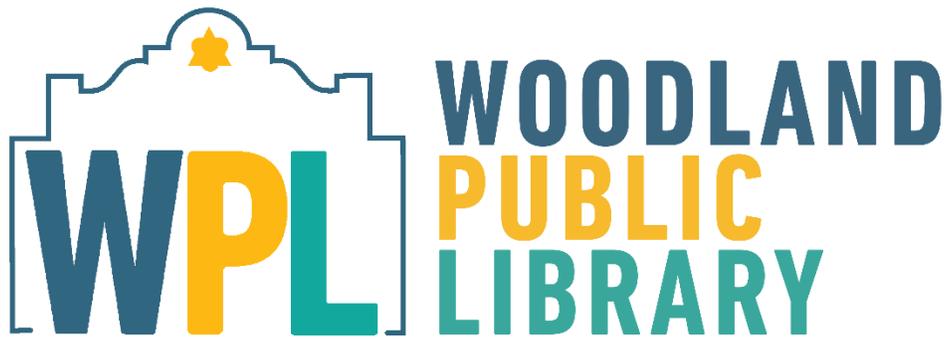




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Message from the Library Director

The Woodland Public Library is more than just a place for books; we're a vital community resource dedicated to lifelong learning and connection. For over 150 years, we've evolved to meet the changing needs of our residents, becoming a cornerstone in education and empowerment.

Our diverse offerings, from engaging book clubs to interactive Stay and Play sessions for parents and children, provide opportunities for intellectual stimulation and meaningful connections. Teens gather to bond over gaming tournaments and creative workshops in our dedicated space, Square One, where imaginations run wild.

Beyond our walls, we collaborate with local schools to ensure equal access to quality education for all. In a rapidly changing world, we remain committed to staying relevant and vital, fueled by our dedicated staff, unique collections, and innovative ideas.

Join us at the Woodland Public Library, where every visit is an opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with our vibrant community.

Greta

Greta Galindo
Library Services Director
Woodland Public Library



FY 2023 Statistics at a Glance

Overview

Visits	120,572
Hours Open	2,548
Population Served	59,881



Circulation & Collection

Card Holders	36,089
Student Success Cards	10,000
Total Circulation:	222,648
Children's:	92,801
Physical Materials:	94,833
Electronic Materials:	30,400

Technology

Databases:	23
Public Computers:	20
Computer Sessions:	6,864
Average Computer Session Time:	1.74 hours
Wi-Fi Sessions:	28,624
Website Visits:	61,000



Community Programs

Programs:	866
Program Attendance:	27,969
Average Attendance per Program:	32

Summer Reading Books Read: 13,324

Additional Community Value

Adult Literacy Tutoring Hours:	1,031
Square One Basic Use & Safety Classes:	205
Teen Volunteer Hours:	725
Summer Lunches Served:	4134
Total Grant Funding Awarded:	\$181,363



Previous Page: Digitally altered picture with full-time staff; **Above:** Families celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month; Children enjoying crafts at the Barbie Party; Teens participating in a Nailed It! Competition decorating cakes with a local baker.



Above (from top): Read, Rumble Rev, April 2023. Woodland Fire Department, City of Woodland Public Works Department vehicles, Woodland Police Department **Next Page (from top):** Teens from a community partnership program build chess pieces; Library Director at Read, Rumble, Rev; Teens on Spring Break; Children enjoy Candyland at the Library; Kids dress up for Free Comic Book Day; Teen Advisory Board at Adulting 101; Plaque made for Sister City in La Piedad, Mexico.





I really had no idea what I might be doing when I started in Literacy Services back in 2018. My first suspicion was that I'd be reading stories to kids, but I was informed those opportunities were mostly reserved for high school students. So, I asked where they needed help. I was referred to the Literacy Office to be an English tutor. I was not an English major and I didn't speak any other language, but I did really enjoy reading and writing. I went to a training and a week later I started with my first student. I felt totally overwhelmed, but I worked hard to overcome that. Slowly but surely, I improved in my ability to help students. I started with just one student one day a week for about an hour. Slowly over time I got more students.

Then, I was asked if I could teach legal residents who wanted to become American citizens. I didn't feel qualified for it, but I did graduate high school and I enjoyed American history, so I thought I would give it my best attempt. I was surprised at how much I remembered and how much I was able to help them understand history and government.

I think we sometimes underestimate how much we know and how much we can really help people. This was very important for me, as I am a disabled person. A lot of people do a lot for me on a daily basis just so I can live. For me to be able to find something that I can do despite my limitations that offers real world benefits and hope to other people is one of the most rewarding things I've ever experienced. When I first started doing this, it felt more like a chore and a duty. But after years of doing it, it now feels like an honor and a privilege. I didn't realize this up until recently, but apparently I was the only one at the library helping people study for their citizenship test. I was the Literacy Program's go-to "expert" for something I never thought I would be known for.

I am very grateful to the library for this opportunity and that they believed in me enough to give me this chance. Before this, I had a couple rough years where I was struggling with depression and other difficulties. I needed to do something for other people because doing stuff just for myself ended up making me miserable and unfulfilled. This volunteer opportunity helped heal my pain and nurtured my spirit. I hope other people will hear this story and benefit from it, whether or not they've gone through what I've gone through.

Literacy Services

John has helped six students gain their citizenship. He is currently working with another five students with their English reading and writing skills, as well as one student on civics.

*Above: John picks up curriculum for his students;
Below L-R: Tutors Paula S. and Mary B. meet with their learners*



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Guiding Principles

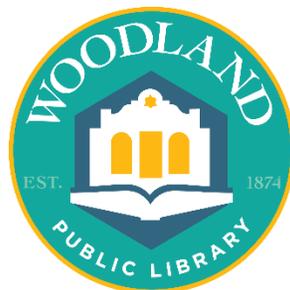
- Our Library is a community; people are engaged, supported, and celebrated through free and equitable access to library services.
- We provide accurate information to the community through our resources, collections, and programming.
- Our Library is a safe space. We promise to provide a welcoming and supportive environment.
- We commit to preserve library services essential to our community through flexibility, creativity, and adaptability.
- Our staff is equipped and empowered to provide excellent service, feels valued, and is confident in their work.

Aspirations

- The Library has resources and programs that are well used and loved by the community.
- The Library expands physically and pioneers continually developing programming that meets needs of community, creating new pathways for all.
- To create equity, we embrace risk to dismantle traditional approaches to access library services.
- The Library has strong partnerships with outside community organizations, services, and systems.
- The Library and its programs and services are better known by and shared with the community.
- The Library is a cornerstone of the community where all people can meet and exchange ideas.

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