



San José Public Library
Foundation

2021 Annual Report



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Sneak peek: The year 2022 marks the Library Foundation's 35th anniversary of operations and we have a remarkable series of events to celebrate this milestone. We hope you will join us – in person or online – for the festivities! Go to sjplf.org/35th to learn more.

In 2021, the Library stood firm as a place to find information, guidance, solace, and community, even as COVID continued to disrupt everything that we used to do. **SJPL's 25 physical sites throughout the City leveraged their position in each neighborhood to respond in different ways to the emerging needs.** Some branches hosted food distribution and vaccine clinics; others became education centers for students who needed in-person 'learning pods'; and all branches offered free computers and hotspots to borrow along with digital literacy workshops in multiple languages.

The Library Foundation partnered with the City again in 2021 to launch a new program, **Resilience Corps**. Designed to provide hands-on work experience in the expanded learning field for college students who come

from San José's lowest income census tracts or who were significantly impacted by COVID. This program is off to a magnificent start with the foundation having hired 50 young adults at a living wage, and placed them with five educational partners throughout the City.

The following pages highlight some of the incredible and impactful work that is due to your involvement with the Library Foundation. Please tell us on social media which of these programs are most important to you. **As we begin 2022, we are so proud to have your confidence and trust for the past 35 years!**



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Resilience Corps

In March 2021, San José launched the Resilience Corps, a workforce development program for young adults that supports them with living wage employment and professional development opportunities, while simultaneously providing educational support for K-12 students in under-resourced neighborhoods.



Through this program, the San José Public Library Foundation has been a key partner in the work to accelerate learning growth among high-needs K-12 students.

The Foundation has placed Resilience Corps Associates (RCAs) at several expanded learning partner organizations across the city to help high-needs K-12 students in San José by providing tutoring and extended-day educational support. RCAs perform this work in partnership with Local Education Agencies or Out-of-School Providers such as:

- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
- Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley
- Bay Area Tutoring Association
- The Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Recreation of City Kids (R.O.C.K.) program
- SJPL's Homework Club and after school programs

Through a partnership with Work2Future and SJPL Works, RCAs are provided professional development opportunities in the form of job training, mentorship, and wraparound services like resume building and interview skills.



50 RCAs
ages 18-26

The Foundation currently employs 50 Resilience Corps Associates (RCAs) – college students ages 18-26 who are living in San José's low-resourced census tracts and have been impacted by the pandemic.



“The Associates have so much energy and love for the children they work with. I am happy this program can make an impact to literally help change the Associates’ lives as well as their students’ by providing a livable wage.”

YESENIA RAMOS, RESILIENCE CORPS MANAGER



These programs are located in low-resourced census tracts supporting schools in:

- Franklin McKinley School District
- Alum Rock Union School District
- Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District
- Berryessa School District
- Alpha Public Schools
- Downtown College Prep

“School is my top priority and I knew I needed a job where I could get paid and make sure I prioritize my studies. This job has allowed me to do so, while helping children who have also done online school like I have.”

CRYSTAL Y., RESILIENCE CORPS ASSOCIATE

Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregiver Support Network

In CA, 80% of children age 0-2 and 40% of children age 0-5 are cared for by Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFNs). Yet, FFNs are historically unacknowledged as early educators and unsupported as childcare providers.

The Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver Support Network is a program that provides access to resources, professional development opportunities, and individualized support to better serve under-resourced caregivers – like FFNs – many of whom are BIPOC women.

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Financial support provided by the San José Public Library Foundation ensures that FFNs have access to the latest technology, information, supplies, and professional networks that will support them in caring for children.

Now in its second year, the FFN Caregiver Support Network has created nearly 200 highly-qualified caregivers and has provided stable care and high-quality learning experiences for more than 600 children in San José.

89% Program Completion Rate



55% Program Growth Since Last Year From 60 to 108 FFNs

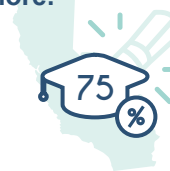


95% of participants are BIPOC women



Career Online High School

Career Online High School (COHS) is a nationally accredited program that gives adults in San José the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and career certificate in a variety of high-demand fields, like education, office management, homeland security, transportation and more.



Career Online High School has 75% graduation rate, highest in the nation.

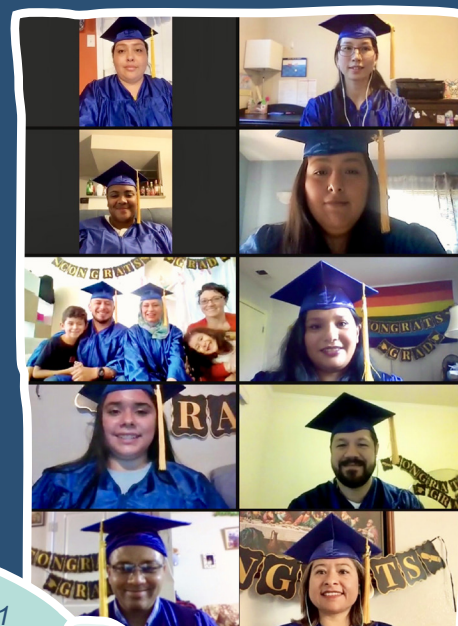
COHS offers 24/7 online courses to give students the flexibility to pursue their education, regardless of their circumstances. Students are also paired with a program coach dedicated to their academic and professional success.

The San José Public Library Foundation partners with the California State Library and other generous sponsors to provide full scholarships for qualified students. The Foundation also hosts virtual and in-person events for COHS participants, including information sessions, orientations, and graduation ceremonies.

To date, 129 adult learners have earned both an accredited high school diploma and career certificate through the program.

Photo of COHS Class of 2021

17% of Santa Clara County students do not graduate high school



San José Aspires

San José Aspires is a performance-based scholarship program that provides financial awards for high school students in San José. Students from low-income families in underserved neighborhoods are invited into the program and empowered to pursue college and career readiness by completing activities that set them up for success in San José and Silicon Valley.



\$298,475 Scholar Dollars Earned

Students can receive up to \$5,000 in scholar dollars for completing tasks like participating in extracurricular activities, volunteering, taking an AP or SAT exam, applying for financial aid and other efforts that aid them in their post-secondary education journey. The program provides individual guidance and counseling to further aid students in achieving their goals.

To be eligible for their awards, students must enroll in and attend post-secondary school. Students have 3 years to claim their awards and any unclaimed money goes back into the system for the benefit of other students.



1,400 Students Served

4,433 Awards Claimed



The San José Public Library Foundation works with corporate partners to promote the program and host events that provide mentorship and educate SJ Aspires students about career development. To ensure program efficacy, the Foundation partners with Stanford University to conduct external evaluations of the program.

As the program expands, the Library and Foundation are working to include more high schools and increase the amount of financial awards available to participating students. New awards are continuously added to broaden opportunities available to students and promote community-building through leadership and volunteer opportunities.



My favorite thing is that I'm getting rewarded for learning. It's such a great opportunity that I'm getting money to go to college with my scholarship and that I'm also gaining important skills. I feel like it's a win-win situation.

ANALISA V.



Wee Programs

4,500+



Storytimes Throughout
the City and Online



Added online and
phone story times in
multiple languages.



28,000+

Children
Participated

SJ Learns



69%

Demonstrated
Growth on
Academic
Assessments



19

Elementary
Schools
in 2021



5,000

Students
Will Have
Been Served
by June 2022



Partners in Reading



11,128

Total Number of
Tutoring Hours



79%

of Adult Learners Met
Their Learning Goal

1,435

Books and

3,600

Educational Kits

Given to PAR Learners

Working Scholars



“When I saw this opportunity for a low-cost bachelor’s degree, I was like, ‘YES!’ Once I have my bachelor’s that means I can eventually become a librarian, which has been my dream job ever since I joined the Library staff in 2013.”

ALYSSA MENDOZA



“One of our absolute favorite learning classes. I cannot believe how much my child is growing in their artistic talent and knowledge of the ABCs. Thank you so much for offering these classes!”

PARENT

Summer Learning



38,280

Books Given
Away This Year



50

Grand Prizes
for the Library
system



7,524

Sign-ups
in 2021

SJPL Works

“I wanted to thank you again for all your help over the past few months, I know your advice helped me to get to this new position.”

SJPL WORKS PARTICIPANT



664

Workshops
Held in 2021



2,143

Participants
Helped in 2021



San José Access



12,800

Hotspots distributed through **32** Local Education Agencies



93%

Class Attendance Rate for Students who Received an SJ Access Hotspot

SJaccess
CITY OF SAN JOSE



San José Access gives residents digital resources and free, reliable internet. Through the program, residents can check out mobile hot-spots for convenient wi-fi access and borrow devices, like laptops, tablets, and Chromebooks.

With support from the San José Public Library Foundation, the Library has been able to provide more technology and conduct work at scale through 25 branches across the city, partnering with smaller community agencies where appropriate to expand its reach.

In 2021, SJ Access built a free outdoor wi-fi service for East San José. This community wi-fi service provides wi-fi to the surrounding areas of three major high schools in East San José, with access planned for another five high schools by 2022. The Library also created a free Downtown wi-fi network in partnership with Facebook and Cambium Networks.

Coding5K

The Coding5K Challenge began in 2018 as a means of addressing the growing lack of San José residents in STEM fields.

Initially, the goal of the program was to teach 5,000 children how to code and was only offered at 5 Library branches. As of 2021, the Coding5K program taught more than 17,500 students how to code and is now available in all 25 libraries.

Classes in the program are free and geared toward kids in grades K-12. Students are taught several

programming languages, including Python, Java, C++, and Swift.

The San José Public Library Foundation provides funds to support classroom technology sets, maintain and expand robotics kits and curricula, and create marketing materials to increase awareness of the program and different STEM fields.



CODING5K
CHALLENGE
SAN JOSÉ PUBLIC LIBRARY



1,942

Hours of Service Provided by **121** Volunteers



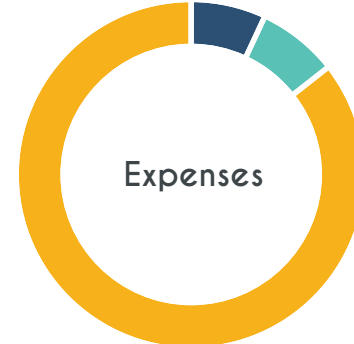
86%

of students said they thought they were good at coding after participating in a Coding5K class.

69%

of all Coding5K students said they were excited to continue to learn about computer science and coding

2021 Financial Snapshot



Individuals	\$1,686,539	21%
Foundation	\$452,785	6%
Corporate	\$2,779,601	34%
Government	\$3,208,246	39%
Other	\$89,866	1%
Total Revenue	\$8,217,037	100%

Program	\$3,049,630	86%
Management	\$265,735	7%
Fundraising	\$246,878	7%
Total Expenses	\$3,562,243	100%
Net Revenue	\$4,654,794	0%

Balance Sheet

Assets: \$11,250,952 Liabilities: \$1,054,289
Net Assets: \$10,196,663

Numbers above are unaudited. For our most recent financial audit, please visit sjplf.org.

Legacy Society

We are so grateful for the generosity and forethought of these supporters who have informed us they have included the San José Public Library Foundation in their estate plans:

Susan Renzel Carter
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Susan J. Devencenzi

Tom & Carol Langston
Patty & Stephen Z L Tsai
Patricia & Richard Wolfe

Please let us know if your name is missing from this list so we can update our records.



Memorial donations made it possible for a plaque honoring beloved Librarian **Scott Kimizuka**.

Advocacy

The Advocacy committee works collectively with the Library and Education Commission and the Friends of the Library to inform and petition local government to increase their support of the Library and its programs. In 2021, our advocacy efforts helped restore partial staffing levels to pre-pandemic levels and expand city funding for key programs. Community voices are crucial to maintaining a strong public library system. If you would like to join your voice with ours, please email info@sjplf.org for more information.

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35th Anniversary Event

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