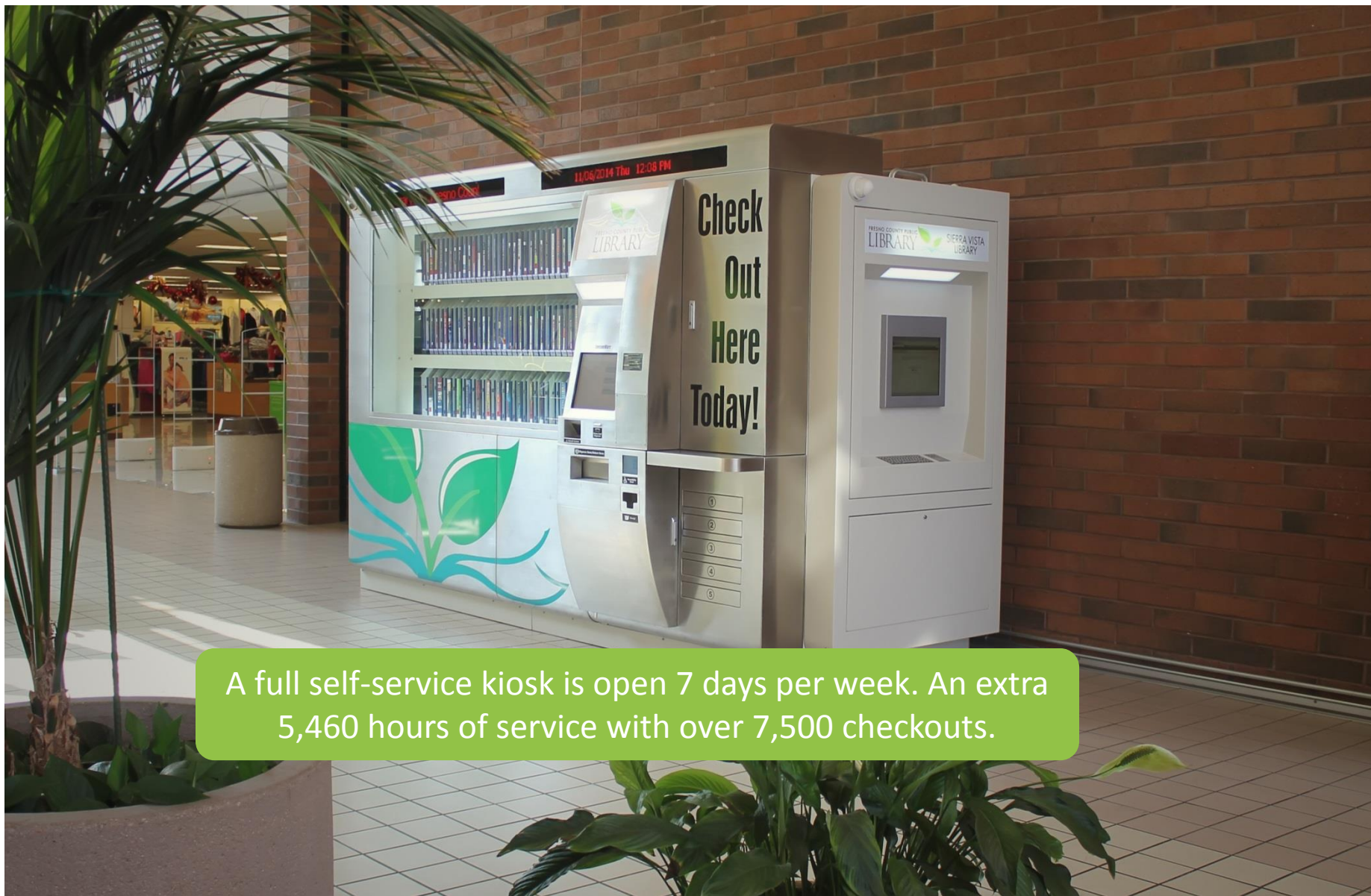
A regular community partner of the Central Sierra History Society, this branch has many educational programs for its residents.

Last year:

- 671% leap in the total number of programs
- 24% greater circulation
- 530% jump in the number of people attending programs



Sierra Vista



A full self-service kiosk is open 7 days per week. An extra 5,460 hours of service with over 7,500 checkouts.

Sunnyside



Last year 162,630 people used this library, and there was a 52% increase in program attendance.

Talking Book

The Library meets specialized needs of the entire Central Valley.
Almost 81,000 checkouts last year.



Teague

Another joint use branch on school property, Teague Branch proudly serves students and the greater community.

TEAGUE SCHOOL

Huge increases in circulation and total usage every single month! For such a tiny branch, almost 4,000 yearly checkouts is an incredible figure.

Tranquillity



There was an 8% increase in circulation and 93% more programs than last year. It is the only place in town to offer Wi-Fi.

West Fresno

This Library shares space with several other County agencies in a joint use facility.



West Fresno offered 67% more programs over last year and had a 34% increase in programming attendance.

Woodward Park

Woodward is one of the busiest branches in the system.

Over 16,600 people enjoyed programs here.
There were 59,991 items checked out in one month...the highest circulation of any branch!



WoW!

Going anywhere and everywhere, the WoW! team is the first of its kind for any library. It's completely mobile and brings 21st century service to everyone in the community.

Last year:

- 146 programs and outreach events conducted
- 13,604 people served this year



Accountability

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

REVENUES

Property and Other Taxes	\$10,137,595
Measure B Sales Tax	\$15,648,526
Revenue from Use of Money & Property	\$178,633
State Assistance	\$44,990
Fines & Fees	\$1,784,468
Miscellaneous	\$129,561
General Fund Contribution	\$328,967

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE \$28,252,740

REVENUES FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

Available Fund Balance Contribution \$338,763

TOTAL REVENUE \$28,591,503

EXPENDITURES

Personnel [salaries & benefits]	\$17,010,446
Services and Supplies	\$5,151,207
Library Collection [Materials]	\$2,811,017
Furniture & Equipment	\$18,181
Capital Lease Building	\$314,700

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE \$25,305,551

Expenditures for Capital Outlay \$338,763

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$25,644,314

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

~ Laurel Prysiazny
County Librarian

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