

Mountain Valley Library System

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Public Libraries	Joined MVLS	Resolution #	Notes
Alpine County	1978	78-79	
Colusa County	2001	N/A	Formerly NSCLS
El Dorado County	1968	362-68	
Folsom Public Library	1993	N/A	Prev. SPL Branch
Lincoln Public Library	1968	808	
Mono County Library	1974	01-74	
Nevada County Library	1972	72-91	
Nevada County Library	1972	832	Grass Valley
Nevada County Library	1972	503	Nevada City
Placer County Library	1968	68-320	
Roseville Public Library	1968	68-57	
Sacramento County Public Law Library			
Sacramento Public Library	1968	68-799	Sacramento County
Sacramento Public Library	1968	400	Sacramento City
Sutter County Library	1968		
Woodland Public Library	1969	2218	
Yolo County Library			
Yuba County Library	1968	68-39	Marysville
Academic Libraries	Joined MVLS	Resolution #	
CSU Sacramento	1973	N/A	
UC Davis			
Former Member Affiliate Libraries			
Dixon Public Library	1978	78-2	Joined NBCLS 2003
Folsom Prison			
Heald College			
Humphreys College			
Jones & Stokes			
Lake Tahoe Community College			
Los Rios Community College District			
American River College			
Cosumnes River College			
MTI			
Roseville Community Hospital			
Sierra College			
Sutter Resource Library			
Yuba College			

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MVLS, A BRIEF HISTORY¹

The Mountain-Valley Library System (MVLS) was established in March 1969 when the Mother Lode Library System² and the Sacramento City-County Library Systems merged and included the Sutter County Library and Marysville City Library. Mountain-Valley was created and funded under the guidelines of the Public Library Services Act.

As a part of the prior Mother Lode System, Auburn was designated as an "area" library and funds from the Library Services and Construction Act were sought and secured to develop it as a referral center for El Dorado and Placer County Libraries. In March, 1968, an application was made for a greater information network which would keep Auburn-Placer as an "area" library, and include Sacramento as a "research" library. The grant was made and the Mountain-Valley Information Center began in 1968. The Mother Lode teletype network was expanded to include Sacramento, Sutter County and Marysville, offices were opened in the Central Library in Sacramento, vans and drivers were secured, and headquarters staff was hired. The area library concept ended in 1980. Sacramento Central Library remains the resource library for the System.

Other jurisdictions that joined Mountain Valley between 1969 and 1972 included Woodland Public and Alpine, Yolo, Nevada and Yuba Counties. (Mono too?) In 1973/74 MVLS received an LSCA grant enabling UCD, CSUS, CRC, Sierra, Sacramento City College and Yuba College to join in the reference network.

Roseville Hospital joined in 1974, Dixon Public in 1979, Folsom Prison in 1982 and Lake Tahoe Community College in 1985.

Between 1976 and 1979 reciprocal borrowing agreements were developed for Tahoe area libraries via the "Cross the Line" and "Sierra Libraries Information Consortium" (SLIC).

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² Members included Auburn-Placer and El Dorado Counties and the Nevada County Demonstration Project plus the cities of Roseville and Lincoln.

