



Annual Report | FY 2022

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MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Letter from the Director

Hello,

Looking back on the past year, I am astonished by the remarkable creativity, resourcefulness, and resilience of our library community. Even though the libraries have been open for nine months, June 2021 marked the beginning of our return to “normal” library services.

We welcomed back library volunteers and community partners like Riverside County Community Action Partnership and Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center. We reopened the Friends’ Book Nook at the Main Library. Quarterly exhibits of local artists’ work returned to the Moreno Valley Mall Library.

After 16 months of virtual programs, library staff returned to in-person storytimes and STEAM activities at the beginning of the summer reading program. We maintained safe gathering spaces by carefully arranging seating and adding more sessions of popular programs. Toddler Time was live and in person at both the Iris Plaza and Main libraries. Preschool Storytime returned as ABC’s & 123’s at the Mall and Main libraries. The English Conversation Club resumed meeting in person at the Main Library.

For Earth Day, MVPL collaborated with Parks & Community Services and the non-profit Neighborhood Forest organization to distribute 345 trees to children and their families for planting.

The Moreno Valley Public Library joined the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), the



The Main library introduced the Next Gen weekly program for tweens, monthly “The Mix” activities for teens, and special Family Literacy events.



With LSTA funding, Iris Plaza Library launched the Our MoVal Stories digitization program, which allowed families to digitally reproduce and preserve photographs and documents. Library staff created the “Let’s Chat MoVal!” board game to spur memories and conversations. The Moreno Valley Historical Society members scanned files and photos and residents prepared video histories of their memories of Moreno Valley.

multi-tiered, high-broadband network serving most of the research and education institutions in the state. This membership boosts our bandwidth and allows us to take advantage of special discounts for networking equipment. All public workstations in the Computer Lab and Children's area at the Main Library were replaced with new Dell Optiplex All-in-One computers.

I appreciate our patrons' patience and support as we modified services to meet changing public health requirements. I am immensely proud of our dedicated Library staff who demonstrate daily dedication, compassion, flexibility, and service to our community. And I am amazed at how the Moreno Valley community has worked together to thrive and accomplish so much for the future of our city. Thank you for being a part of the MoVal Library community.

Maria V. Sunio, MLIS | Library Director



Quarterly art exhibits at the Mall Branch returned in September 2022.

Accomplished Objectives

1

Promote Diversity and Preserve the City's Revenue Base

- Hosted an in-person Día de los Libros/Niños program at the Main Library for 126 children and their parents.
- Awarded LSTA CopyCat grant funding to produce 70 “Anytime Storytime” bags of picture books and learning activities, plus videos, for families with young children (April-August 2021). Special efforts were made to select STEAM(science, technology, engineering, art, math)-focused picture books featuring diverse characters and voices.
- Added weekly in-person sessions in August 2021 to the virtual Talk MoVal English Conversation Clubs.
- Hosted “Celebrating MoVal Cultures” library programs for immigrant communities. (September - December 2021), funded by CalHumanities Library Innovation Lab grant awarded in April 2021.
- Hosted an ofrenda (altar) in memory of Library Associate Primitivo Martinez at the 2021 Day of the Dead/Artfest.
- Hosted the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program with Riverside County Community Action Partnership (CAP) at each library branch.
- Used CLSA eResources funding to add 204 eBook titles to cloudLibrary for children and young adults.
- Partnered with the Friends of the Library to hold a Friends’ book sale at the Moreno Valley Mall Branch Library.
- Awarded FY22 Zip Books grant funding to fulfill patrons’ requests for materials, January - June 2022.
- Awarded 2022 Summer Lunch at the Library grant funding, April - September 2022, with fiscal sponsor Moreno Valley Friends of the Library.
- Transferred decommissioned public workstations from the Main Library to the Riverside County Community Action Partnership for free refurbishment and placement in eligible households in Moreno Valley.

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Improve Governmental Relationships

- Partnered with the Moreno Valley Unified School District to serve summer meals at the Main Library, June 16 - August 7, 2021.
- Partnered with Moreno Valley Unified School District to offer A.S.T.E.R.I.S.K. summer interns and summer lunch at Main Library and library pop-up at Celebration Park.
- Partnered with Riverside County Community Action Partnership (CAP) to host Cool/Warm Centers and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs.
- Collaborated with the City’s Parks & Community Services staff to support the Community Demonstration Garden’s first Open House and Earth Day programs.
- Collaborated with the Moreno Valley Historical Society to preserve local history documents

via the Our MoVal Stories project.

- Invited monthly information booths from the Moreno Valley Business & Employment Resource Center, on third Wednesdays at the Main Library.
- Invited monthly tables from Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center on second Tuesdays at the Main Library and Mall.
- Rotary Club (Noon) – Funded the purchase of 24 children’s books to be signed by Rotary Club guest speakers and then added to the children’s collections. Library Director’s presentation, July 26.
- Invited US Vets Inland Empire to host monthly information booths on third Wednesdays, rotating through the library locations.
- Opened partnership to collaborate with Val Verde Unified School District’s Nutritional Services on 2022 summer lunch library pop-up at Bethune Park.

Enhance Community Safety

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- Maintained safety protocols including distanced furniture and regular disinfecting/cleaning routines.
- Converted to in-person library programs on online presentations and virtual meetings (February 2022).
- Distributed free face masks and hand sanitizers at all libraries under the City’s We’ve Got You Covered campaign.
- Distributed the State’s “Vaccinate All 48” informational/activity materials.
- Operated Cooling Centers, June 15 - October 15, 2021, and Warming Centers, December 1, 2021 - March 30, 2022, at the Main Library and Iris Plaza Branch.
- Hosted an information station at the 2022 Public Safety Expo in May 2022.
- Participated in City’s public awareness campaign on water and pool safety, June 2022.

Improve the Community’s Image

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- Presented library update to the Morning Optimist Club of Moreno Valley, April 21, 2022.
- Presented library update to the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, May 4, 2022.
- Presented library update to the Moreno Valley Senior Center Advisory Board, June 20, 2022.
- Digitized and preserved family histories and local history documents via Our MoVal Stories, programs and online platform with FY2022 LSTA grant funding, January - June 2022.

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Improve Public Infrastructure

- Completed installation of CENIC equipment to join the CalREN network, January 2022.

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Create a Positive Environment

- Used colorful floor tape and seat pads to guide children's social distancing during programs.
- Distributed summer reading information, 1,278 craft/activity kits and 561 books at weekly library pop-ups at Palm and Vista Heights Middle Schools, June 16 - August 7, 2021.
- Exhibited quarterly art shows by local artists at the Moreno Valley Mall Branch Library.
- Offered a Winter Rewards reading challenge for all age groups, January - February 2022.
- Replaced all public workstations in the Computer Lab and Children's Room with new Dell OptiPlex 3280 All-in-One computers in April 2022.
- Distributed 350 free mystery-bag starter sets of vintage comics on Free Comic Book Day, May 8, 2022.



Moreno Valley Public Library by the Numbers



Special Events

Celebrating MoVal Cultures

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month (September 15 - October 15), the Library hosted a series of events funded by a CalHumanities Library Innovation Lab grant.

- Award-winning poet and retired educator José Chavez shared his family history.
- Participants learned about the art and culture of henna painting.
- Exploring Your Hispanic Roots (Zoom) introduced seven participants to online resources for family histories.
- The Filipino American Mental Health Resource Center hosted a Mental Health Workshop.

Palestinian performers presented a dance lesson and embroidery demonstration at the Mall Branch. Participants enjoyed knafeh cupcakes, a traditional Middle Eastern dessert, catered by Knafeh Queens. The presenters also created a display in the Library for others to learn more about Palestine's history and culture.



Warming Centers (Dec. 1 – Mar. 31) and Cooling Centers (Jun. 14 – Oct. 15)

Main Library and Iris Plaza activate as Cooling Centers at 97 degrees, providing water, light refreshments, and health tips in cooperation with Riverside Community Action Partnership.

| Number of CC Participants | Jun 21 | Jul 21 | Aug 21 | Sep 21 | Oct 21 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Iris Plaza | 15 | 27 | 32 | 23 | 0 |
| Main Library | 29 | 112 | 196 | 158 | 73 |

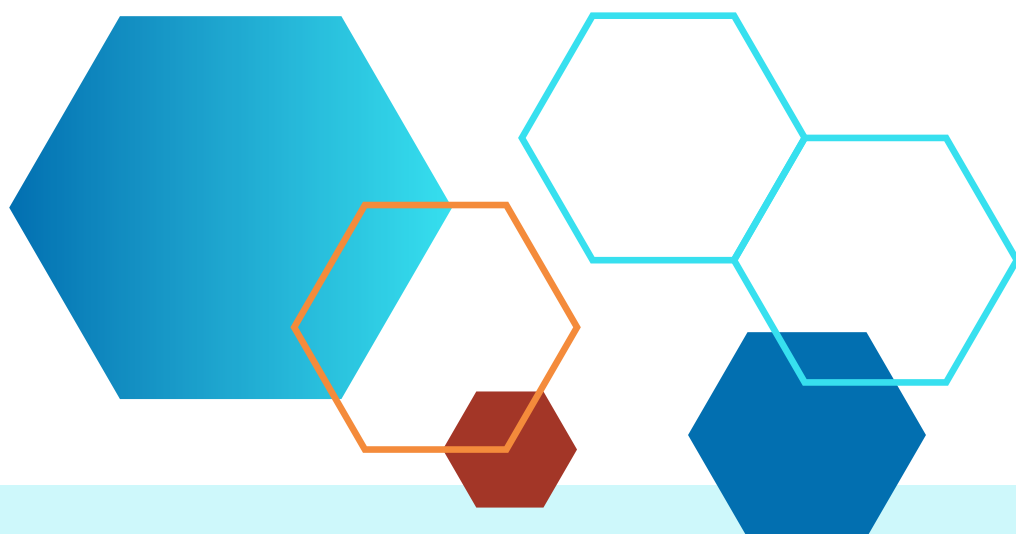
| Number of WC Participants | Dec 21 | Jan 22 | Feb 22 | Mar 22 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Iris Plaza | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Main Library | 35 | 52 | 48 | 28 |

Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Patrons received FREE tax preparation services from January 29 - April 16. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) helps filers access tax credits and refunds, courtesy of Riverside County Community Action Partnership. VITA volunteers assisted 406 clients at the Main Library, submitting 404 tax returns.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros Carnival

Over 100 people enjoyed the annual Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros Carnival. Kids danced in a bubble disco, freckled their faces with floral and gem stickers, decorated crowns, played games, and enjoyed stories. Six lucky winners received giant craft kits.



Summer Discovery (June 16 - August 7, 2021)

This year's summer reading theme was "Reading Colors Your World!" Readers of all ages participated online using the BookPoints platform or through paper logs. By the program's end, 572 patrons had registered, reading for 1,800 hours.



SUMMER READING

PATRONS
572

HOURS OF
READING
1,800

Winter Rewards

The all-ages Winter Rewards reading challenge took place during January and February 2022. 80 readers completed the challenge, each receiving a 3D-printed fidget spinner. The grand prize was a scooter, courtesy of Riverside University Health System-Public Health, and teen and adult grand prize winners received Bluetooth headsets, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Technology

Wi-Fi Gardens

The City installed fiber optic cable to increase broadband capacity. The Library joined the California Research Education Network (CalREN).



In May, all 32 public workstations at the Main Library were replaced with new Dell All-in-One computers.

Collections

California Parks Passes

Through a partnership with California State Parks and the California State Library, 11 free State Parks' vehicle-day-use hangtag passes became available to borrow for 14 days.

CARES

CARES library funding via the State Library and Southern California Library Cooperative provided 28 hotspots for check out and 15 Chromebooks for in-house use. Two Chromebooks and hotspots are reserved for the Read MoVal adult literacy program, and 13 are used in the Discovery Club at Iris Plaza.

Kanopy

Kanopy, the Library's first streaming service, launched on September 14. The digital collection includes over 30,000 critically acclaimed movies, documentaries, tv series, and educational courses.

Workforce Development Platforms

Funded by the California State Library with one-time America Rescue Plan funds, the Library added five workforce development platforms:

- **Coursera** offers courses, certificates, and degrees online for job-building skills from world-class universities and companies.
- **GetSetUp**, virtual classes taught by peers for adults ages 50 years and older, focus on technology, physical health, mental health, social health, and vocational health. Classes are taught in English, Spanish, Hindi, and Mandarin.
- **LearningExpress** is designed to help students and professionals at all levels of learning achieve their educational and career-related goals, including preparation for the GED, CBEST, CSET, California Food Handler, and California Police Officer exams.
- **NorthStar Digital Literacy** provides assessments, instructor-led curricula, and self-directed online learning for basic digital literacy skills.
- **SkillShare** is an online learning platform with thousands of creative courses and classes taught by experts to help participants learn new skills. Membership will be available on a first come, first serve basis for three months at a time.

Grants

CLSA eResources Funding Opportunity

Purchased 204 eBook titles for CloudLibrary.

FY21-22 CLLS Adult and Family Literacy Grant

The State Library awarded Moreno Valley its first California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant award of \$30,000, with \$20,000 for Adult Literacy and \$10,000 for Family Literacy services. The grant funded literacy materials and programming aids, new Chromebooks, and a Literacy Associate to support adult learner-tutor teams with training.

FY2021 LSTA CopyCat Grant | \$11,933

Moreno Valley Public Library's Anytime Storytime project combines storytime materials, STEAM activities and virtual programs for Moreno Valley youth and their families. These take-home kits for parents and children explore stories that reflect the diversity of Moreno Valley. Supported by a grant from the California State Library, the Library created 60 Anytime Storytime kits and ten virtual programs for preschoolers. As of August, kits have been borrowed 270 times.

FY21-22 LSTA Local Competitive Grant | \$24,456

Our MoVal Stories documented the lives and family histories of Moreno Valley residents and created a digital archive of local history documents reflecting the City's growth in size and cultural diversity. A grant totaling nearly \$25,000 from the California State Library supported scanning, digitizing, and videography equipment along with a subscription to Ancestry.com. Residents' digitized documents, scanned photographs, filmed interviews, and podcasts are available to the public in the *Our MoVal Stories* collection using Biblioboard, California Revealed, and Calisphere digital content platforms. The Library offered workshops for adults and teens on conducting family research and recordkeeping, interviews, and podcasts.

2021 Summer Lunch | \$3,800

In connection with Summer Lunch at community meal sites including the Main Library, Palm Middle School, and Vista Heights Middle School, children received over 2,500 activity kits and 500 books for their home libraries.

Community Partners

Moreno Valley Friends of the Library
California State Library
Eastern Municipal Water District
Fil-Am Mental Health Resource Center
Inland Library System
Inlandia Institute
**Jurupa Unified School District's Parents as
Teachers**
Loma Linda University
March Air Reserve Base
Morning Optimist Club of Moreno Valley
**Moreno Valley Business & Employment Resource
Center**
Moreno Valley Genealogical Society
Moreno Valley Historical Society
Moreno Valley Mall
Moreno Valley Community Demonstration Garden
Moreno Valley Senior Center
Moreno Valley Unified School District
Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center
Neighborhood Forest
Quality Start/First 5 Riverside
Quinn A.M.E. Church
Riverside County Community Action Partnership
Riverside County Office of Aging
Rotary Club of Moreno Valley -- Noon
U.S. Census Bureau
Val Verde Unified School District
Veterans Connect @ Your Library

