

MORGAN HILL LIBRARY

A SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY



"Wow! Worth the wait! The new library is beautiful!"

Annual Report Fiscal Year Ended June 2008



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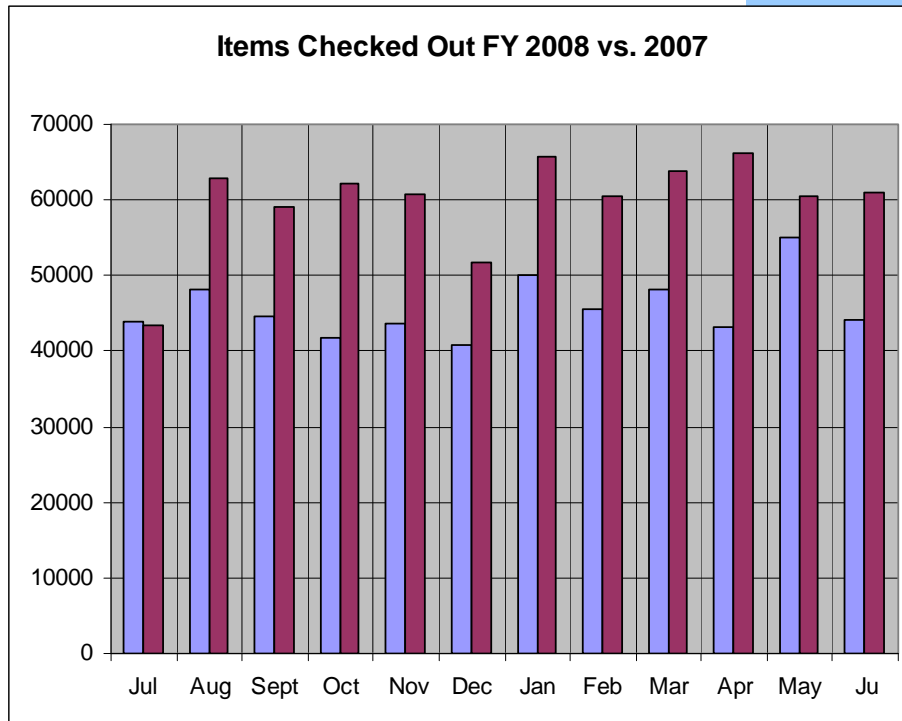


FY 2008 STATISTICS

Items checked out	717,727	+31%
New library cards	2,588	+60%
Library visits	301,680	+37%
Reference questions	36,081	+29%
Program attendance	12,505	+72%

Open Hours:
 Tues: 1:00-9:00
 Wed & Thus: 10:00-9:00
 Fri & Sat: 10:00-6:00

Lobby is open on
 Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm



NEW SERVICES

Lobby Hours: The library lobby is now open on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm for limited service.

Virtual Library: The Santa Clara County continues to expand the information offered on our website, including new databases, more downloadable audio and video, and online homework help.

New Technology: A new automated check in and sorting system was implemented with the new building. We've also added more express check out machines and doubled the number of public Internet computers.

More Programs: Many new activities have been added including author programs, bridge classes, and scrapbooking. For teens we've added book discussion groups, college planning, and Guitar Hero. For children, we now have storytimes on Saturday mornings and baby storytimes.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Through the Beyond Books Campaign, the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library have funded a number of enhancements to the new building including new video shelving, outdoor tables, public art, and more. The Friends of the Library received an award at the American Library Association conference recognizing their outstanding efforts in this area. The Friends also run a very successful lobby bookstore which funds ongoing programs like storytime crafts, puppet shows, and special collections like our bestsellers.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Grand opening: 4,500 people attended our grand opening event to celebrate the new library.

Silicon Valley Puzzle Day: Planned and organized by the Friends of the Library, this second annual event featured crossword puzzle and Sudoku competitions and drew contestants from all over California.

Partnerships: We've worked with a number of community organizations to cross-promote programs, including Haru Matsuri, Health and Wellness Fair, Aquatics Center, and Taste of Morgan Hill.

Staffing: Kudos to the Morgan Hill Library staff for running a building that is twice the size of the old library with huge increases in demand for service, all without any increase in staff.

LOOKING AHEAD

Technology: This coming year, the Santa Clara County Library will be doing several major technology upgrades. All the public computers in the Morgan Hill Library will be replaced, new Internet sign-up software will be installed, and we will select a vendor to help us implement RFID by next year.

Spanish outreach: We will be making a special effort to reach out to our Spanish-speaking residents by hiring a part-time bilingual reference librarian, by working with local ESL classes, and by starting a new bilingual children's storytime.

*“All I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
 for the services you provide at the Morgan Hill Library.”*