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FOUNDATION

OUR NEW MISSION

The Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation supports the long-term health and sustainability of the Santa Barbara Public Library through public-private partnerships.

YEAR IN REVIEW
2022-2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year 2022-2023. Your dedication and generosity have been instrumental in helping us achieve great milestones for the Library Foundation and Santa Barbara Public Library.

As we look back on the past year, we can proudly celebrate the Library support we have achieved together. From expanding literacy programs to reaching more underserved communities, to advocating for our Library to re-open 7 days a week, your support has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

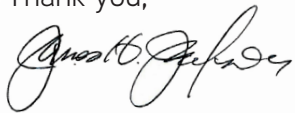
The long-awaited opening of the Michael Towbes Library Plaza will mark a significant moment for our Library and the community it serves. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen delays in construction, we will need to move the scheduled date of the Plaza Opening. With the vision of hosting the best possible celebration for the community, we are aiming for a Spring 2024 opening.

Your support has played a crucial role in making this project a reality. Through your contributions, we have been able to secure the necessary funding and engage with the community to ensure that the Michael Towbes Library Plaza meets the needs and aspirations of learners of all ages.

I want to express my deep appreciation for your commitment to our mission and your belief in the power of Libraries to transform lives. Your continued support is vital as we navigate the ever-changing landscape of Library services and adapt to shifting funding priorities and new campaigns.

I am confident that with your ongoing support, together, we will continue to make a difference in our community.

Thank you,



Jim Jackson
Board President, Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation

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CELEBRATING OUR 2022-2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

Your support made it possible!



LONG TERM INVESTMENTS

Completed a **\$1,000,000 Endowment Campaign** for the Michael Towbes Library Plaza. The Library Plaza will open with a ribbon-cutting and community arts festival in 2024.

Granted **\$83,529** to Santa Barbara Public Library for innovative Children's Library programming in accordance with the annual grants made possible by the \$2M Children's Library Endowment established in 2015.



INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Received **\$52,450** for Library on the Go and **\$175,500** in transformational gifts to the Library's essential literacy programs for children and youth. Thank you to the Kislak Family Foundation, Mithun Family Foundation, Towbes Foundation, and Volentine Foundation for supporting programs that serve children and families at critical stages in literacy development.

Launched our fifth year supporting the Library's SB Reads program, **providing \$25,000 to help sponsor the 2022 program**. 700+ members of the community participated in last year's 15 programs, with 725+ books (print & digital) distributed free of charge.



A THRIVING LIBRARY

Advocated for the Library to be OPEN. City Council heard our concerns and voted unanimously to restore the Library's hours! **\$686,000** will be funded from the city's reserve to re-open the Central Library seven days a week and keep the Eastside library open six days a week.

Celebrated National Library Week with a week full of Library events and activities and **introduced the Jessica Cadiente Library Champion Award** to acknowledge a special Library hero every year.



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MICHAEL TOWBES LIBRARY PLAZA

***Michael Towbes Library Plaza Opening
and Ribbon-Cutting Coming Spring 2024***



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Library Plaza.*

