

Alameda County Library

# FY 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Supporting Alameda County's Vision 2036

Presentation to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors

## Mission:

We Grow Learners, Break Barriers, Build Futures

## Vision:

Kind, Connected Humans

## Values:



Authenticity



Integrity



Creativity



Curiosity



Empathy

## Four Areas of Exploration:

Innovation &  
Cultivation

Justice, Equity, Diversity,  
and Inclusion (JEDI)

Civic  
Participation

Healthy Families,  
Healthy Homes

# AC Library, a Community Anchor

Serving residents across Alameda County through:



Literacy and  
Education programs



Workforce and Career  
Development



Health and  
Wellness Education



Cultural and Civic  
Engagement



Technology and  
Digital Access



Mobile and Outreach  
Services

Impact Areas:



Youth and Families



Seniors



Immigrant  
Communities



Justice-Involved  
Residents



Underserved  
Neighborhoods

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY



***2025-26  
Approved Budget***

***2026-27 Preliminary  
MOE Budget***

***Change from 2025-26  
Approved Budget***

*Appropriations*

*\$49,225,874*

*\$50,984,529*

*\$1,758,655*

*3.57%*

*Financing*

*\$49,225,874*

*\$50,984,529*

*\$1,758,655*

*3.57%*

*Net County Cost*

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*FTE - Mgmt*

*60.00*

*60.00*

*0.00*

*0%*

*FTE - Non Mgmt*

*183.86*

*184.03*

*0.17*

*0.09%*

*Total FTE*

*243.86*

*244.03*

*0.17*

*0.07%*

# \$50,984,529

## REVENUE BY SOURCE

**Fund Balance**  
\$4,545,603 (8.92%)

**Other Revenue**  
\$376,821 (0.74%)

**Donations**  
\$200,000 (0.39%)

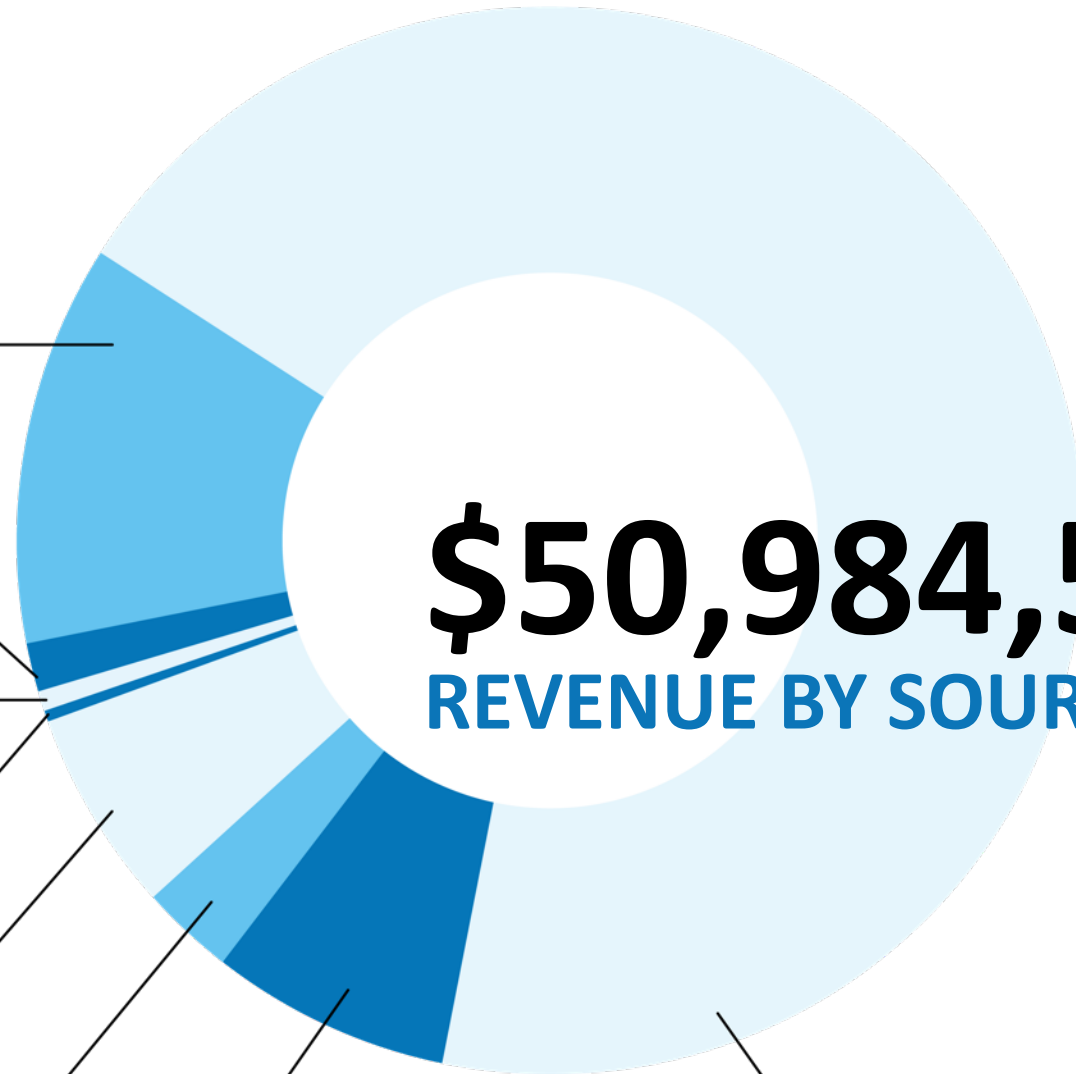
**Library Services**  
\$10,000 (0.02%)

**Service Contracts**  
\$2,761,848 (5.42%)

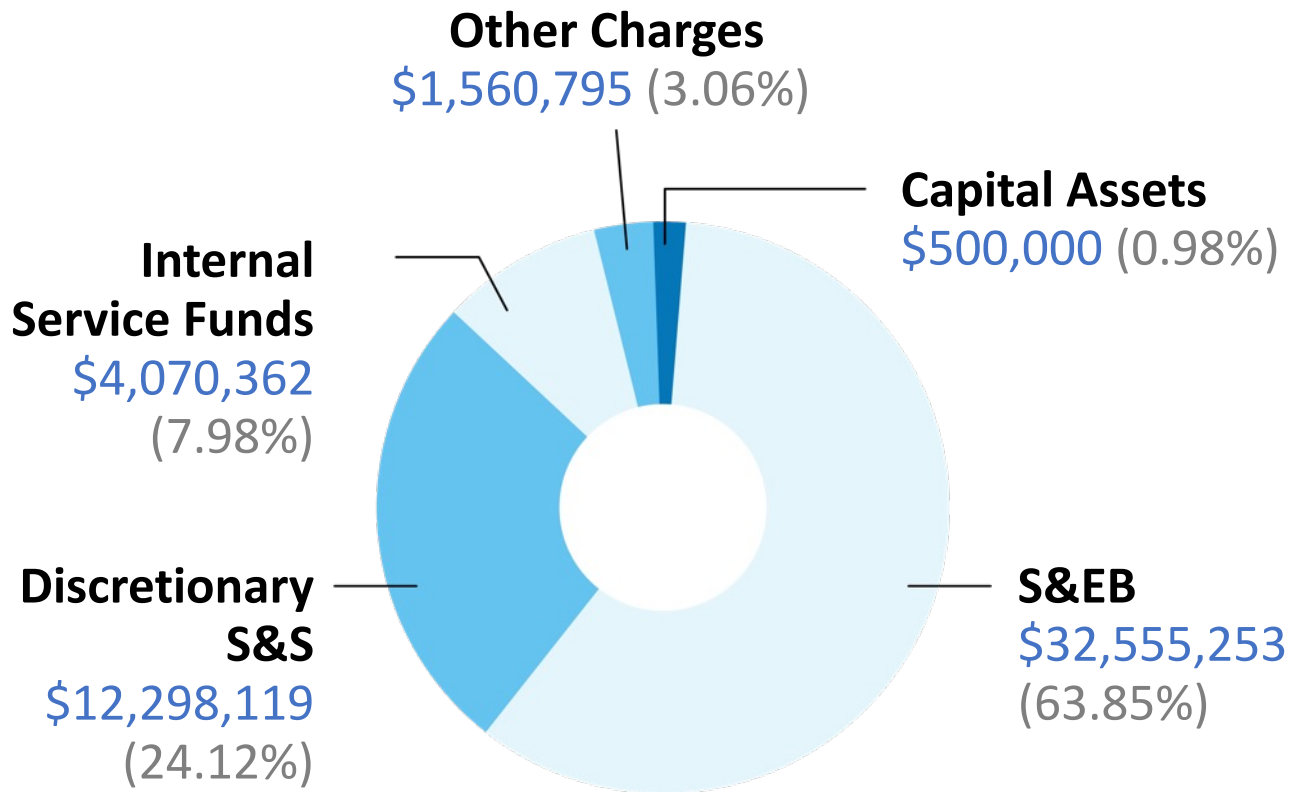
**Redevelopment Revenue**  
\$975,000 (1.91%)

**UUT-BLT-HLT**  
\$3,373,931 (6.62%)

**Property Tax**  
\$38,741,326 (75.98%)

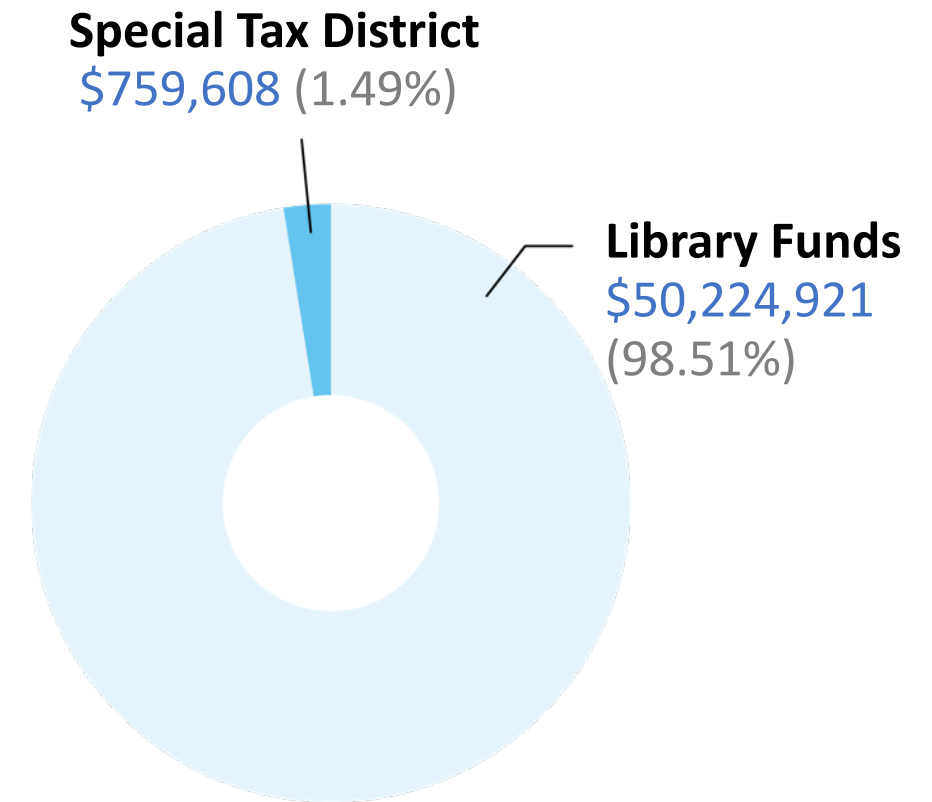


## APPROPRIATION BY MAJOR OBJECT



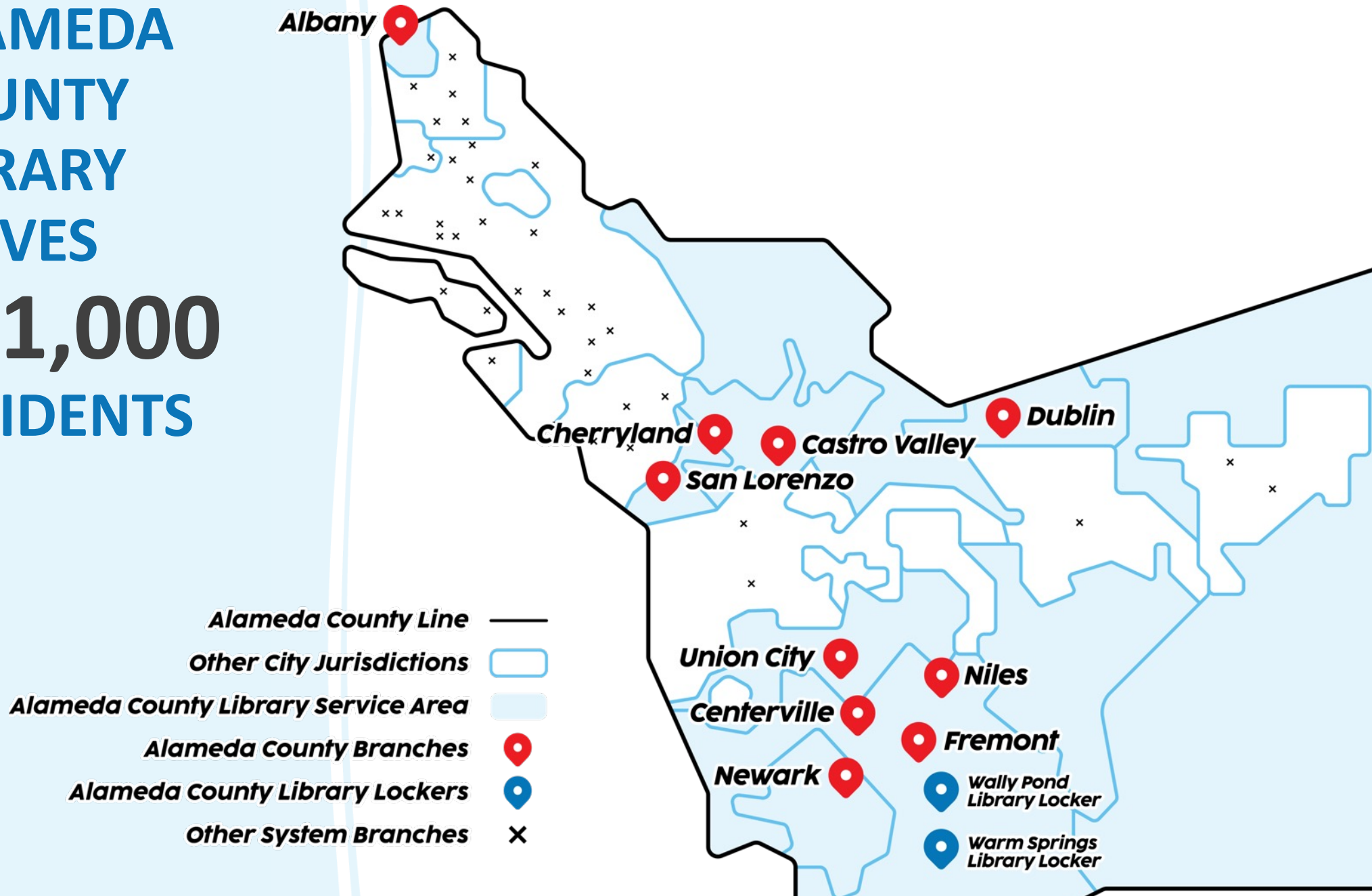
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## APPROPRIATION BY FUNDING

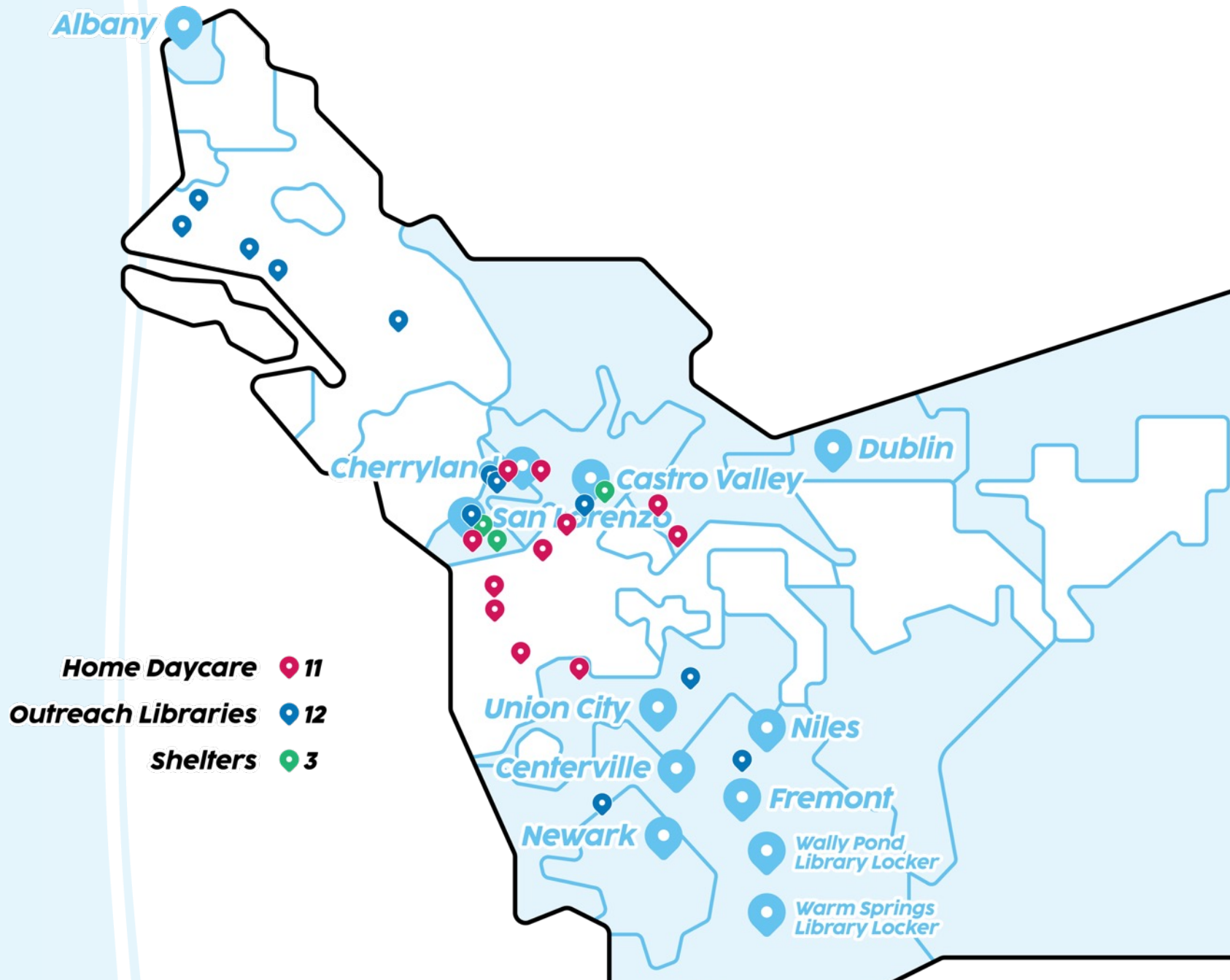


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**ALAMEDA  
COUNTY  
LIBRARY  
SERVES  
591,000  
RESIDENTS**



# HOME DAYCARE, OUTREACH & SHELTER LIBRARIES



# Library Statistics

## 2025 Achievements



**1,401,697**  
eMaterials borrowed



**1,429,632**  
Library visits



**24,021**  
New Library  
cards issued



**4,100** Onsite Programs  
**130,303** Attendance

# Eliminate Homelessness

Supporting Stability, Reentry, and Access to Resources



## Key Programs:

- Basic Needs Kits distributed in Tri-Cities
- Weekly Santa Rita Reads Book Club supporting literacy and rehabilitation
- Library programming at Juvenile Justice Center
- Literacy support and mentoring for incarcerated youth
- Mobile Library services reaching supportive and transitional housing

## Impact:

- Promotes successful reentry
- Expands literacy and educational opportunities
- Connects vulnerable populations to community resources

# Health for All

## Promoting Community Health and Wellness



### Key Programs:

- Senior Scam Stoppers Seminar (200+ seniors)
- Medicare and healthcare counseling workshops
- Naloxone training and free Narcan distribution
- Mental health awareness programs
- Caregiver workshops for parents and families
- End-of-life planning education

### Impact:

- Improves health literacy
- Supports seniors and caregivers
- Expands access to life-saving resources

# Employment for All

## Workforce Development and Skills Building



### Programs Include:

- Teen Career & Pathways Fair
- Small Business Administration workshops
- Maker education at The Spark
- ESL and adult literacy programs
- College and career readiness workshops

### Impact:

- Builds workforce skills
- Supports entrepreneurs
- Improves employment opportunities

# Eliminate Poverty & Hunger

## Strengthening Economic Stability for Families



### Key Initiatives:

- Summer Lunch Program for children and families
- Financial literacy and healthcare cost workshops
- Family Literacy programs supporting early childhood development
- Expanded home daycare library collections in underserved areas

### Impact:

- Improves educational outcomes
- Supports food security
- Expands access to learning resources

# Crime-free County

Empowering Youth and Strengthening Communities



## Programs Include:

- Youth Poet Laureate Program
- Youth leadership and civic engagement programs
- Public speaking programs for youth
- Community safety and fraud prevention workshops
- Storytime and community events with local police
- 15,200+ books delivered to Santa Rita Jail

## Impact:

- Storytime and community events with local police
- Builds community trust
- Supports civic participation



# Accessible & Integrated Infrastructure

## Expanding Inclusive Library Access



### Key Improvements:

- Family Spaces Redesign Project
  - 1,300+ community responses collected
- Expanded Mobile Library outreach
- Improved digital accessibility
  - Accessible forms and policies online
- New eResources Committee guiding digital services

### Impact:

- More inclusive public spaces
- Expanded digital access
- Equitable service delivery

# Community Engagement & Cultural Programs

## Libraries as Cultural and Community Hubs



### Highlights:

- Comics & Fandom Expo (1,000+ attendees)
- Tibetan cultural celebration
- Palestinian Olive Harvesting Festival
- Acorn Granary with Alameda Native History Project
- Ramadan and Diwali Storytimes
- Three Community Reads programs
- Author talks, art workshops, and cultural festivals

### Impact:

- Celebrates diverse cultures
- Builds community connections
- Encourages lifelong learning



# Outreach & Partnerships

Strong Partnerships Amplify Impact



## Collaborations with:

- School districts across Alameda County
- Community-based organizations
- Universities and literacy programs
- Health and social service providers
- Civic organizations and nonprofits

## Examples:

- CalMatters
- League of Women Voters
- Alameda Native History Project
- Black Cultural Zone
- East Oakland Youth Development Center
- Local school districts

# Youth & Literacy Impact

Building Lifelong Readers and Learners



## Programs Include:

- Summer Adventure Reading Program
- School partnerships and class visits
- Family Literacy Day
- Teen volunteer leadership programs
- Mobile Library storytimes

## Result:

- Thousands of youth and families reached across Alameda County.

# Looking Ahead

## Continuing to Expand Community Impact

- Summer Adventure Reading Program
- Expand literacy and workforce programs
- Increase outreach in underserved communities
- Strengthen partnerships with schools and nonprofits
- Modernize library spaces for families and youth
- Highlight history and culture in Alameda County
- Continue advancing Vision 2036 goals



# **Alameda County Library**

Creating opportunity, connection, and lifelong learning for all residents.

**Thank You.**