

[The San Diego Public Library Foundation](#)

History of the Foundation:

The San Diego Public Library Foundation was launched in 2002 when a group of motivated and concerned community leaders joined to focus their energy and attention on providing private support to build an outstanding library system in San Diego.

Since then, strong volunteer leadership has allowed the Foundation to raise more than \$50 million in private funds to augment and support library programs, collections and services. Foundation support has been central to:

- Expanding [collections](#) throughout the system;
- Providing Sunday hours at certain locations;
- Building [new branch libraries](#) and improving existing branches;
- Allowing the City to construct San Diego's [New Central Library](#),
- Helping the San Diego Friends of the Library meet the City's Matching Fund which has provided millions of additional dollars in funding for books and resources;
- Enhancing crucial programs such as the [Summer Reading Program](#); and
- Establishing new programs and services, such as [Live Homework Help](#).

For additional information on how you can help the Foundation reach its goals for improvement of the San Diego Library system, go to [Support My Library](#).