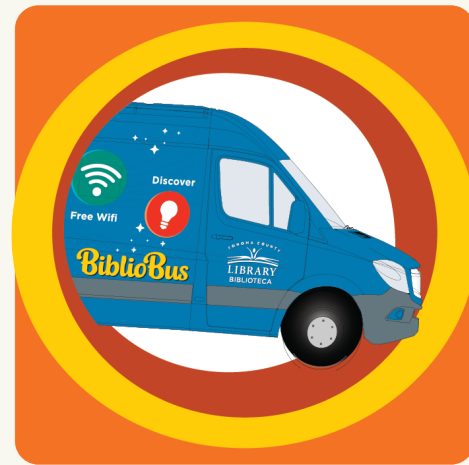


# LIBRARIES ARE FOR **EVERYONE**



# You Love Your Library!

A recent survey showcased why Sonoma County residents love their library system

- Qualified librarians
- Reading programs for children
- Homework help, career support and computer labs
- Safe places for children after school
- Clean, safe places



# Reimagining the Library

Reimagining the Library  
Reinventando la Biblioteca



2021



**Support Foster Build Strengthen**  
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**Empower Embody Offer Advance**



*Provide opportunities for all to learn, contribute, interact, and participate*



*Further community resiliency*



*Foster racial equity, social justice, and inclusion for everyone*

# Central Santa Rosa Library

Our largest library, downtown Santa Rosa

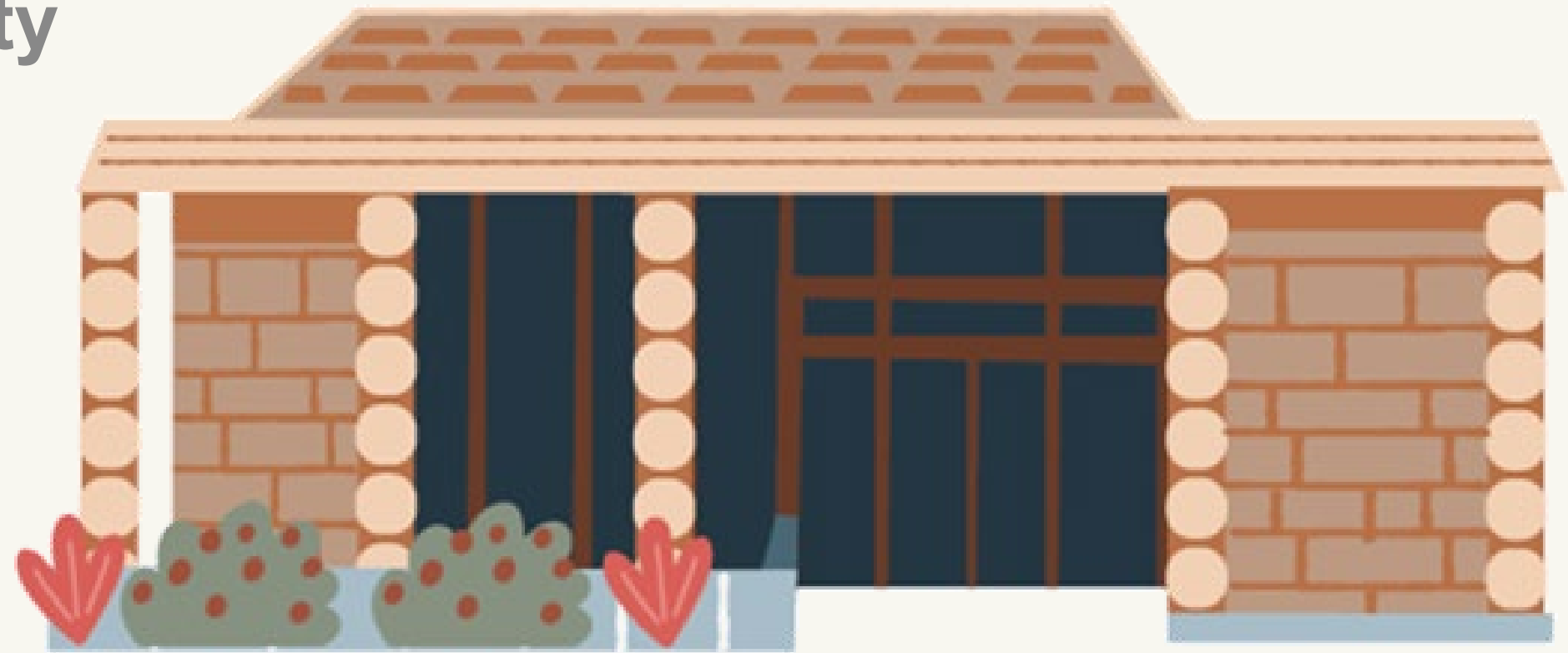
- Opened 1967
- 61,800 square feet
- 3,828 visitors per week
- 3,832 check-outs per week
- 600+ programs a year
- Sound studios; electronic piano; camera lending; seed library; study pod; live music; Charlie Brown statue
- Home of Adult Literacy program



# Northwest Santa Rosa Library

Serving a diverse community

- Opened 1968
- 7,840 square feet
- 2,520 visitors per week
- 2,915 check-outs per week
- 350+ programs a year
- Pop-up services at Coddington Mall; study pod; Lucy statue



# Rincon Valley Regional Library

Serving northeast Santa Rosa

- Opened 1994
- 15,000 square feet
- 3,271 visitors per week
- 3,615 check-outs per week
- 300+ programs a year
- Sound studio; Stay and Play; ongoing quilt exhibits; seed library; BiblioBox smart locker



# Roseland Regional Library

Serving a dynamic and growing community

- Opened 2021
- 4,455 square feet
- 1,022 visitors per week
- 840 check-outs per week
- 950+ programs a year
- Quilt exhibitions; seed library; embedded outreach in neighborhood
- Temporary branch; permanent library opening 2027



# Locations

- Central Santa Rosa
- Cloverdale
- Forestville
- Guerneville
- Library Support Center
- Healdsburg
- Northwest
- Occidental
- Petaluma
- Rincon Valley
- Rohnert Park/Cotati
- Roseland
- Sebastopol
- Sonoma Valley
- Windsor





# Accomplishments

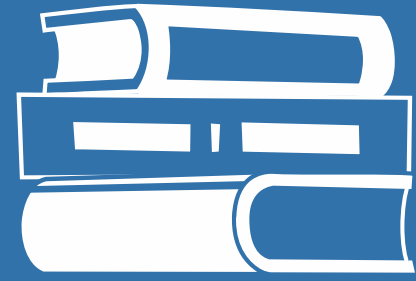
- Full implementation of Sunday hours
- Facilities Master Plan
- Roseland campaign launch
- MOU with Juvenile Hall
- Volunteer Leadership Recognition Day
- Building Forward Together Grants



# Your Library by the Numbers

MAJOR MILESTONES



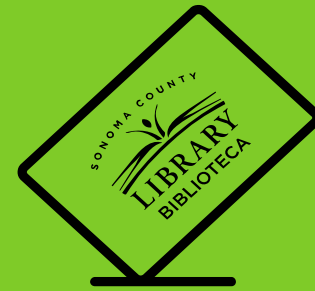


# SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY

## 2023 STATISTICS



The library had **36,888** open hours in 2022/2023!



**205,603** people have a card at our library



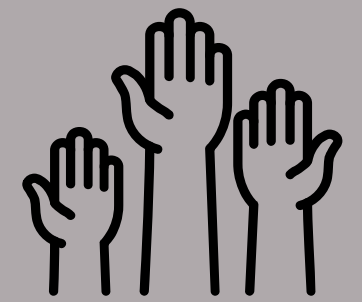
**1,260,270** people walked through our doors last year



In addition to **2,916,633** website visits



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **110,698** times



**139,718** Reference questions were asked



Print materials totaled **591,439**



The collection contained **1,665,885** items



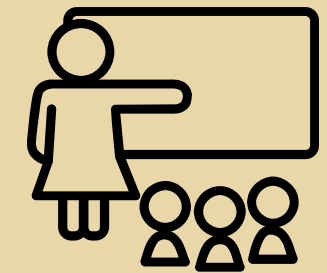
There were **1,320,600** electronic materials circulated



Contributing to a total of **4,087,779** checkouts!

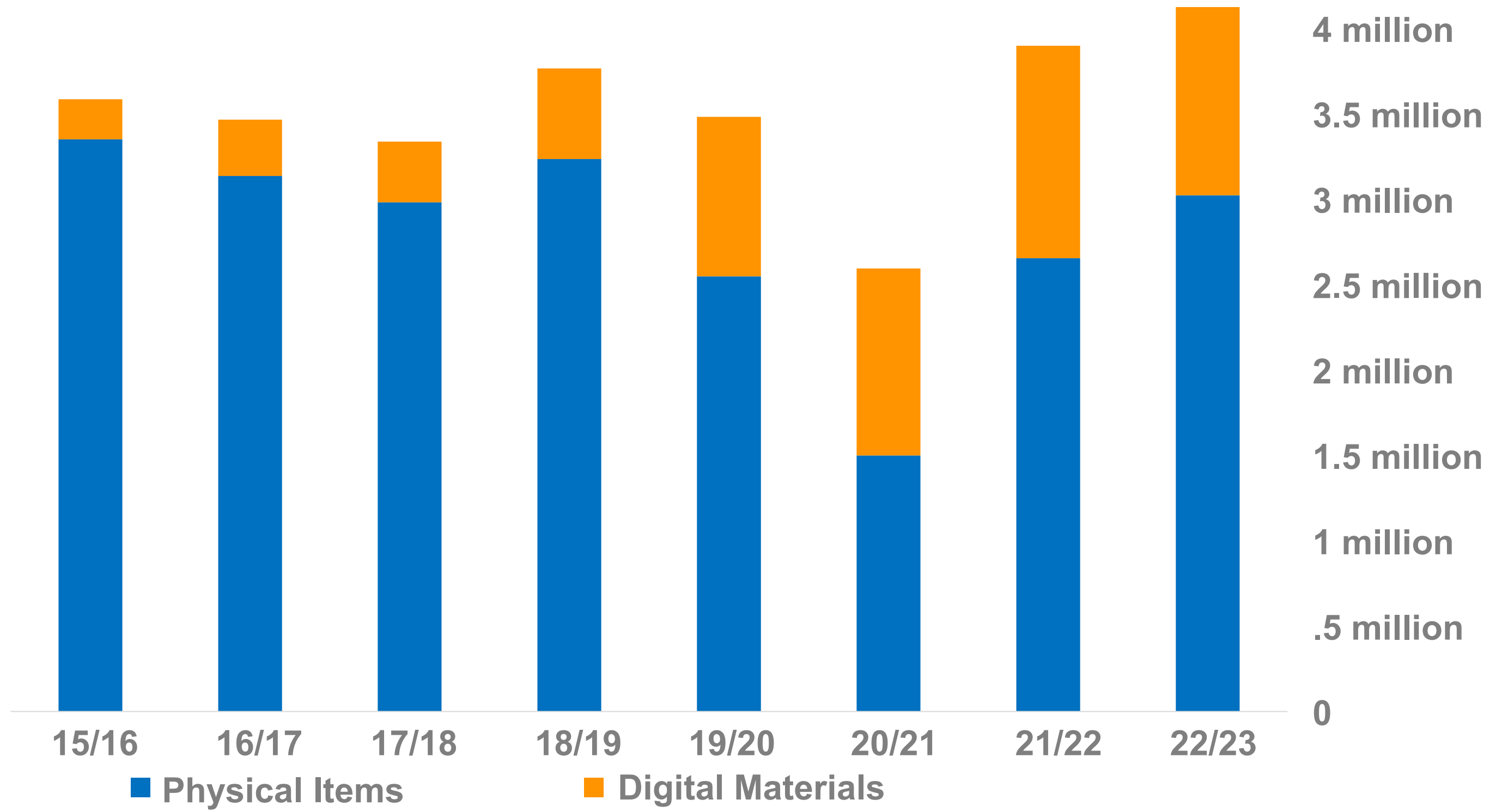


And brought in **152,967** items upon patron request

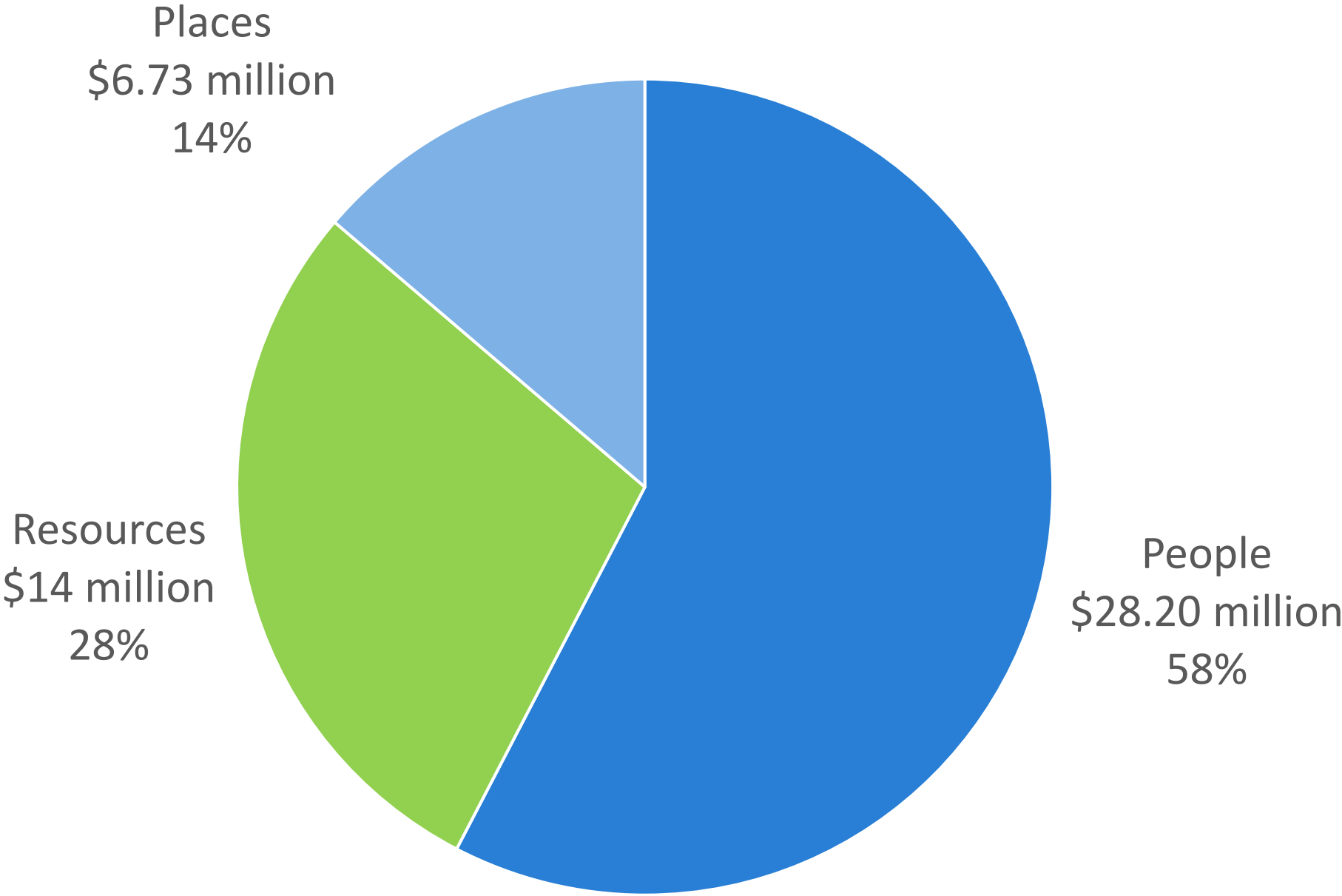


**5,060** total programs offered

# Circulation (pre-Measure Y to FY 22-23)



# FY 23-24 Budget Expenditures by People, Places, and Resources





Petaluma Library

\$1,856,449



Sebastopol Library

\$715,968



Northwest Library

\$979,942



Guerneville Library

\$382,171



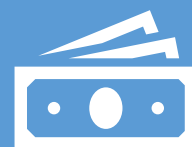
Rohnert Park-Cotati Library

\$1,117,409



History & Genealogy Library

\$459,643



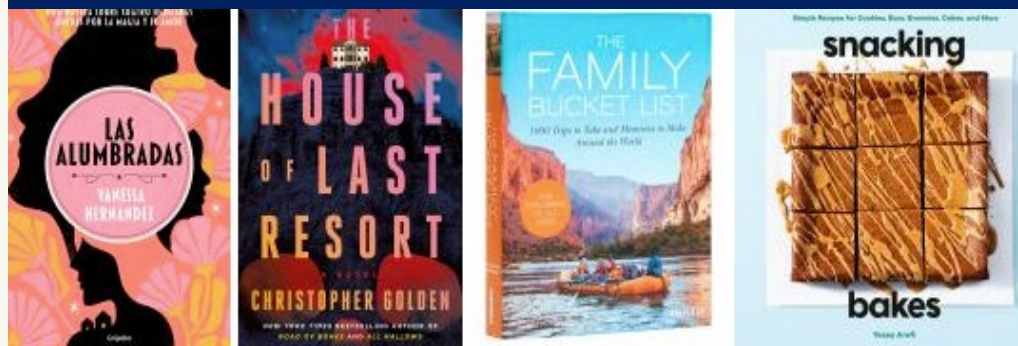
= \$5,511,582

# Building Forward Together Grants

# Adult services

## Library materials

- Access to millions of physical and digital titles
- Databases
- Streaming



## Welcoming spaces

- Investments in library facilities
- Access to technology
- Rich and diverse programming



## Community connection

- Adult literacy
- Meeting rooms
- Printing
- Outreach



# Youth services

## Early learning

- Storytimes
- Literacy support
- Parent mentoring and education



## School support

- Student success initiatives
- Reading programs
- STEAM programs
- Educator support



## Transition to adulthood

- Teen volunteering and internships
- Civic engagement and social justice
- Life skills, mental health, college support





# Collections

- Nearly 600,000 physical items across 15 locations in multiple formats
- Share catalog with Lake and Mendocino Counties
- LINK+ provides access to 70 library collections statewide

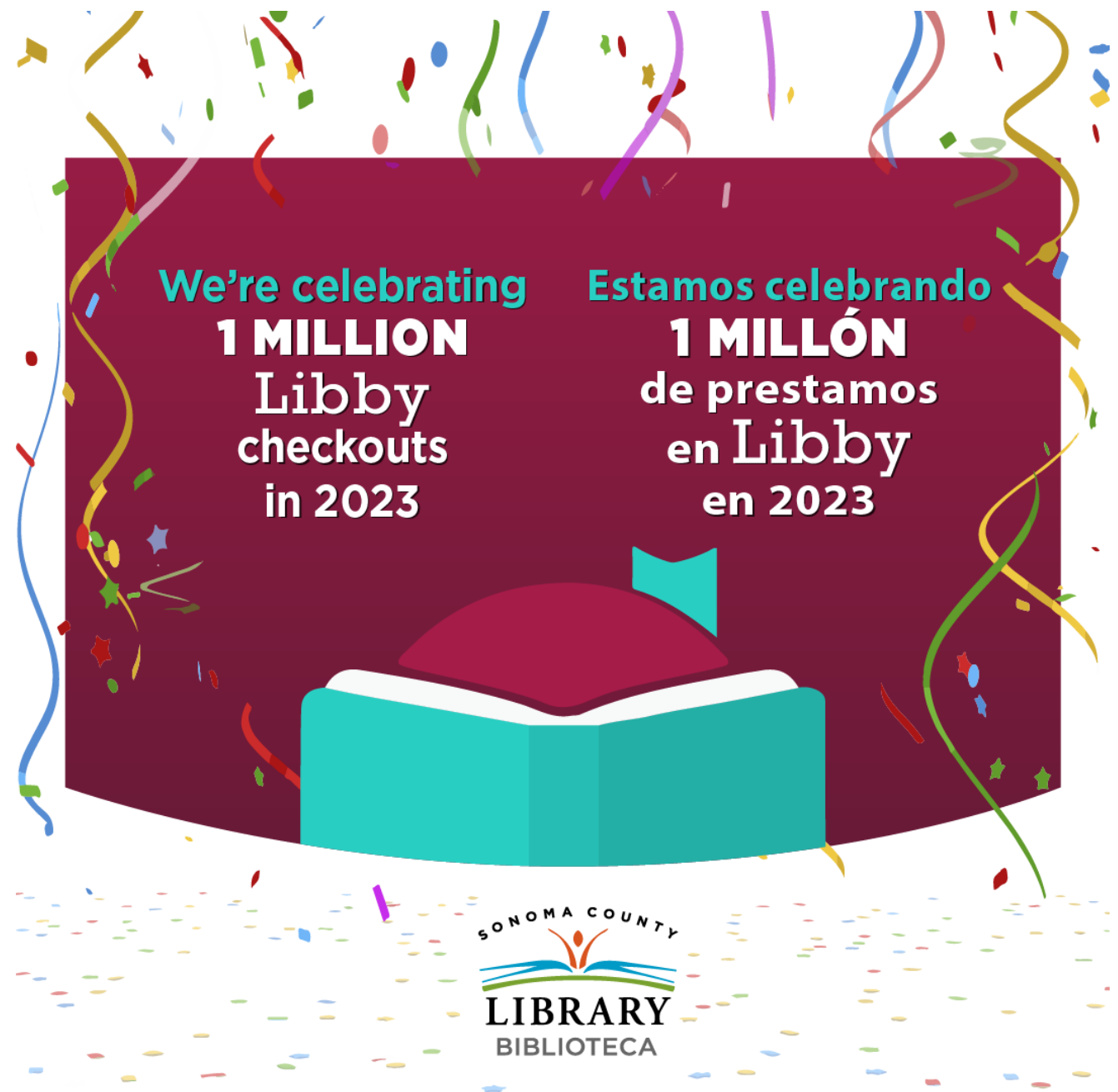


**TOP 10** Sonoma County Library's top 10 most checked-out books in 2023

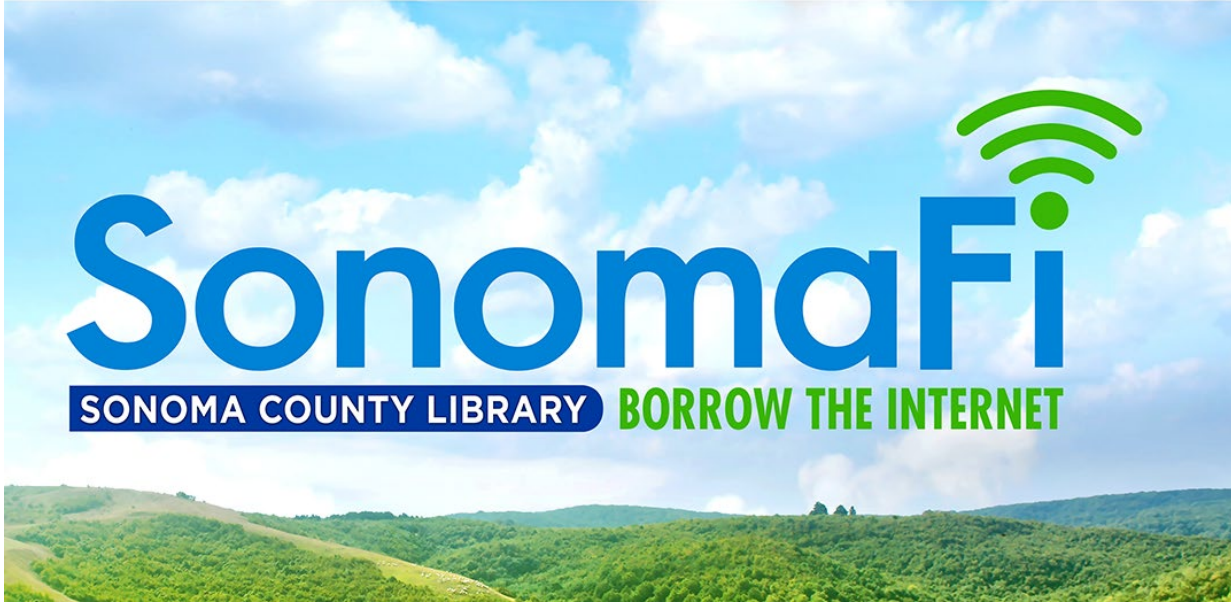


# Digital Collections

- 383,694 eBooks
- 340,344 eAudiobooks
- 263,185 additional digital resources



# Library of Things



# Technology Increases Access



“ Our library was one of the very few institutions that *improved* during COVID. The increased access to electronic resources was huge.”

Library Patron, April 3, 2024

Responding to an article in the *Press Democrat*

Thank  
you

**Questions?**

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