

Facts About the
Santa Cruz Public Library



Main Library, Church Street.

Open Daily [except Sunday] from 9 to 5 and 7 to 9.

Seabright Branch, Seabright.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 5.

Garfield Park Branch, Garfield Park.

Monday and Friday from 2:30 to 5.

The Santa Cruz Public Library is maintained by an annual city tax, limited by the city charter to 10 cents per hundred dollars of valuation. Last year the tax was 8 cents and produced \$5750.25.

The library is managed by a board of five Library Trustees, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Commissioners. Their term of office is three years, and there is no compensation. They have power to make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the administration, government and protection of the libraries under their management; to prescribe the duties and powers of the librarian and employees; to fix their compensation; to purchase necessary books, journals, publications and other personal property.

A Board of Library Trustees is required, on or before the last day of July in each year, to make a report to the legislative body of the municipality giving the conditions of the library.

Every resident of the city, including children over 8 years of age, is eligible to participate in all library privileges.

The main library and branches contain about 22,000 volumes and are supplied with 110 periodicals, the best of which are bound for permanent reference.

Last year the main library and branches circulated for home reading about 84,000 volumes. It is impossible to estimate the number of persons who annually avail themselves of other library privileges, but it is very large.

Books for the blind and books for special study or examination, not found at the library, may be borrowed from the State library, through the local library, upon request.

The museum, the gift of Miss Laura Hecox, contains much that is interesting and instructive. It is open during library hours.

The Lecture Hall of the library seats comfortably about 200 persons. It is equipped with a piano. It is offered free for literary, educational, philanthropic or patriotic meetings, and for gatherings at which topics of public welfare are to be discussed.

“Here talk I with the wise in ages gone,
And with the nobly gifted in our own:
If love, joy, laughter, sorrow please my mind,
Love, joy, grief, laughter in my books I find.”