



# Santa Barbara Public Library System

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**Central Library**  
40 E. Anapamu St.  
PO Box 1019  
Santa Barbara, CA  
93102  
805.962.7653  
Fax: 805.564.5660

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Buellton Library**  
140 West Highway 246  
Buellton, CA  
93427  
805.688.3115

**Carpinteria Library**  
5141 Carpinteria Ave.  
Carpinteria, CA  
93013  
805.684.4314

**Eastside Library**  
1102 E. Montecito St.  
Santa Barbara, CA  
93103  
805.963.3727

**Goleta Library**  
500 N. Fairview Ave.  
Goleta, CA  
93117  
805.964.7878

**Los Olivos Library**  
Grange Hall  
2374 Alamo Pintado Ave.  
Los Olivos, CA  
93441

**Montecito Library**  
1469 East Valley Rd.  
PO Box 5039  
Santa Barbara, CA  
93108  
805.969.5063

**Santa Ynez Library**  
3598 Sagunto St.  
Santa Ynez, CA  
93460

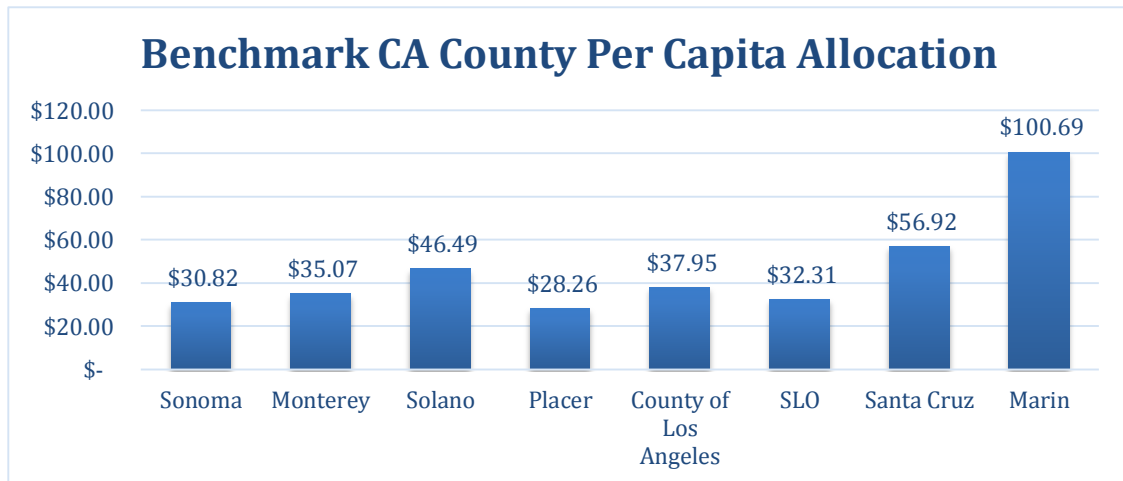
**Solvang Library**  
1745 Mission Dr.  
Solvang, CA  
93463  
805.688.4214

Dear Chair of the Board Adam, and Supervisors Lavagnino, Carbajal, Farr, and Wolf,

As Library Director for Santa Barbara County Zone 1, I am writing to you today requesting increased funding for the libraries within Santa Barbara County. As you know, libraries across Santa Barbara County provide tremendous benefit to the communities they serve. As your Library Director, I am asking that you support increased funding to ensure continued equal access to information and a culture of lifelong learning.

It pays to support library funding. An investment in libraries is an investment in education, lifelong learning, and our community's future. Indeed, libraries are among the most effective of all public services, providing a variety of services to more than 2/3 of the public using less than 2% of all tax dollars. For every tax dollar invested in libraries, there is an average return of \$4 in services to patrons, the community, and the economy. Our local libraries have a long history of supporting early literacy education and play a key role in helping children become ready to read and ready for school. In addition, libraries engage in many partnerships with community agencies in order to extend local services and programs.

As your Zone 1 Library Director, I ask that you support libraries in Santa Barbara County by increasing the current allotment to at minimum an average of the benchmark counties below:



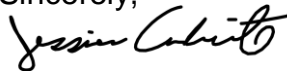
Average of the benchmark counties equals \$46.06 per capita. The chart below represents the current per capita funding from all local government sources, including county and city contributions:

	Per capita	Local Government		Total Funding	Total Budget	Shortfall
		County per Capita	Funding			
Santa Barbara	\$51.75	\$710,684.00	\$4,002,862.00	\$4,713,546.00	\$5,351,027.00	(\$637,481.00)
Goleta*	\$13.01	\$705,588.88	\$470,713.00	\$1,176,301.88	\$1,504,245.00	(\$327,943.12)
Buellton	\$16.51	\$82,117.80	\$91,641.00	\$173,758.80	\$206,805.00	(\$33,046.20)
Solvang	\$16.16	\$82,117.80	\$88,000.00	\$170,117.80	\$228,710.00	(\$58,592.20)
Montecito	\$7.80	\$86,627.45	\$0.00	\$86,627.45	\$233,648.00	(\$147,020.55)
Carpinteria	\$9.96	\$128,337.83	\$35,500.00	\$163,837.83	\$262,963.00	(\$99,125.17)

\*Local Government funding includes CSA3 funds

The importance of the role that libraries play in our community and in educating our children is unquestionable. I ask you to continue to support libraries by supporting library funding. Libraries are for everyone, everywhere.

Sincerely,



Jessica Cadiente  
 Zone 1 Library Director  
 Santa Barbara Public Library System