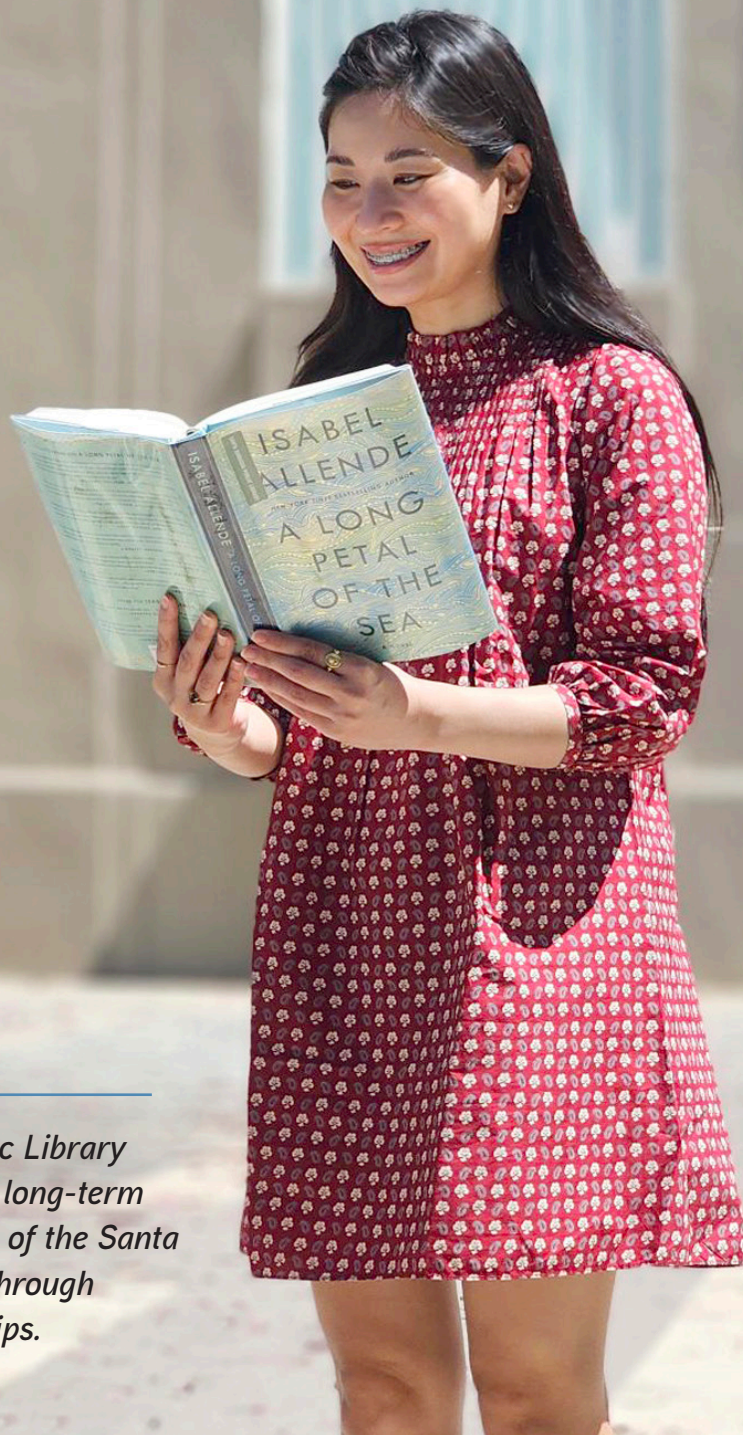




Santa Barbara
Public Library
FOUNDATION

YEAR IN REVIEW 2023-2024



OUR MISSION

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am honored to step into the role of President for the Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation Board. Libraries raised me, and they are the heartbeat of a community. As a school administrator and SB parent, I believe that our Santa Barbara Public Library is the ideal place for our community to gather, learn, and grow together. It is a place where knowledge is shared, creativity is nurtured, and everyone—regardless of age, background, or circumstance—can come to explore new worlds and ideas.



As we prepare to open the newly transformed Michael Towbes Library Plaza this year, I am filled with gratitude for what we have accomplished together. Our Plaza opening is just around the corner, and I can't wait to behold the dynamic programming, community events, and children at play that will fill this space. This moment represents not just the culmination of years of planning, hard work, patience, and generosity, but also the beginning of a new chapter for our Library. Thanks to you, we've been able to create a welcoming environment that will inspire future generations and enhance the cultural fabric of Santa Barbara.

Your ongoing partnership is essential as we work to ensure that the Library remains a dynamic resource for all. Whether through volunteering, making a financial contribution, or simply spreading the word about the transformative power of our Library, your involvement makes a difference.

Together, we can build a brighter future for Santa Barbara—one where knowledge, creativity, and community thrive.

With heartfelt thanks and anticipation for what's to come,

Dr. Anna Alldredge, President

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TOKENS OF APPRECIATION: HOW LAZY ACRES AND YOU CAN FEED THE LIBRARY'S IMPACT!

Shoppers earn 10¢ Envirotokens for each reusable bag they use and can donate the funds to local nonprofits, including the Library Foundation. Recently, **Lazy Acres donated \$2,000** in gift cards to help purchase adult lunches for the Lunch at the Library program, which serves just children and teens. This special contribution allowed parents and caregivers to enjoy a meal on select days. These families don't usually get to enjoy this kind of time together, which is why that meet-up was everyone's favorite. So please remember: every time you shop at Lazy Acres, bring back your reusable bags and earn a dime to help the Library care for more families.



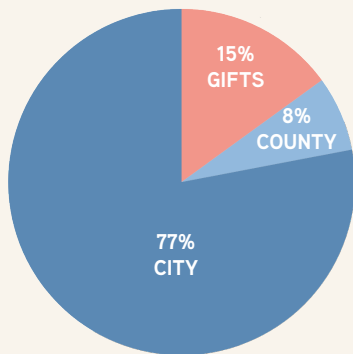
2023-2024: A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS



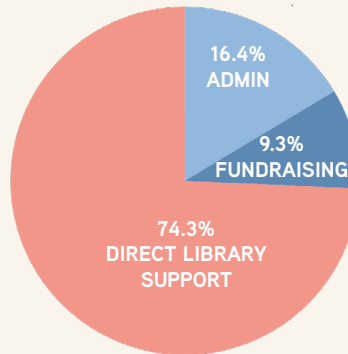
- 1 Collections Support:** After significant cuts to the Library collections budget, donor support helped **purchase over 15,000 physical and digital books**.
- 2 Passing Measure A:** Because of you, we were the loudest organization in the crusade to **change the city's bidding process** forever, because we don't want anybody else to go through what we endured to complete the Plaza.
- 3 SB Reads 2023:** Just think: at a time when they say our country is divided, you helped the Library bring us together with **more than 30 community reading programs** across the city, satisfying hundreds of avid readers, handing out **more than 1,500 books** to our neighbors. For free. Because of you. Thank you.
- 4 Children's Library:** All told, the Foundation **contributed \$81,975 to programs that serve over 36,000 children** each year. This year, you enabled us to pre-load tablets with educational apps, and to buy Literacy Kits that teach parents how to teach reading. You're creating readers!
- 5 Library on the Go:** Thanks to you, we expanded Library on the Go, securing **over \$85,000 in grant support** to enhance outreach, with a second mobile Library van coming soon.

FINANCIALS

SB Public Library Budget
\$9,838,367



SB Public Library Foundation
FY 23-24 \$940,762 raised



Investment Funds as
of FY 2023-2024

Your contributions to our investment funds, totaling over \$3 million, are vital for sustaining the library and its spaces.

Board Designated Reserve Fund
\$951,956.57

Children's Library Endowment
\$1,192,879.43

Library Plaza Endowment
\$951,721.13

**Our goal is to increase Library funds while staying within industry standards.*

DRIVEN BY LEARNING: THE LIBRARY ON THE GO VAN'S OUTREACH SUCCESS

The Library on the Go Van brings Library services and music programming to as many as 100 patrons at a time at Mackenzie, Oak, Shoreline and Ortega parks. Recently, 19 junior high schoolers learned to fly drones at the van, blending digital literacy, hands-on excitement and the joy of learning a new skill into a wonderful afternoon. When donors Kevin and Megan Nuss saw the Library on the Go Van in action, they knew it was the perfect tribute to two loved ones. They created the Pam and Tom Szot Fund to honor Pam's career as a librarian and Tom's dedication to inspiring others. And now they invite you to support, to honor your loved ones, and to spread the joy of learning.



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