



# Important Information about Your Oakland Public Libraries



*The Oakland Public Library provides critical services for our community, including early literacy programs.*

## Oakland Public Libraries are an important community resource.

Oakland Public Library branches help our community members find jobs; start small businesses; find housing, legal, and tax assistance; access the internet; and more.

Our libraries provide after-school spaces for children and teens, as well as homework assistance, tutoring programs, and other resources that can help students succeed.

To maintain funding for our libraries, city leaders and library advocates have placed Measure C on the June 2022 ballot. All registered Oakland voters will be eligible to vote on Measure C, and it will require a two-thirds yes vote to prevail.



### ***AT-A-GLANCE in FY 2020-2021, during the Covid-19 pandemic:***

- ▶ 214,000 meals served to individuals and families at library food distribution centers.
- ▶ 15,000 boxes or bags of fresh produce given away.
- ▶ 500 hotspots donated to Oakland Unified School District students for online classwork.
- ▶ 13,728 new patrons registered.
- ▶ 382 pieces of recorded online content, including storytimes, lectures, panel discussions, and performances.
- ▶ 616,510 items checked out at sidewalk check out.
- ▶ 482,393 checkouts of digital content, such as streaming movies, digital magazines, e-books and e-audiobooks.



*The Oakland Public Library provides services to thousands of Oakland seniors each year—including the Lawyers in the Library program, free tax preparation services and many other offerings.*



*The Oakland Public Library provides programs for families and young children, including story time, music, and play time.*



Contact OPL or your local librarian for more information about this important initiative:

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This fact sheet has been prepared to share information about this evolving initiative with interested parties.

# The Oakland Public Library Services Retention and Enhancement Act of 1994

## What is this Measure C?

Without increasing taxes, Measure C will raise approximately \$18 million each year to:

- ▶ Provide safe places and protect out-of-school programs for children, teens and students.
- ▶ Prevent library closures and preserve extended hours to serve unhoused individuals, seniors, and working families.
- ▶ Keep libraries safe, clean and welcoming.
- ▶ Maintain literacy services.
- ▶ Increase computer and internet access for all.

## TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

- ▶ Measure C includes exemptions for low-income seniors and very low-income households.
- ▶ Measure C requires an oversight committee composed of community members to ensure that funds are spent properly to support Oakland libraries.
- ▶ Measure C funds can be spent only for Oakland Public Libraries.
- ▶ Measure C will sunset after 30 years.
- ▶ Funds will be subject to ongoing audits.