

# Santa Bárbara Mission Archive-Library

## What We Are About and How We Are Doing – Winter 2025

### **Research and Publications**

The Archive-Library has assisted about 550 researchers during 2025 and scholars have published at least five books making direct use of Archive-Library material this year as well as numerous academic articles.

### **Collections**

We added two research collections (approximately 100 books) from distinguished scholars to collections this year. We also accepted the donation of several other books and approximately forty objects from four donors with another ten objects presently under consideration by our Acquisitions Committee to determine if they “fit” in within the scope of our collections.

### **Public Activities**

- \* 10 “Educating Conversations” (One a Month from January through October) on such diverse topics: Franciscan and Apache Spirituality; Writing Biographies of Franciscan Friars; The Daughters of Charity and Health Care in Santa Barbara; Mapping Early California; Preserving the Chumash Language; Earthquakes at the Old Mission; The Santa Barbara Presidio; The Continuing Attraction of Saint Francis of Assisi, and Murder at the Old Mission have engaged and informed 300 participants. The July Educating Conversation honored John Gherini’s more than thirty years of service to the Archive-Library and his historical writing about Santa Cruz Island.
- \* Participation in Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation’s “History Days” and Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society’s Family History Month and Open House.
- \* Hosting commemorative times for the local Chumash Community, as well as retreat time for the Westmont College Library staff, along with a “SBMAL Members Only” commemoration of those who have gone before us.
- \* Offering weekly “Friday Afternoon” tours to the people taking the docent-led tours of the Old Mission, a free Open House to the general public on the first Saturday of each month, and special tours/lectures/events for community groups: the Newcomers Club, UCSB, Westmont College, and Bishop Diego High School classes, the Knights of Malta; the San Luis Obispo Mission docents; several Cruise Ship groups; the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Profant Foundation for the Arts donors resulted in contact with approximately 1800 people in the Archive-Library and at other venues, in a total of 27 public tours and 37 private tours.
- \* The entire staff of the SBMAL gave a panel presentation at the annual meeting of the California Missions Foundation where our Executive Director Jack Clark Robinson, OFM received the Annual Norman Neuerburg Annual Award and our Board President John Johnson, PhD received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to the study of the California Missions.

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### Volunteers

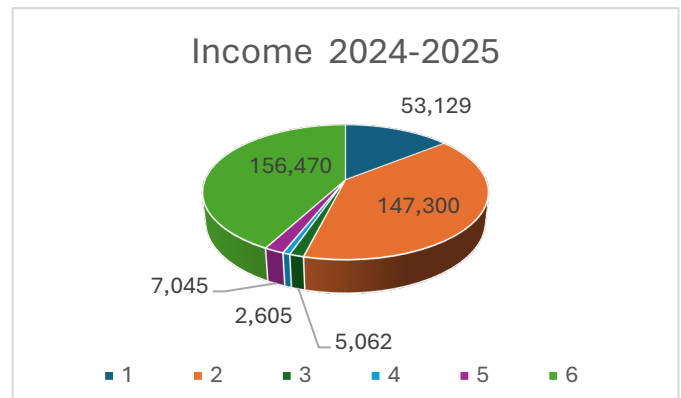
Almost 1000 hours of volunteer services have been contributed by a wonderfully dedicated group of more than a dozen volunteers. We have also been able to add a paid intern, a “temporary employee” to our workforce for the first time in a number of years.

### Finances (1 July 2024- 30 June 2025)

Our operations depend on the generosity of others. 54% of our income is from direct donations. Our fiscal year runs from July through June. The following figures represent our finances from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. (Everything else in this report reflects the calendar year 2025.)

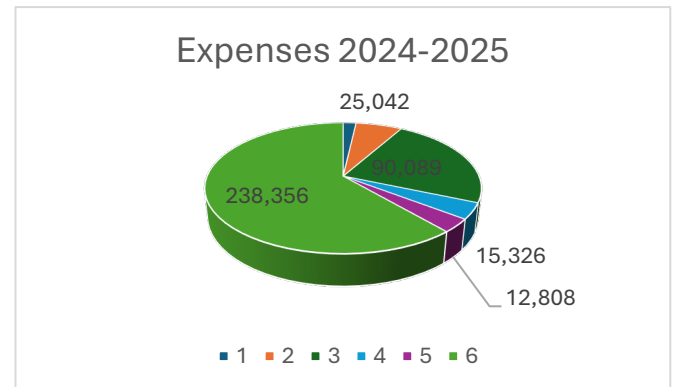
### Income

Unrestricted Support (Members, Gifts & Friends)	53,129
Restricted Donations (For particular Archive Projects)	147,300
Sales	4,282
Tours	780
Fees and Operations	2,605
Events	7,045
Investment Income	156,470
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>371,611</b>



### Expenses

Conservation	6,985
Contract Services (IT, Legal, Accounting, Investment Management)	25,042
Facilities (Rent, Utilities, Insurance)	90,089
Operations	15,326
Misc Expenses	12,808
Payroll (3.6 employees)	238,356
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>388,606</b>



As you can see, we carried a \$16,995 debt from the 2024-2025 fiscal year into the current year and have worked hard to make it up. Since July we have managed to erase that deficit, but we are not out of the woods. We need the help of those interested in keeping the Archive-Library a vital and going concern. Donations to the Mission Archive-Library, a 501(c)3 educational non-profit corporation, are tax deductible.

Our Federal Tax ID number is 95-6220730.