



Dear Library supporter:

We recently celebrated the San Diego Public Library's 138-year anniversary of providing essential services to our community. Recalling the early years, beloved former Library Director Clara Breed said, "In the beginning the library seems to have subsisted on donations." Indeed, the Library's first book collection was lovingly donated by San Diegans.

Today, the Library is facing a historic phase in which supporters continue to play a central role. Though physically closed, the Library and its amazing staff continue to provide essential and innovative educational resources. As San Diego begins to recover and reopen, the Library will play a key role in helping communities get back to work and learning.

I want to assure you that we will continue to be here to support the Library, and want to thank you for helping the Library Foundation:

**Special  
update to  
supporters**

- Foster and fund a partnership to use Library 3D printers to produce safety equipment for frontline workers
- Supply laptops to librarians to help deliver online programs
- Partner with the Friends of the Library and the Library Commission to advocate for much-needed resources
- Fund more eBooks and eResources to meet increased demand.

Special thanks to our partners who helped us quickly and nimbly respond. Thank you to the Reuben H. Fleet Foundation Fund at The San Diego Foundation, SDG&E, The San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund at The San Diego Foundation, Intuit, the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library and all those who helped us exceed our April Library Week goals.

If you would like to make a gift of support now, please visit [SupportMyLibrary.org/response](https://SupportMyLibrary.org/response) or use the enclosed reply envelope.

As I updated you in December ([SupportMyLibrary.org/impact](https://SupportMyLibrary.org/impact)), your Library Foundation support helps San Diegans succeed in education, employment, and entrepreneurship and keeps our communities engaged and empowered. That remains true today, and will continue to be true tomorrow. Thank you!

Patrick Stewart  
Library Foundation CEO

Read more about the  
impact of your support



**THANK YOU** for making all this possible

Visit [SupportMyLibrary.org/response](https://SupportMyLibrary.org/response) to support these response efforts



Scripps Health workers thank the Library and its partners.

## Library Innovates to Protect Healthcare Workers

Your financial support allowed the Library Foundation to launch and fund a partnership to use Library 3D printers to produce critically needed safety shields. Public Technology Services Librarian Catherine Hoang and her team are producing more than 300 face shields per week for frontline workers at Scripps Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Operation Shelter to Home at the Convention Center. Because the virus knows no borders, Library staff also will supply 1,000 face shields to Tijuana healthcare workers. Your past support helped the Library Foundation outfit the Library's IDEA Labs with 3D printers. And thanks to you, SDG&E, and The San Diego Foundation for helping us purchase three additional high-capacity printers and necessary supplies. See more at [tinyurl.com/libraryppe](https://tinyurl.com/libraryppe).

## SUCCESS IN SCHOOL AND ON THE JOB

Your Library Foundation support helps San Diegans succeed in education, employment, and entrepreneurship and keeps our communities engaged and empowered.

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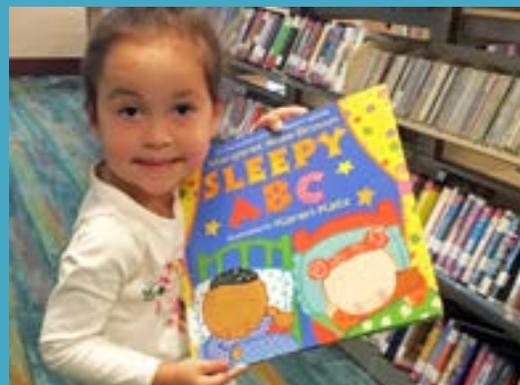
You have helped ignite a passion for science and technology in young people who never would have considered a future in these fields. Through a UC San Diego partnership, the Library Foundation helps fund access to free STEAM education, college preparation and workforce development training. With workshops at every Library location, Sally Ride Science has taught over 6,000 students to build robots, create 3D graphics and program computers. Program Your Future lets high school students earn college certificates in tech subjects and Admit One Academy helps students qualify for and apply for college. Library staff are continuing to provide these resources online.



Robotics experiment.

### Summer Reading

For 97 summers, the Library has fought "summer slide" and kept children engaged, learning and reading. Participating students score higher in reading achievement than peers who do not participate. The Library is taking this year's Summer Reading and Shiley Teen Summer Reading Programs online. Thanks to an Intuit partnership, the Library Foundation will challenge the community to read 200,000 books or hours. The Library Foundation also is sponsoring prizes to encourage children and teens to read.



## A Virtual Library Smorgasbord

Storytime, science experiments, SAT test prep, opera insights, legal advice on tenant rights and small business patent/trademark applications, and a How-to-Festival with steps for drawing Wonder Woman or sewing your own mask—this is a full calendar of Library events at any time. Yet it is even more impressive as Library staff stepped up to provide these valuable educational and informational programs over the past two months—all of which were offered online. And, due to your Library Foundation support, we're providing each branch with a new laptop to make online content production easier for Library staff.



### Explosive Growth in eResource Use (March 16 - May 6, 2019 v. 2020)



Visits to the Library's eLibrary page

20,243 visits vs. 68,534 visits

**238% increase**



Gale Courses enrollments

140 vs. 652

**366% increase**



Rosetta Stone language learning

469.9 hours vs. 972.9 hours

**107% increase**



eBook/Audiobook checkouts

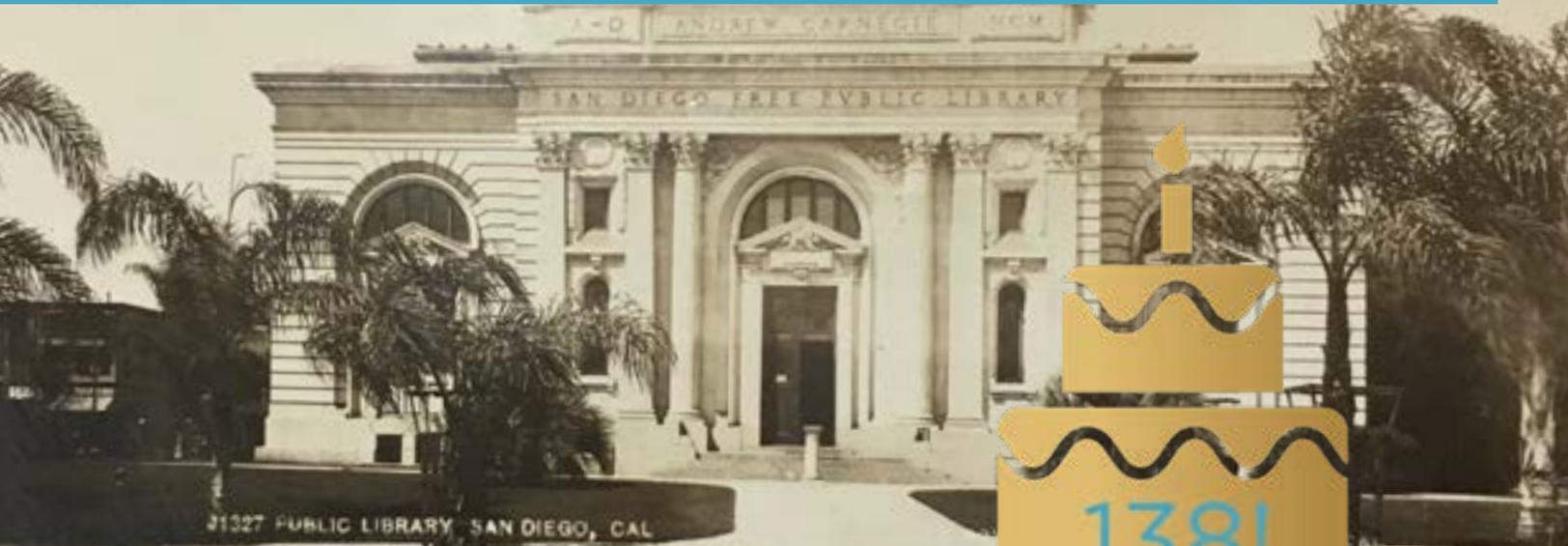
25,013 vs. 42,131

**68% increase**



## Foundation Leads Coalition to Support San Diego Libraries

In partnership with the Friends of the Library and Library Commission, the Library Foundation is working to ensure the Library has the resources needed to help San Diegans recover. The Library Foundation is taking a leadership role in urging the City Council to make no further Library cuts. Thank you to Library advocates who emailed their City Councilmember and showed their support at the recent Library budget hearings by calling for no more Library cuts. Our Libraries are the heart and soul of our communities and further Library budget cuts will slow San Diego's recovery. Learn how you can join the coalition and advocate at [LibrariesTransformSD.org](https://LibrariesTransformSD.org).



On May 19th, we celebrated the San Diego Public Library's 138th anniversary of providing essential services to San Diegans. In 1882, the Library's founders sought to broaden access to information for San Diego's 2,600 citizens. One of San Diego's first librarians, Miss Lulu Younkin, organized the Library's books according to the Dewey Decimal System and penned the first catalogue in April 1889. Miss Younkin noted with pride, "The institution is now an honor to the public spirit, taste and culture of San Diego." Now, 138 years later, the Library continues to provide critical access to essential information and educational resources for millions each year. As San Diego begins to recover and reopen, Library resources will be more important than ever, particularly in the most impacted communities. Read a full historical account by beloved former Library Director Clara Breed at [tinyurl.com/SDPLhistory](https://tinyurl.com/SDPLhistory).

## Library Shop Offers Guilt-Free and Contact-Free Shopping



Though the Library Shop is closed to in-person shopping, it is still open for online orders. The Library Shop staff worked quickly to get their entire inventory online and browsable! The Shop is also offering free, touchless delivery to ANY San Diego address by our friendly Library Shop staff, or \$4.95 flat-rate shipping. You can pick out a card to let someone special know you are thinking of them, a candle for your long-distance bestie, or a cookbook to craft new recipes utilizing your pantry supplies. All proceeds help us support the San Diego Public Library System. Visit [LibraryShopSD.org](https://LibraryShopSD.org).

**THANK YOU** for making all of this possible

To support efforts like these, visit [SupportMyLibrary.org/response](https://SupportMyLibrary.org/response)

