

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Friends,

2022 was an inspiring year. It wasn't easy, yet, we ended strong. We are grateful for the dedication and generosity of our donors, supporters, and staff. Working with you, we've achieved key milestones to advance boundless learning for people of all ages and unlock opportunities for the community to grow even more.

The community's generous support this past year was instrumental in achieving our goals, especially in two key areas. We promoted **access to knowledge** through Summer Adventure, the naming of our second cohort of Youth Poet Laureates, and through the English as a Second Language (ESL) program in Newark. We also went beyond reading by providing **food and nourishment** through the Lunch at the Library program's expansion and the distribution of Grab and Grow kits through our Seed Library.

With you by our side, we look forward to an exciting 2023 as we plan to expand our services to reach more youth and library branches across the county. Your belief in the transformative power of the Alameda County Libraries keeps us moving forward — thank you!



FULFILLING ASPIRATIONS THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING

Alameda County Youth Poet Laureate 2022

In May, the ACL organized the search for the newest Alameda County Youth Poet Laureates. We extend our congratulations once again to the chosen Co-Youth Poet Laureates *Yamini Jain* and *Nitika Sathiya*, as well as the Co-Vice Youth Poet Laureates *Kiana Sipes* and *Julia Segre*.



You Can Uke!

The instruments we purchased and interactive ukulele training sessions were a hit! Participants discovered fun and easy ways to tune, strum, read ukulele music, and play songs together. Now, the program touches all the branches and is enjoyed by the community during storytimes. A big thank you to everyone who helped organize and participated — we look forward to finding more ways we can engage our community.



NOURISHING MINDS, BODIES, AND HEARTS

Grab and Grow Seed Kits

On top of the "Nourishing Season" campaign for Giving Tuesday, ACL's seed library was on the spotlight with different seasonal seeds available each month. Although the fundraising campaign may be over, these kits will continue to be available.



Lunch at the Library

Lunch at the Library was as fun and strong as ever! The free, nutritious meals, books, and learning kits for approximately 7,000 children and their families and caregivers enriched our communities' nourishment and sparked learning and cheer beyond the summer. LATL will continue to evolve to ensure more students and their families are healthy, active, and engaged in libraries at the hearts of our neighborhoods!

Newark ESL

Through the Newark ESL's Newcomer Program, weekly English classes, and citizenship preparation sessions, English Language Learners improved their communication and basic work skills. The community's dedication to the program piqued the interest of parents and students for greater ESL support for newcomers from Central and South America.



Summer Adventure Wonder in Nature

We distributed over 1,000 books to youth across Alameda! Our young bookworms also got closer to nature as they enjoyed the books through our Adventure Guide activities. These talented youth then showcased their creativity by creating their own book-inspired arts and crafts — now available online for everyone to see!

5074 Total entries
2576 Participants

FUNDRAISING

Library Giving Day was a success, raising **\$3,572** in one month to support all our programs across Alameda County.

Our “Nourishing Season” **Giving Tuesday** campaign raised **\$9,513**, exceeding our original target of \$5,000 by 53%.

We're thankful for your support. All this kindness goes toward serving people of all ages through our libraries!



LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER!

Acquired
220
new and reengaged
donors

Received over
\$70,000
in special support to
the Library

Raised over
\$13,085
in our Library Giving
Day & Giving Tuesday
fundraising campaigns



The mission of the Alameda County Library Foundation is to provide critical support to public libraries in the Alameda County Library system, resulting in all people in our communities having access to knowledge in all of its forms. We raise revenue in support of library programs, facilities, and services that promote traditional and digital literacy, encourage educational achievement and lifelong learning, and address opportunity gaps in the communities we serve. Help us promote lifelong learning for the Alameda County community. Find out how you can support our work on <http://www.acfl.org>



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