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on Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day.



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May 2026

Beaumont Library's Expansion Project Moving Rapidly Toward Completion

by Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus

Since the last newsletter update on the progress of Beaumont Library's expansion and renovation project last November, significant progress has been made toward completion of the Phase I expansion.

The foundations for the addition were finally laid out and poured in early December, but our construction was delayed by several days due to heavy rains before and after. As a result, the concrete building pad was not poured until early January. Interior steel columns were installed in mid-January, and exterior framing began later in the month.

In February, work began on a 6-foot wall at the south end of the site and the 3-foot eastern wall along the alley, and the addition was covered.

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The roofing and insulation of the exterior were completed in March. Inside, HVAC and plumbing work moved forward.



Drywall installation and painting of the interior took place in April, and the lath and plaster process began and finished in May. A skylight to cover the new eastern entrance is to be delivered and installed in June.

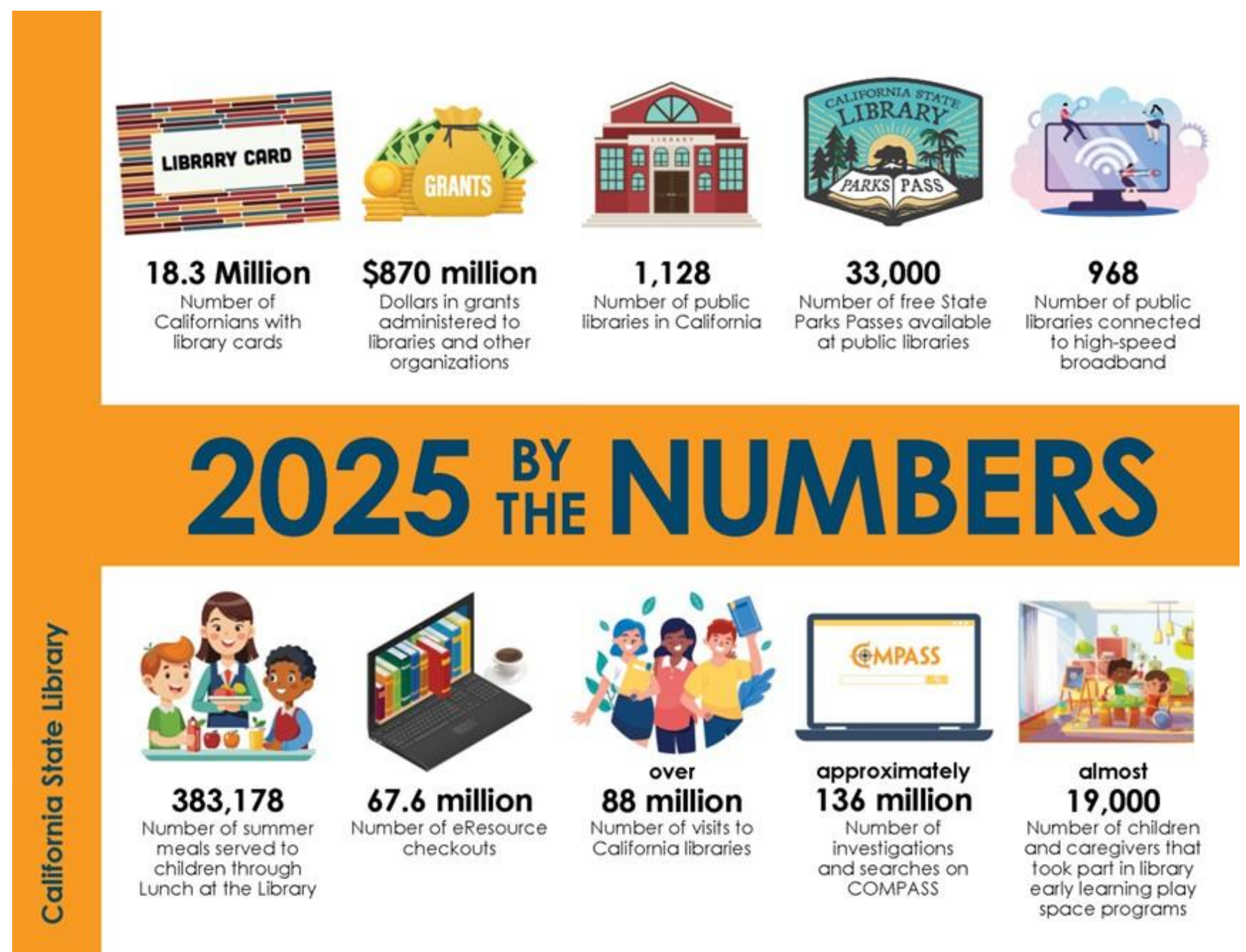


Phase I should be finished sometime this summer, but the Library will be closed afterward to clear the Carnegie and older sections of the building for Phase II renovation. Once that phase is completed in early 2027, there will be another closure to furnish the entire facility after which the new structure will be officially dedicated!

Are People Still Using Libraries Today?

Yes, libraries are still highly popular and relevant, evolving into digital and community hubs rather than just being quiet book repositories. Besides attracting new parents who want early learning experiences for their toddlers and preschoolers, a library renaissance is being driven by Gen Z and Millennials, who use libraries for digital resources, study spaces, community, and print books. And that is not to mention adults and seniors pursuing lifelong learning.

Check out these statistics showing how millions of Californians used public libraries last year:



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Library Hours During Construction

Sunday—1 to 5 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday—1 to 5 p.m.

Thursday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday—1 to 5 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Wednesdays—11 a.m., Chatigny—Storytime

Thursdays—11 a.m., Beaumont Presbyterian Church—Storytime

2:30 p.m., Liberty Village

3:30 p.m., Blossom Apartments

Saturdays—9 a.m., Mickelson Park

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