



**TO:** Chair and Members of the Library Advisory Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

**PREPARED BY:** Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian

**SUBJECT:** City Librarian's Report


**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a presentation from the City Librarian about the activities of the Goleta and Santa Ynez Valley Libraries system, including services, programs and events, and the status of various long-term initiatives.

**DISCUSSION:**

Following is a presentation to the Commission referencing operational activities at the Goleta and Santa Ynez Valley Libraries during July 2025 – February 2026. This presentation will provide service updates including programs, events, statistics, grants, collection development, and more. The included PowerPoint presentation will detail each category (Attachment 1). The data shared reflects the Library Division's continued emphasis on high-quality, responsive service at the highest possible level throughout County Zone 4.

**Review By:**

  
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City Librarian

**Approved By:**

  
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**ATTACHMENT:**

1. City Librarian's Report PowerPoint Presentation

## **Attachment 1**

City Librarian's Report PowerPoint Presentation

# City Librarian's Report

Library Advisory Commission

April 6, 2025

Presented by:

Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian



# Report Overview

- Annual Review: 2024/25 Public Libraries Survey
- System Highlights: July 2025 – February 2026
- Staffing, Recruitments & Trainings
- Looking Ahead



GOLETA & SANTA YNEZ VALLEY  
LIBRARIES

# Annual Review: 2024/25

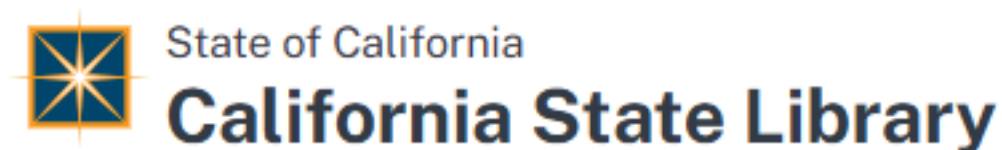
## Public Libraries Survey

# 2024/25 Public Libraries Survey Overview



## ➤ What is the Public Libraries Survey (PLS)?

- Each October, the State Library collects data from California public libraries about their facilities, services, programs, and collections. It examines when, where, and how library services are changing to meet the needs of the public.
- The State Library vets and submits the reports to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for consolidation into the National Public Libraries Survey.
- The data is used by policymakers and practitioners to make informed decisions about the support and strategic management of libraries.



# 2024/25 Public Libraries Survey Summary



## GOLETA & SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Annual  
Report  
2025



The library had **5,594**  
open hours in 2024/2025!



**32,155** people have a  
card at our library



**194,829** people walked  
through our doors last year



In addition to **362,233**  
website visits



Print materials totaled  
**91,018**



The collection contained  
**113,861** items



There were **197,517**  
check outs of electronic  
materials



Contributing to a total of  
**594,254** checkouts!

# 2024/25 Public Libraries Survey Summary



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **10,045** times



Our service is delivered by **19.50** dedicated FTE staff



Reference questions were asked



And brought in **34,395** items upon patron request



**604** total programs offered



**24,127** people attended in total!

READ

[www.goletavalleylibrary.org](http://www.goletavalleylibrary.org)  
500 N. FAIRVIEW AVE.  
GOLETA, CA, 93117

For questions or comments, please email [support@countingopinions.com](mailto:support@countingopinions.com)

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# System Highlights: July 2025 – February 2026

# Goleta Valley Library & GVL Express

❖ Presentations to follow



*Goleta Valley Library*



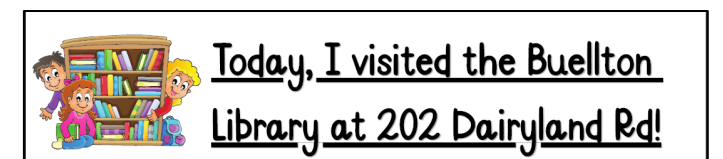
*GVL Express*

# Buellton Library



- ❖ Visits to the Library: 10,247
- ❖ Computer Sessions: 926
- ❖ Total Programs: 96
- ❖ Program Interactions: 1,769

- Field Trips, Book Club, Craft Days, Storytimes, Tech Tutoring, Treasure Hunts, and more
- Construction Impacts – Parking Lot, Hundred Hills School



# Solvang Library

- ❖ Visits to the Library: 23,791
  - ❖ Computer Sessions: 1,104
  - ❖ Total Programs: 124
  - ❖ Program Interactions: 3,737
- Fiber Arts Club, Seed Library, Special Guests, Storytimes, Craft Kits, and more
  - Space Enhancements – Desk, Shelving, Collection, Tables



# Bookvan

- ❖ Visits to the Bookvan: 4,999
  - ❖ Total Stops: 287
  - ❖ Total Hours: 713
- Revised schedule launched January 2026 following assessments and partner collaborations
  - Partner meetings planned for Spring 2026 to review data from updated routes
  - Service coordination efforts intended to be ongoing

For schedule changes, see the QR code, website, or phone number below.  
Para cambios en el horario de Bookvan, consulte el QR code, el sitio, o el número de teléfono abajo.

	Morning   La Mañana	Afternoon   La Tarde
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Martes</i>	9:30-12:00 IVCSD Community Center 976 Embarcadero del Mar	2:00-4:30 Estero Park 889 Camino del Sur
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Miercoles</i>	9:30-12:00 UCSB Orfalea Family Children's Center West Campus Point Lane	2:00-4:30 Isla Vista Elementary School 6875 El Colegio Road
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Jueves</i>	9:30-12:00 Friendship Manor 6647 El Colegio Road	2:00-4:30 IVCSD Community Center 976 Embarcadero del Mar
<b>Friday</b> <i>Viernes</i>	We visit GVL storytimes on Friday mornings. Check our website below to see where we'll be this week! <i>Visitamos las horas de cuentos los viernes. ¡Consulta nuestra sitio abajo para ver dónde estaremos esta semana!</i>	2:00-4:30 Estero Park 889 Camino del Sur
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Sabado</i>	10:00-12:30 Friendship Manor 6647 El Colegio Road	

Get a library card! *¡Obtenga una tarjeta de bibliotecal!*

Browse books! *¡Ojee los libros!*

Request items! *¡Pida artículos!*

(805) 964-7878  
goletavalleylibrary.org/bookvan


# Staffing, Recruitments & Trainings

# Staffing & Recruitments



- Last open recruitment recently closed - Part-Time Library Assistant (GVL) starting Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

# Team Training & Development

- Self-paced online courses through *Infopeople* 
  - Foundations of Library Services
  - Basic Spanish for Library Staff
  - Library Supervision and Management
- All-Staff Training on Thursday, March 26th
  - Peer-led professional development
  - Patron services, safety practices, teambuilding, project updates
- City-Wide Training Completions
  - Injury & Illness Prevention Plan with Site Visits
  - Workplace Violence Prevention Plan
  - Cybersecurity & Online Safety
  - CPR/First Aid/Fire Extinguisher & Driver Safety Courses

# Looking Ahead

# Coming Soon!

- Goleta Valley Library logo
- Peak “outreach season”
- New print materials vendor
- 2026/27 Zip Books Grant Application
- Summer Reading Program 2026



# Questions