

## Templeton Library March 2025



### Library snapshot:

- Templeton Library is open 5 days a week for 22 hours, with one paid Site Coordinator and 30 trained volunteers as an all donor funded library.
- TCLA built this modern 2880 sq ft modular library on Main Street, Templeton on property leased from TUSD. It opened January 3, 2023; its prime location is walkable to 5 of 6 Templeton Schools. Additional outside gathering area, space for market events, parking and a storage container makes this spot an ideal community hub.
- Our current collection of 14,150 cataloged materials is available to over 1729 library card holders who, in 2 years, borrowed over 14,980 items. Newly requested titles are cataloged and shelved within 10 days. Every Caldecott winner 1938 to 2024 is available for children.
- Weekly StoryTimes for Children and Adults, monthly Book Clubs (2), Bi-monthly Art classes are well attended. Our popular Summer Reading program invigorates young readers.
- Students run a Pokémon club, SAT workshop sessions, and peer tutoring from Templeton High School CSF students, fulfilling their Community Service hours.
- Expert guest speakers offer workshops to the public on computer literacy, financial toolbox, wellness, and gardening. Annually over 30 TUSD teachers walk their students to the library for tours in grades K-2, Middle School, Home School, and Special Education classes.
- Templeton Library's Policy and Procedures comply with the California State Freedom to Read Act (2025) to include patron suggested books or materials into our collection. The required procedure review and inclusion policy is in practice.
- Book donations are accepted, repurposed, or sold in our Book Shop. To avoid landfill, we forward extra books to Friends of Morro Bay Library, Twin Cities Hospital and Merry Hill Coffee Shop. An information kiosk located near the front doors offers local maps, bus routes and event flyers.

## Introducing TCLA

- Templeton Community Library Association (TCLA) incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit in 2000 to further the dream of a local Boy Scout who wanted to build a Library in Templeton.
- The TCLA Board, composed of 9 Directors, all unpaid volunteers, are elected to 3-year terms by TCLA members. The TCLA President serves as library director, 2nd VP oversees the collection, volunteers and security, and Treasurer provides payroll and accounting duties.
- In 2021, TCLA chose Enviroplex Corporation to build the library across the street from Templeton High School for \$1.4 Million, including outbuildings and landscape. It is constructed of 9 components on concrete foundations with durable heavy steel frames and ethically sourced recycled materials purchased in the USA. Highly sustainable and built to reduce energy usage.



High School Peer Tutors



Pokémon Club

## Background:

- SLO County closed Templeton Library in 1979 after Prop 13, and never re-opened it.
- The County of SLO Library receives 1.6% of Templeton owner's property taxes to provide library services to SLO County residents. Templeton Library receives no state or county funding.
- The County of SLO Library current budget is \$15 Million for 14 branch libraries.



Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day

# 2024 TCLA ANNUAL REPORT

## TCLA Mission

"To maintain an association of persons in support of the establishment, operation, and maintenance of library services in the Templeton Area of San Luis Obispo County."

- Until two years ago, Templeton had been without a community library for 44 years. For over two decades, the Templeton Community Library Association (TCLA) worked to build a library.
- Undaunted, TCLA stayed on mission and in December 2022 completed a 2,800 sq. ft. library building. Today after almost 9 calendar quarters of experience, TCLA is pleased to publish 2024 operational metrics.

## 2024 Metrics

# Cardholders	# Cataloged Items	# Circulated Items	# Program Participants	#TCLA Voting Members
1685	13,816	9690	2319	406

## TCLA Objectives

- Ensure long-term sustainability with no additional financial burden to the County.
- Enable local governance over community library services.

## Strategic Environment

- Every community deserves a library to serve as a community hub, supporting growth, education, and accessibility.
- Walking distance for 5 of the 6 TUSD schools is critical to provide access and services key to educational and cultural resources. Transportation options to other libraries are limited.
- TCLA demonstrates competence in library operations.
- TCLA operates cost-effectively and responsibly, maintaining financial reserves with prudent fiscal management.

The Templeton Library, is not a part of the County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries nor receiving any public funding. It serves the Templeton community open to the public 22 hours per week and staffed by 1 part-time paid staff and 30 volunteer staff. Staff members represent human capital accumulated from careers in education, medical, accounting, and other professions.

Relying on human capital, TCLA, through investment income of endowments, donations, and book sales, delivers economical community library services. By dint of last-minute donations, the 2024 fiscal operation was in the black. Demonstrating operational and financial transparency, TCLA is pleased to present 2024 Operating Profit & Loss Statement along with the 2024 yearend Balance Sheet.

## Templeton Community Library Association

### 2024 Profit Loss Statement

Revenue	Donations	\$35,461.66
	Earnings	\$50,923.98
Total Revenue		\$86,385.64
Expenses		
	Operation	\$34,116.71
	Facilities	\$50,257.60
Total Expenses		\$84,374.31
Net Profit		\$2,011.33
Assets		
	Current	\$739,666.11
	Capital	\$1,581,296.53
Total Assets		\$2,320,962.64
Liabilities		\$660.26
Equity		\$2,320,302.38
Total Debt & Equity		\$2,320,962.64

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