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OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annual Report



Orange County, CA
Public Libraries
Open Doors. Free Access. Community.

A Library Card is Your Key to Endless Opportunities

OC Public Libraries inspires our communities to explore, learn, and thrive with access to books, dynamic programs, and essential digital services.



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A Letter from the County Librarian

At OC Public Libraries, we believe in the power of open doors, free access, and community. Our libraries are more than places to borrow books, they are dynamic centers where opportunities abound, learning flourishes, and connections across generations take root.

Every day, we see the transformative impact of our programs: early literacy initiatives that prepare children for lifelong success, teen opportunities that build confidence and creativity, and adult and senior programs that inspire growth, wellbeing, and new skills. Our libraries also serve as vital points of access and connection for Orange County’s diverse communities, with ESL classes and other programs providing an important integration point for many who are new to our communities. Together, these efforts reflect our mission to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to learn, connect, and thrive.

Our collection of more than 1.7 million items, spanning books, movies, audiobooks, digital resources, and materials in multiple languages mirrors the diversity of Orange County and the many ways people engage with stories and information. Innovative initiatives such as the Library of Things and the Seed Library pilot extend that access even further, inviting our community to explore, create, and share in new ways.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to intellectual freedom, ensuring that every individual can explore ideas and perspectives without limitation or judgment. This principle guides everything we do from the collections we build to the programs and spaces we design.

OC Public Libraries continues to be recognized for innovation and excellence. This year, we received two National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards, including Best in Category for Nourishing Connections: How Food Literacy Fosters Stronger Communities, a program that blends hands-on cooking, reading, and cultural learning. Our award for the Collection Distribution Program also exemplifies our focus on efficiency and access, keeping materials in circulation and available even during renovations.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to serving our communities with creativity, integrity, and purpose ensuring that every library visit opens a door to possibility.

Sincerely,



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Mission

Empower and Enrich our Communities

Vision

Open Doors, Free Access, Community

Books are just the beginning. Opening doors to possibility.

With 29 branches and a countywide Outreach Department, OC Public Libraries connects more than 1.6M residents in our member cities to opportunity. From early literacy to lifelong learning, our libraries promote creativity, expand knowledge, and strengthen community, proving every day that OC Public Libraries is essential to life in Orange County.

OCPL at a Glance



Over **3.2 million** patrons visited our libraries



More than **80 thousand** new library cards issued



More than **6.6 million** items borrowed



More than **2.8 million** ebooks and audiobooks used



Over **774 thousand** patrons attended programs



Author Benson Shum

Collections that Inspire, Educate, and Connect

With 1.7 million items across 29 branches, OCPL's collections, spanning formats and languages, inspire discovery, creativity, and community connection. Resources include:

Books, eBooks, and eAudiobooks: Read or listen anytime, anywhere.

Streaming Movies, Music, and Learning Tools: Access entertainment, research, and language learning and homework help on demand.

World Languages Collection: Explore literacy, culture, and heritage in 13 languages.

Library of Things: Borrow musical instruments, tools, games, kitchen gadgets, and more for hands-on learning and exploration.

Seed Library Pilot Program: Grow sustainable and pollinator-friendly habitats with free seeds for your garden.



Library of Things

Early Learning and Youth Programs

OC Public Libraries supports children and teens at every stage of learning. Early literacy programs, including storytimes, hands-on activities, and initiatives such as the award-winning Kindergarten Readiness Initiative and Kinderpalooza, help children build creativity, confidence, and foundational skills. Kindergarten Readiness backpacks provide families with books, simple learning tools, and activities to support learning at home. Take-home resources and bilingual materials extend learning beyond the library. After-school programs and Homework Support provide spaces for STEAM, crafts, and book clubs to support success in school.

“The sheer number of books available to read to my children has had a huge impact on them. The books we’ve read together have increased their vocabulary, exposed them to the scientific method, and made them more imaginative. The benefits are countless.” - Arceo H.



Year-Round Reading Programs

From Winter Reading to Summer Reading Programs, OC Public Libraries keeps young people reading all year, encouraging them to explore books, set goals, and celebrate achievements. In 2025, Summer Reading also served over 17,192 meals through Lunch at the Library, pairing nutritious food with opportunities to read, learn, and connect with community resources.

Empowering Teens

Teen programs offer spaces to explore interests, develop skills, and build connections. Through Teen Advisory Boards, volunteer opportunities, and events like TeenFest and Comic Orange, teens participate in career panels, creative workshops, author talks, and immersive activities. By combining hands-on learning, social engagement, and access to resources, these programs support academic, social, and creative growth while fostering a lifelong love of reading.



Self-care Saturday, Yoga



Slice of Literary Orange



Collaborative Art Class

Adults and Seniors: Lifelong Learning and Connection

OC Public Libraries provides adults and seniors with enriching opportunities to explore new ideas, remain socially connected, and pursue lifelong learning. Programs support creativity, personal growth, and community engagement, both in libraries and beyond.

Dialogue and Discovery: Book clubs, author events, and hands-on workshops bring people together for shared learning and inspiration.

Skills for Everyday Life: Technology assistance and skill-building classes help patrons strengthen digital, professional, and personal skills.

Health and Wellbeing: Self-Care Saturdays pair gentle movement with discussions led by authors whose books focus on self-care, inspiration, and personal growth.

Community and Connection: Programs that encourage conversation and interaction help reduce social isolation, support cognitive vitality, and strengthen neighborhood ties.

“I can’t imagine the money I’ve saved on books because of the library, but the true enrichment is the empathy we have all gained by walking in countless other shoes every time we open a book.” - Beth B.

Connecting Through Stories and Experiences

OC Public Libraries brings communities together through literature, learning, and shared experiences that inspire connection and spark discovery. Signature events highlight the power of books, culture, and dialogue to bring people closer across generations.

Slice of Literary Orange

Regional author events drawing 200–500 attendees to hear from world-class writers, engage in discussion, and enjoy book signings.

One County, One Book

A countywide reading initiative uniting readers of all ages around a single title, fostering conversation, excitement, and shared understanding.

Cookbook Author & Food Literacy Series

Culinary demonstrations and author talks celebrating food as culture, blending storytelling, cooking, and hands-on learning.

Cultural and Community Programs

Heritage celebrations, local history events, and programs that highlight diverse voices and create opportunities for residents to learn, share, and celebrate together.

These programs reflect OC Public Libraries' mission of open doors and free access, strengthening community ties through experiences that connect people to stories, ideas, and one another.



Author Reshonda Tate



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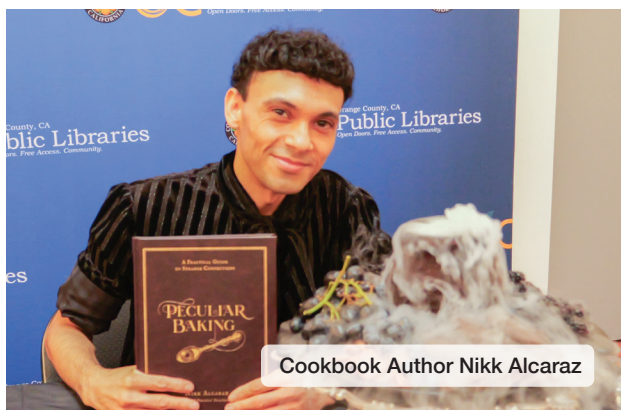
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Cookbook Author Nikk Alcaraz

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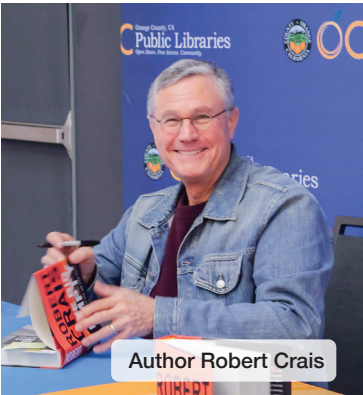
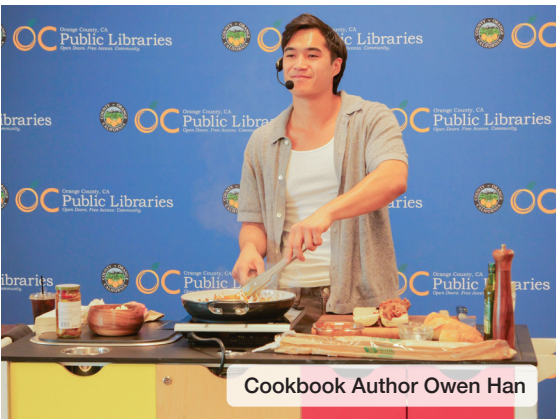
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Empowering Through Literacy and Learning

OC Public Libraries empowers adults and families through programs that build literacy, strengthen skills, and open doors to unlock potential. By supporting both individual learners and entire households, these initiatives help break cycles of low literacy and create lasting change.

OC READ: Provides one-on-one tutoring to help adults improve reading, writing, and communication skills, supporting greater independence at home, work, and in the community.

Families for Literacy: Offers parents tools and confidence to serve as their child’s first teacher, fostering a love of reading at home and promoting intergenerational learning.

Career Online High School: Creates a flexible, accredited pathway for adults to earn a high school diploma, advance careers, and inspire family members to continue their own education.

English Language Learning: Helps English learners strengthen language skills, connect with the community, and pursue personal and professional goals.



“The library has given me a chance to say YES to my kids more. Yes, we can go to the library, yes you can get that book, yes, we can read together! We love OC Public Libraries, and they have become an essential resource for me and my family. A fun, safe place to learn and play with new friends.” - Morgan O.



Modern, Welcoming Library Spaces

OCPL libraries are designed to evolve with the needs of our patrons, providing an environment to explore new interests, connect with others, access technology and the internet, and continue a lifelong learning journey. OC Public Libraries blends expert staff, cutting-edge resources, and thoughtfully redesigned facilities to serve communities today and into the future.



Modern Facilities:

Energy-efficient upgrades, ADA improvements, dedicated teen areas, reservable study rooms, and robust technology access make every library more functional and inviting.

Dynamic Hubs:

Flexible spaces support learning, collaboration, and creativity for all ages.

Designed for Everyone:

Comfortable, accessible interiors ensure every visitor feels welcome and inspired.

Looking Ahead:

Ongoing renovations and forward-thinking planning keep OCPL libraries vibrant destinations for generations to come.



Stronger Communities Through Partnerships

Partnerships allow OC Public Libraries to extend services, reach more people, and create lasting community impact. By working with foundations, government agencies, and local organizations, OCPL can deliver innovative programs and connect residents with opportunities that go beyond the library walls.

Grants: Support from the Samueli Foundation, California State Library, and others makes possible programs such as Zip Books and new initiatives designed to serve neurodivergent families.

Collaborations Across Sectors: Partnerships with local organizations, school districts, city departments, and county agencies enrich programming, expand educational access, and connect residents with valuable resources.

Community Contributions: The Friends of the Library, OCPL Foundation, and residents provide support that enhance library programs, ensuring communities continue to benefit from free and accessible library services.



2026 Goals:

Our Commitments to Community, Learning, and Access

Create meaningful experiences through inclusive programs, services, and outreach.

Provide welcoming, sustainable spaces for learning and connection.

Support children's school readiness and lifelong learning through early literacy.

Offer expert guidance and resources free of charge.

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