

**San José Public Library to Expand All Branches to Six-Day Schedule**  
**Starting Saturday, July 11, 2015**  
*(Neighborhood libraries will hold celebrations)*

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** – All 22 San José Public Library branches will be open six days per week beginning Saturday, July 11, 2015.

To celebrate the new schedule, all San José branches will hold community celebrations beginning Saturday, July 11, and continuing into the following week. Celebrity story times and other event information will be available on [sjpl.org/events](http://sjpl.org/events). The public is invited to attend the events and share their experiences on social media using hashtag **#SJPL6days**.

The San José City Council approved Mayor Sam Liccardo's proposal for restoring the six-day schedule in April. Since then, the Library has been recruiting staff and making arrangements to expand service from the current reduced schedule for branches that has them open only four days per week.

"Our residents know how critical libraries are to keeping neighborhoods safe and expanding access to the opportunities Silicon Valley offers. The new schedule ensures children can access critical learning resources both after school and during the summer," said Mayor Liccardo.

"San José residents demonstrated loud and clear that they value San José Libraries when more than 80% of voters approved extending the library parcel tax during last year's election."

San José reduced branch library operating hours in 2011 as part of the city's overall budget-balancing efforts during the Great Recession.

"The community wanted all its public libraries to be open on Saturdays, so we're thrilled to start the new schedule on a Saturday," said City Librarian Jill Bourne.

"After the City Council approved Mayor Liccardo's March Budget Message, the Library immediately started preparing for the extended hours so we could start as early in July as possible. One of our biggest tasks has been hiring and training the staff needed to serve our customers during the new hours, but I'm proud to say we're ready to go."

Initial funding for the new six-day schedule will come from both the Library Parcel Tax Reserve and the City's General Fund, phasing costs fully into the General Fund over five years.

Based on current daily usage, San José Public Library expects the two additional days of service will create significant weekly benefits for the community including: **36,000** more customers being able to use the Library; **7,000** additional youth served after school; **90,000** more library items borrowed or renewed; **7,600** more uses of public computers; and **140** more library literacy, and engagement programs offered across the city attended by more than **3,200** customers of all ages.

### **About San José Public Library**

San José Public Library (SJPL), located in the Capital of Silicon Valley, is the largest public library system between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Serving a culturally diverse population of more than one million in the country's 10th largest city, SJPL focuses its efforts on knowledge access, community learning and public technology. Award-winning staff strives to ensure library services reflect the city's rich diversity and that every library customer's experience is exceptional. SJPL is recognized for its innovation and leadership. It was named the [2004 Thomson Gale/Library Journal Library of the Year](#) and recipient of the [2011 National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#), the nation's highest honor for a library. For more information, visit [www.jpl.org](http://www.jpl.org).