



November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Atherton City Council  
Town of Atherton  
2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane  
Atherton, CA 94027

Dear Mayor Widmer and Members of the City Council,

It is with pleasure that we present the San Mateo County Libraries Annual Report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This report highlights the dynamic ways our libraries enrich our diverse community by igniting growth through transformative experiences.

### **Building and Updating Facilities**

We are extremely proud of the new modern and enhanced Brisbane Library opening this Fall, and with high anticipation since the groundbreaking in April, looking forward to the opening of Atherton's new Library in 2021. The temporary library is open to the public and we continue to work with Atherton City staff to host larger and joint programs at Holbrook-Palmer Park.

### **Engaging and Educating Children, Teens, and Adults**

We expanded our award-winning summer learning program systemwide to increase outreach activities, and worked to increase connections with residents of all ages. We focused on achieving learning gains for youth and increase learning opportunities for adults. Atherton increased 3D printing sessions and will offer virtual reality sessions starting in November. Using a computer and headset with sensors, residents will be provided three-dimensional gaming and learning activities, and able to explore and travel the planet, ocean, and outer space.

### **Equitable Access**

In January, we officially went Fine-Free for everyone to make our libraries more accessible for all individuals. This program has become widely popular amongst our community and we continue to enhance services providing multiple easy ways in which residents can renew checked out materials.

### **Year in numbers**

Our highly successful past year serving the Atherton community included:

- 50,187 visitors to the library
- 62,727 materials checked out
- 20,161 community members attended library programs

We look forward to another year of fueling the expansion of knowledge, experiences, and community engagement, and we are thankful for the support of the City, Friends of the Library and community.

Sincerely,

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Atherton Library Manager  
Library Services

Director of

CC: George Rodericks, City Manager



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# Annual Branch Report

Atherton Library

Open for Exploration™

# Engaging & Educating All Ages



Staff engaged over 20,000 youth and adults in active learning



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# Equitable Access

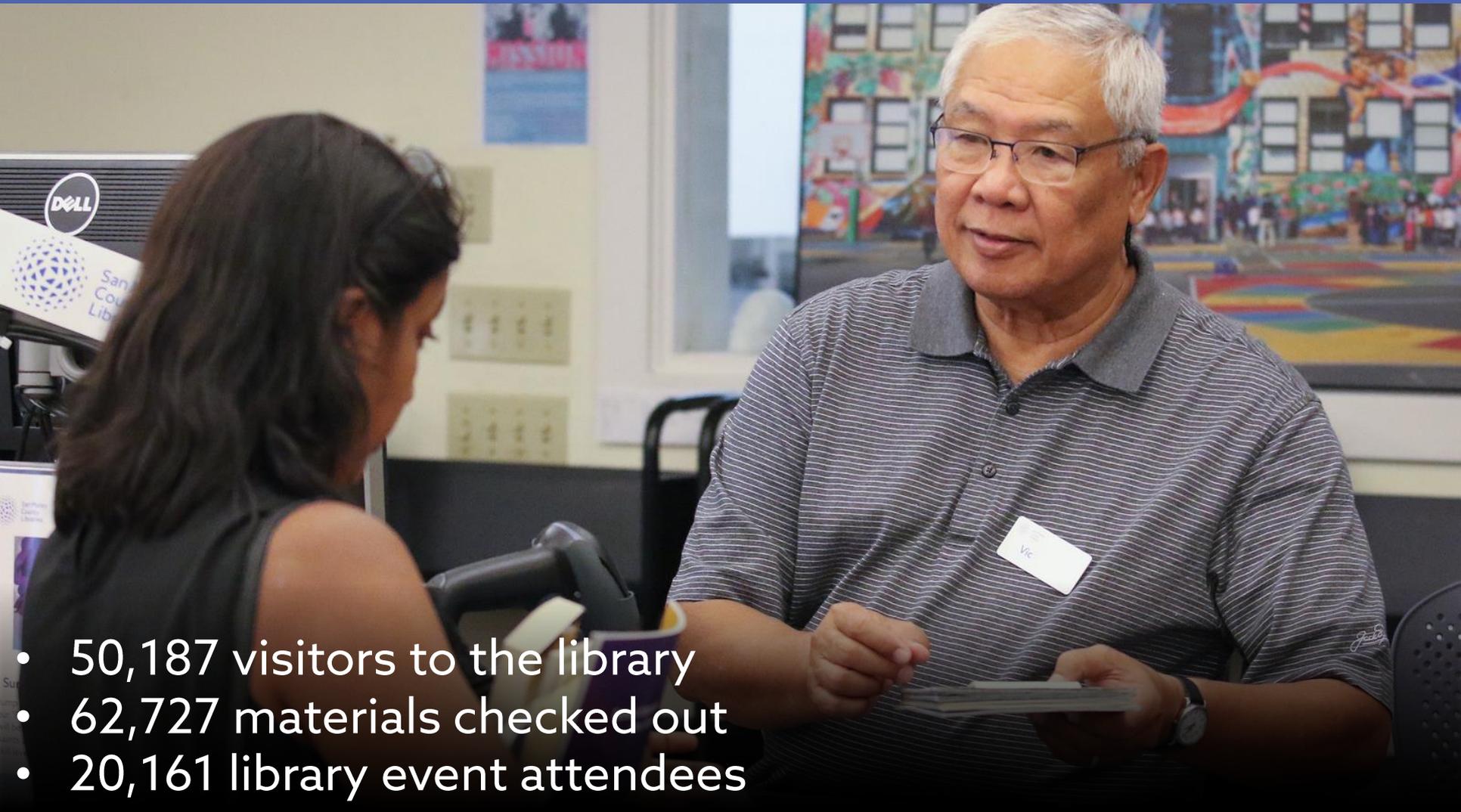


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# Thank you!

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