

Get Involved: Powered by Your Library



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The "Get Involved" initiative helps California public libraries replicate and sustain promising volunteer engagement practices. We are increasing the number of library volunteers, the skilled roles that volunteers play, and their demonstrated support of libraries beyond their volunteer assignments. Skilled volunteers are allowing libraries to do more programming and outreach to their communities.

Average Full Time Equivalent Volunteers per Week



17% increase in volunteers recruited from 2010 to 2012 and a 48% increase since 2008

In 2012, referrals surpassed 20,000 for the first time since the partnership began in 2009.

640 referrals are received each month. That's 640 times that someone clicks "I Want To Help!"

70%* of volunteers have told friends about what services the library has to offer.

84%* of California's library jurisdictions have taken advantage of VolunteerMatch through their upgraded accounts.

83%* of volunteers say this was their first experience volunteering for a library.

40%* of volunteers have introduced friends to volunteer opportunities at the library.

