



A Tale of Two Libraries



The new Santa Maria Public Library at 421 S. McClelland Street is more than twice the size of the old library at 420 S. Broadway, making room for many more books, computers and audio-visual materials. Here's how it compares to the old library.

Old Library	What's Inside	New Library
28,250	Building size (in square feet)	59,850 (211 percent larger)
165,000	Volumes (number of books)	Up to 275,000 (178,000 as of Aug. 23, 2008)
24,000	Audio-Visual materials (CDs, DVDs, videos, cassette tapes, etc)	Up to 49,000 (204 percent more)
28	Computers for public use	77 including 30 in the computer center (275 percent more)
155	Reader seats	250-300
40.5 including 13 full-time equivalent employees	Library employees	51.5 including 18 full-time employees



The new library has additional personnel to run more programs and activities for the public, as well as process more collection material that has been placed in circulation. There are five new full-time library-related positions: A Library Assistant I assigned to oversee all the community activities being planned for the new library; a Librarian I assigned to the reference division, and a bilingual Librarian I for teen services; a Library Technician assigned to the children's library, and a Clerk II in administration. The remaining three new part-time and seven new limited service employees (19 hour per-week employees) will all be used in a support capacity to assist in the circulation, and processing of the anticipated increased volume of library collection material.

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