

LIBRARIES—PUBLIC AND SOCIETY.

One of the most gratifying evidences of the growing literary tastes of the people of this State is exhibited by the increase of libraries and literary associations, and the interest manifested generally in extending their sphere of usefulness.

The number of libraries in the State, with over 200 volumes each, is 50—containing an aggregate of nearly 150,000 volumes. This enumeration does not include School and Sunday School libraries, of which there are a number scattered throughout the State.

TABLE OF LIBRARIES IN CALIFORNIA.

County.	Location.	Name.	Date of Organization.	No. Vols.
Butte	Oroville	Ladies'	1858	1,000
Contra Costa	Pacheco	Library Association	1864	200
Del Norte	Crescent City	Union Club	1863	250
El Dorado	Placerville	Neptune	1858	1,500
Humboldt	Arcata	Arcata Association	1860	800
"	Eureka	Eureka Association	1860	600
Klamath	Sawyer's Bar	Odd Fellows	1860	350
Monterey	Monterey	Library Association	1849	1,000
Napa	Napa City	Odd Fellows	1866	275
Nevada	Nevada	Library Association	1856	3,000
Placer	Auburn	Odd Fellows	1866	250
Plumas	Spanish Ranch	Library Association	1857	500
"	Meadow Valley	Library Association	1858	400
Sacramento	Sacramento	Odd Fellows	1855	4,000
"	"	Library Association	1857	4,500
"	"	State Library	1850	30,000
"	"	State Agricultural Society		2,000
San Francisco	San Francisco	Academy of Natural Sciences	1853	1,000
"	"	Law Library	1866	
"	"	Mechanics' Institute	1855	8,000
"	"	Mercantile Association	1853	24,000
"	"	Odd Fellows' Association	1855	16,000
"	"	Pioneer Association	1850	2,000
"	"	Public School	1863	2,500
"	"	St. Mary's Association	1855	2,000
"	"	Superintendent Public Instruct'n	1850	1,500
"	"	Verein Association	1851	4,500
"	"	What Cheer House	1856	5,000
"	"	Young Men's Christian Assoc'n	1853	3,000
San Joaquin	Stockton	Insane Asylum	1855	1,000
"	"	Odd Fellows	1855	1,500
San Mateo	Redwood City	Franklin Association	1866	250
"	Woodside	Woodside Association	1857	600
Santa Clara	San José	Academy of Notre Dame	1851	1,500
"	Santa Clara	College	1850	2,500
Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	Literary and Debating Society	1866	200
Shasta	Shasta	Library Association	1858	500
Siskiyou	Yreka	Ladies' Association	1857	300
"	Oro Fino	Library Association	1862	583
"	Scott River	South Fork Association	1864	623
Solano	Benicia	Benicia College	1856	1,000
"	"	St. Catherine's Academy	1856	300
"	"	Young Ladies' Seminary	1854	500
"	Vallejo	Library Association	1860	800
Stanislaus	Knight's Ferry	Public Library	1860	1,000
Sutter	Yuba City	Enterprise Lodge	1850	400
Trinity	Weaverville	Odd Fellows	1860	240
Yolo	Woodland	Hesperian Society	1862	200
Yuba	Marysville	High School	1860	1,000
"	"	Marysville Library	1856	3,000
"	"	Odd Fellows	1860	1,500

The public libraries of San Francisco are numerous and well supplied, that of the Mercantile Library Association numbering 24,000 volumes, Mechanics' Institute 8,000 volumes, and the Odd Fellows' Library nearly 16,000 volumes, including many valuable works relating to the early history of this coast. The records of these, and other institutions of a similar character, prove that Californians are essentially a reading people. Several of the hotels are supplied with ample libraries and reading-rooms, furnished with all the leading papers, for the accommodation of their guests. One of these contains 5,000 volumes of standard works.

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