

2011 HIGHLIGHTS

The Library helps Concord children develop early literacy

- Storytimes for Babies and Toddlers prepare young children for literacy through stories, rhymes, and songs.
- Stories to Go volunteers visit local preschools serving low income children to do storytimes.
- Bilingual Storytimes for three- to five-year-olds and their caregivers provided stories in Spanish and English.

Partnerships increase our impact

- Parenting workshops are provided in partnership with community organizations such as the Contra Costa Child Care Council, La Clínica, and We Care Services for Children.
- Free bilingual computer and resume classes were offered at the Michael Chavez Center.
- Library staff visit local schools to encourage summer reading, which helps students retain and sharpen literacy skills during the months that they are out of the classroom.
- The Friends of the Concord Library raised \$10,000 for books and \$8,000 for library programs.
- Through Discover & Go, over 1,200 residents attended museums and cultural events with free or discounted passes.

Library services and programs empower the community

- Over 1,000 residents received free tax assistance thanks to a partnership with AARP.
- The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce offers instructional workshops for the local business community.
- Free Internet access: Library users logged onto computers 51,263 times last year. Additionally, dozens of people use our free wireless access each week.
- Residents learn how to prepare for small claims court at the monthly Small Claims Advisor Workshop conducted by the Contra Costa County Superior Court.
- The Contra Costa County Bar Association offers free legal help with an immigration attorney.



QUICK FACTS

329,166 books, DVDs,
and magazines borrowed

4,136 visitors each week

6,709 children and
their families attended
programs

79 volunteers contributed
4,422 hours supporting
the library

