

June 16: Thank You for Speaking up for Your Library!



Dear Library Supporter, Last week, thanks to your support and advocacy, the San Diego City Council voted to fully restore the Library department budget! The Mayor is expected to sign this budget shortly.

This reverses \$7 million in proposed cuts and fully restores Library hours across the system instead of the five-day schedule as was proposed. It also returns the Mountain View/Beckwourth Library, which had been slated for permanent closure.

Thank you for your help in ensuring this win. The Council heard from hundreds of advocates about the critical role our Libraries play in providing equitable access to critical resources in every community and how continuity of Library services is vital to the city's recovery.

We want to thank our elected officials for their efforts to restore the Library's services during a historically difficult budget cycle. Please visit [LibrariesTransformSD.org](https://www.librariestransform.org) to send your Councilmember an email of thanks for their Library support.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patrick Stewart, *CEO* San Diego Public Library Foundation
Joan Reese, *President* Friends of the San Diego Public Library
Wendy Urushima-Conn, *Chair* Board of Library Commissioners

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