



Strengthens School-Library Partnership to Improve Literacy

Many of our friends and neighbors suffer silently from functional illiteracy. They are unable to read and perform daily life skills like paying bills, understanding instructions on medicine bottles, or reading safety manuals.

Illiteracy often passes from one generation to the next, not limited by age, race, gender or geography. Over three million native English-speaking Californians are functionally illiterate.

Libraries and schools are working together to provide students and adults with literacy and job skill improvement programs to reverse this trend.

Local Libraries Under-funded, While Need for Library Services Increases

Skyrocketing library use is causing our already under-funded library system to deteriorate rapidly. A recent study by the California State Library identified more than 500 public library building projects needed statewide over the next five years.

Prop. 81 Frees Up Local Money for Improved Library and Literacy Programs

Prop. 81 combines a 65 percent state match with 35 percent locally generated funds to provide over \$900 million for renovating or building libraries, freeing local funds for much needed services for children, seniors, families and businesses.

A Yes vote on Prop. 81 will mean:

- More homework centers for students and safe places for children to go after school
- College and career centers for high school and college students, and adults re-entering the workforce
- Expanded children's reading programs
- Greater access for seniors and people with disabilities
- Updated technology and increased access to computers and the Internet
- Increased programs to fight illiteracy
- New partnerships between libraries and schools

Prop. 81 is not a tax increase. It puts money into libraries, not administrative overhead.

Vote Yes for Literacy, Learning & Libraries.

Vote Yes on Proposition 81.