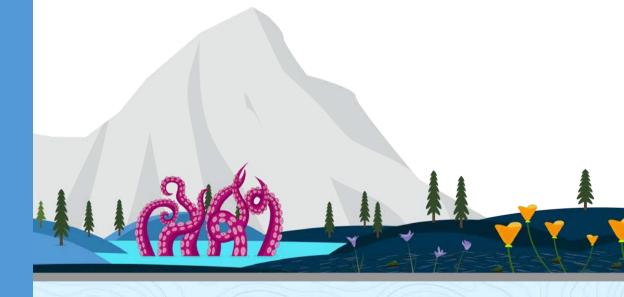
# SHASTA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

# ANNUAL REPORT

2022



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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

#### Dear Reader,

It has been a true pleasure joining the Shasta Public Libraries community. As your new Library Director, I am honored to lead the Libraries and provide quality services to our community. The past year was full of new and exciting developments and continued strong support and engagement from the community.

As always, the Libraries provided residents with access to information, materials, and a host of educational and entertaining programs. During the past year, the Libraries added several new tools and online resources, including SkillShare, Coursera, and GetSetUp to support lifelong learning. We became a FamilySearch-affiliated library for patrons interested in genealogy and launched Hoopla, a free streaming service with books, movies, television shows, and more. We continue to provide the popular Brainfuse tutoring service and Zip Books so patrons can request and receive books and other media quickly.

We will build on this success in the coming year, with plans to expand our reach and impact with even more Library programs and community partnerships. We will provide resources that educate and enrich life for everyone in the Redding and Shasta County area.

One of the most valuable resources the Libraries offer is our staff and the personal touch they provide. We have added several staff members this year who make our team even stronger. Thank you for your support of Shasta Public Libraries. We are honored to serve this vibrant community and are very excited for the future!

#### Jared Tolman, MLS | Library Director



# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**251**Children Programs

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**7,962** 587
Attendance Attendance

**184** 

Adult Programs

1,516

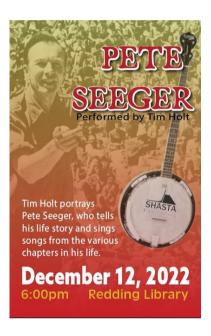
Attendance

In December, a concert featuring Tim Holt portraying Pete Seeger, retelling the folk singer's life story through song for an audience of nearly 100 people.

The community continued to embrace traditional programs including storytimes (an Elmo storytime in Anderson and Cookie Monster storytime in Burney were especially popular) and Prescription Pets - R.E.A.D. in which children read to pets in the library.











# **SUMMER READING**

Kids and families participated in programs to keep literacy education strong during summer months and prevent the "summer slide" learning loss. Incentives motivated children to keep reading all summer long.

1.4M

READ, CREATE, LEARN

1,948

5,237 Sign-Ups **Books Read** 

Minutes Read (Adult) (Children)

**27** 

**Events** 



# SHASTA LITERACY

106 Learners

2,089 **Learning Hours** 

**English Language** Classes

46 Computer Classes

**50** Volunteers

1,796 Volunteer Hours

**250** Students attend after school literacy events The Libraries offered a variety of one-on-one tutoring, group sessions, and classes in the following areas:

- ESL & GED
- Computer & Cell Phone
- Citizenship
- Conversation
- **Financial Literacy**
- Reading & Writing
- Math
- Family Literacy



### **NEW RESOURCES**

#### **FAMILY SEARCH**

Shasta Public Libraries now provide FamilySearch, a valuable tool for genealogical research. With access to 300 million images, FamilySearch is the world's largest online genealogical resource. Family Search, along with Ancestry.com and partnership with the Shasta Genealogical Society, makes Shasta Public Libraries an invaluable resource for the community.





#### **HOOPLA DIGITAL**

The Libraries launched the Hoopla streaming platform. Hoopla provides free streaming access to movies, television shows, music, and more. Much like the Libby app for electronic materials, Hoopla also provides access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines.

# **HOOPLA STATISTICS (JULY - DECEMBER 2022)**

**2,103** Items Checked Out

**590** 

**New Users** 

EBooks, audiobooks, movies, and comics were the most popular items

Adult fiction, adult nonfiction, and juvenile fiction were the most popular genres

#### **BRAINFUSE**

Brainfuse is an online tutoring service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service provides proofreading for essays, homework assistance for K-12 grades, a writing lab, and language tutors. Students can get specific responses to their individual questions from a real person whenever help is needed.







#### **COURSERA**

The Libraries launched the COURSERA learning platform this year. COURSERA provides patrons free access to courses from universities across the United States. A library card is all residents need to access courses from accredited universities and receive a certificate of completion.

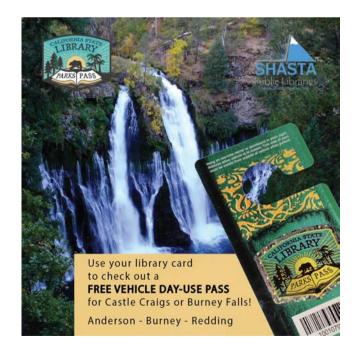
#### **PARK & MUSEUM PASSES**

Through a Shasta Public Libraries partnership with California Parks, patrons can check out free passes to several nearby state parks. Free passes are also available to local favorite Turtle Bay, where one pass now provides entrance for an entire family. All passes are a great opportunity to discover the area's many natural wonders.

#### PARK & MUSEUM PASS CIRCULATION

188 **Turtle Bay Library Member Passes** 

California State Library Park Passes



# LIBRARY IMPACT: SHASTA PUBLIC LIBRARIES 2022 STATISTICS



Children's Programs

Attendance

Attendance

Attendance

**Teen Programs** 

**Adult Programs** 

3,140

31

48



#### **ANDERSON**





# **BURNEY**





- 52 Children's Programs802 Attendance5 Teen Programs
  - Teen ProgramsAttendance
  - 31 Adult Programs82 Attendance

#### **REDDING**

Children's Programs

3,452 Attendance

**60** Teen Programs

**556** Attendance

129 Adult Programs1,329 Attendance









# Thank you to the following partners for supporting Shasta Public Libraries in 2022:

- The Redding Municipal Library Board of Trustees
- · City of Redding staff
- Friends of Shasta County Libraries
- Friends of the Intermountain Libraries
- Shasta Library Foundation
- Shasta Public Libraries Citizens Advisory Committee

