
A MESSAGE TO OUR

Library Customers

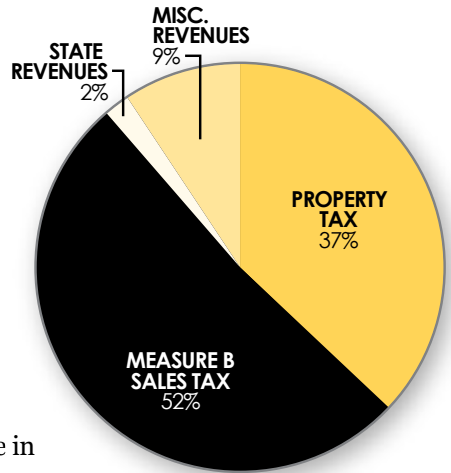
Like other County departments, the Library faces major financial challenges. While library use continues to climb, for the first time ever in our history, revenues from Measure B have fallen for two years in a row. Property taxes are static but projected to drop.

Our top priority has always been keeping the promises of Measure B, which will expire in March 2013. However, the decline in revenues resulting from the economic downturn has made service reductions necessary:

- All branches will be closed four (4) additional low-use days during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- Programs for all ages will be reduced by one third.
- Only essential maintenance and equipment purchases will be completed.
- Existing staff have been reassigned to help meet shortages at other understaffed locations.

These reductions will help maintain other high-use essential services, including outreach to the unemployed and underemployed, computer access, purchases of books and other materials, and literacy tutors.

On behalf of staff and volunteers, thank you for your support of Measure B and your continued use of libraries during this uncertain economy.



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