

MAIN LIBRARY

840 West Orange Avenue; 94080-3125
650-829-3860; fax 650-829-3866

GRAND AVENUE LIBRARY

306 Walnut Avenue; 94080-8764
650-877-8530; fax 650-829-6615

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

520 Tamarack Lane; 94080-8764
650-877-8540; fax 875-6969

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- Mission** South San Francisco Public Library is actively committed to providing the best possible combination of library materials and services to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of our multicultural community, in a professional manner, with a human touch.
- Roles** Primary - Popular Materials Library and Complement to the Formal Education Process, for Children and Adults.
Secondary - Pre-Schoolers' Door to Learning and Complement to Independent Learning Process, for Children and Adults.
- Funding** South San Francisco Library is a City library supported by the General Fund of the City of South San Francisco. The library's 2008/09 operating budget is approximately \$4.5 million. There are 90 full and part time staff, making a full time staff equivalency of 42.92. South San Francisco is a member of the Peninsula Library System, a consortium of the City, County and Community College libraries of San Mateo County.
- Collections** As of 7/1/08, South San Francisco has a book collection of 156,323 and an audio visual collection of 28,319. The combined annual circulation was 686,733 in 07/08. Library collections include music CD's, books on tape & CD, DVDs, eBooks, videos, a Consumer Health collection, databases, and periodicals, etc. Access to the library catalog, databases, instance message reference help, Live Homework Help, and online book clubs is available on the web at www.ssflibrary.net. **The Main Library** houses Administration and Technical Services. **Grand Library** has a large Spanish Language collection for all ages and a modest, though interesting, art collection, as well as a South San Francisco Local History Collection.



Literacy **The Community Learning Center (CLC)** is a service of the library and collaborating agencies serving youth and adults. The CLC provides a variety of homework, computer, educational and ESL classes as well as working with other organizations to provide additional learning opportunities to the community. The Center is open Monday through Saturday; hours vary. In February 2009, the CLC celebrated 10 years of service.

Project Read is a community service of the cities of South San Francisco, Daly City, San Bruno, Colma. Individualized tutoring in basic skills is offered to English speaking adults. Learning Wheels, a mobile pre-school classroom, makes stops at agencies and day care sites serving families with preschool children under age five. In April of 2010, Project Read will celebrate 25 years of service. In the fall, an annual fundraising Trivia Challenge is held. For more information: 650-829-3871 or visit the offices (weekdays) at the Main Library.

Volunteers Current volunteer position descriptions (and application) can be found on the City of South San Francisco website at ssf.net/jobs. For 07/08, the library had a full time equivalent of 15.34 volunteers.

Children Year round programs include Preschool and Toddler story time on various weekday mornings and evenings at Main and Grand Libraries, including Spanish story time at Grand. Special activities are regularly scheduled, in addition to outreach to the schools and library class visits. Summer programs and activities are built around the popular Summer Reading Clubs for children and teens, and the Reader Leader Program. Special building features to note in the Children's rooms are: the fireplace surround of "story" tiles at Grand Avenue Library and a mural by artist John Littleboy at the Main Library. Youth are actively recruited as volunteers at the libraries and Community Learning Center. Those 16 years and older are invited to take the Page Test given each April and October at the Main Library.

Friends Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of January, April, July, and October in the Main Library auditorium, at noon. Memberships start at \$10/yearly. Applications are available in the library or on the website. Friends sponsor ongoing book sales at both libraries. The annual Book & Plant Sale is held at West Orange on the first Saturday in May. Another big sale, in conjunction with the City-wide Garage Sale Day, is in the fall. Send questions for Friends to libraryfriends@ssf.net.