

Hello Manny,

Residents of all ages from Los Altos and Los Altos Hills benefit from library services provided by the Santa Clara County Library District. This is in part thanks to the close collaboration with our Friends of the Library and our City partners including the City Manager, City Council members and City staff. I have included information regarding donations, FOL support of the library, staff and space capacity. It is my hope that the FOL and City of Los Altos can find a solution that would continue to benefit library users and provide donation resources for community.

Donations

The Los Altos Main Library is open 72 hours per week and community members can drop off donations in the donation room and receive a donation receipt from staff during open hours.

Due to the volume of book donations the Los Altos Main Library receives, the FOL volunteers pre-sort donations daily. If the donation room reaches capacity, the library will need to turn residents away from donating their books.

The Woodland Branch Library is open 51 hours per week and community members can drop off donations and receive a donation receipt from staff during open hours. However, the level of access for patrons donating books is limited at Woodland Branch Library due to open hours and space. Woodland does not have a dedicated donation room and can only accept a limited number of donations. Residents are turned away from donating their books when capacity is reached.

Staff and Space Capacity

The library provides approximately 430 square feet of space for FOL general sorting, ongoing booksale sorting and online sales. The library is not able to provide additional FOL space without adversely affecting patron use of the library.

The library does not have the capacity to transport donated books/materials between the library and an offsite location.

FOL Support Library

During FY18/19, the FOL contributed \$30,400 to support several library programs and \$113,200 to purchase library materials including best sellers, new books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks.

The FOL volunteers donate over 20,000 annual hours of their time to support the library.

Best,
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