

2026 Stories of Impact

March 15, 2026

Driving Digital Empowerment at STEM Sundays

At recent STEM Sunday 3D-modeling workshops, **families mastered digital design fundamentals** using Tinkercad to print chess pieces. This skill-building is made possible by a generous grant from Microsoft. By providing the devices necessary, **this partnership ensures our community has equitable access** to the technology required to thrive in Silicon Valley.

Over 40 kinds of seeds available for FREE

April 11, 2026

Seed Library Expansion Enables Lifelong Learning

The Alviso Branch expanded their Seed Library thanks to a generous grant we received from the Legacy San José Alviso Youth Foundation, **removing barriers to sustainable resources and cultivating a more resilient community.**

April 21, 2026

Celebrating A Heartfelt National Library Week

On National Library Workers Day, our Staff and Board went on a mission to say thanks to the incredible people who make the San José Public Library shine, delivering care packages to all 25 branch locations across San José.



But the best part of the delivery? The messages from you! From every corner of the city, **our community sent in letters of gratitude to the wonderful staff who keep our libraries welcoming for everyone.**

May 29, 2026

Resilience Corps Associates are Building the Workforce

Resilience Corps Associates earn a living wage of **\$25.50 per hour**

As we wrap up another year, **the 2025-2026 Resilience Corps cohort is ready to take on the world.** A paid job training program with dedicated professional development workshops, the Resilience Corps empowers young adults to serve our community where needed most. Scan the QR code to see the impact your vital support has made.



June 9, 2026

International Public Library Fundraising Conference

Our staff attended the International Public Library Fundraising Conference in Columbus, Ohio to share and gain industry insights. Highlighting our organization's leadership in the field, three of our team members were selected as featured speakers to present on development strategies. **We were proud to represent San José on a global stage**, sharing our proven fundraising and advocacy strategies while **continuing to lead the way in supporting public libraries.**



Thank you for your continuous support of our libraries. We look forward to building on this success with you as we enter the rest of the year.

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2026 Mid-Year Impact Snapshot



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adult learners are advancing their education through Career Online High School, gaining the skills needed to reach their full potential in today's economy

\$868K

awarded in grants to 15 local schools through SJ Learns, **boosting academic support** for K-3rd grade students

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teachers were honored with the Educator of the Year Award for their dedication to academic achievement within our local schools

592

generous donations were made in support of Library Giving Day to **keep our 25 library branches thriving and accessible to all**

64

love letters to the library were submitted by patrons in **celebration of National Library Week**

10,090

programs have been offered, creating safe spaces for our community to learn, connect, and grow with one another

25,125

hours of **academic support and mentorship** were provided by our Resilience Corps Associates

3,101

new followers joined us on social media, expanding our reach to **keep neighbors** informed on library resources and services

See what we've built together so far in 2026.

Your belief in the power of public libraries has made the first half of 2026 truly remarkable. We are proud to share this **Mid-Year Impact Report** and show you exactly where your investment is going.

But the story of 2026 is only half-written. While we have accomplished so much, the second half of the year holds even more opportunity to serve our community. Your mid-year gift ensures that these vital programs continue to grow and reach those who need them most. To make a donation, scan the QR code or visit sjplf.org/Donate.



Thank you for your generosity and for being the backbone of our library's success.



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Kristi Yamaguchi's Family Literacy Fest

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Back for the 4th year!