



North County Library Authority Library Redevelopment Task Force

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Library Building Limits Service to Los Altos

The oldest in the Santa Clara County Library District, the Main Library is operating at or beyond capacity at 28000 sq. ft.

Library visits have increased 15% in last five years.

Program attendance often exceeds room limitations. Children's library and programming is over capacity.

A needs analysis commissioned by NCLA recommended a new structure to be built on the same site of at least 40,000 sq. ft.



FAST FACTS

Los Altos Library



507,527

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



800

PROGRAMS OFFERED



34,657

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



1,146,312

TIMES ITEMS WERE CHECKED OUT



44,789

COMPUTER SESSIONS

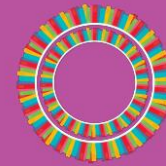
58,599

WIFI USERS



30,959

CARDHOLDERS



274,782

ITEMS IN COLLECTION



71 HR/WK

347 DAYS/YR



1,462

VISITORS PER DAY



3,303

ITEMS CHECKED OUT PER DAY



40%

VISITORS CHECK OUT MATERIALS

Preliminary Timeline (draft)

2019

2020

2021

2022-23

2024 -25

Critical Milestones

Both City Councils and NCLA say **yes to next steps**

Library Bond approved (66%)

Design completed & approved

Architecture & transition plans completed

Construction of library begins & Woodland enhanced

Outreach Consultant engaged

Library master-plan approved by NCLA; approved by City Council

Ongoing education + input gathered

Community outreach: 150 FOL engage

Educate to close bond super-majority gap (6% - 10%)

LALE/ FOL private donor campaign for furnishings, electronics

Community input to concept design

Ongoing updates to the City Councils

Engaging the Community

A poll of residents found approximately 62% in favor of a bond measure for an expanded library, within range of the required super-majority.

A Task Force consisting of community members including LALE, Friends of the Library and the Library Commission is active in planning and outreach.

A private fundraising campaign will add to \$2M already committed from bequests to LALE.



What's Needed Next

The Los Altos and Los Altos Hills Councils confirm their support to continue the exploration of the need for an expanded library.

NCLA is requested to fund some of the initial costs including an outreach consultant, deemed essential in other regional library redevelopments.

The consultant would review the Task Force's draft timeline and budget.



Recent Library Remodels with Consultants



Gilroy The Lew Edwards Group



Hayward Clifford Moss; Brakeley Briscoe

Recent Library Remodels with Consultants



Belmont

The Lew Edwards Group



Palo Alto The Lew Edwards Group

Task Force Achievements

- Obtained commitment from LALE for campaign expenses
- Spoke with three outreach consultancy firms
- Met with community members and fundraising consultant about private fundraising
- Drafted timeline and budget for public and private fundraising campaigns
- Developed communication plan



Next Steps for Success

- Retain outreach consultant
- Determine optimum date for bond measure
- Clarify legal and financial authority of stakeholder organizations
- Finalize budget
- Develop and execute comprehensive education and outreach campaign, gather community input
- Develop and execute private fundraising campaign



Why Now?

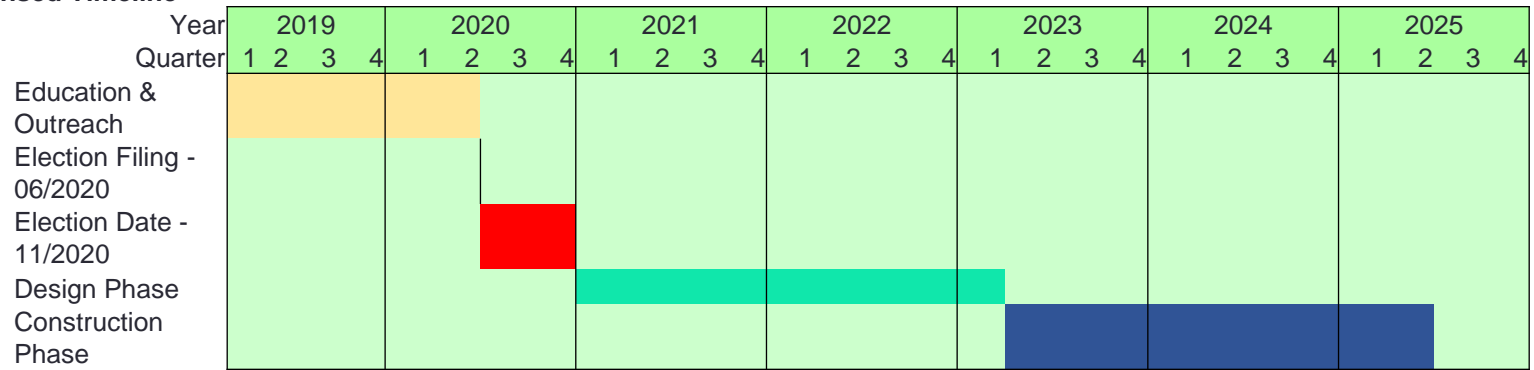
- 2018 Needs assessment update recommended an expanded library
 - Expanded children's library with dedicated program space
 - Larger and flexible program space for adults
 - Acoustically separate spaces for study groups
 - Flexibility to evolve with community needs over time
- Construction costs keep rising
- Beginning now involves a five year horizon

Thank You

Timeline

**LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
PRELIMINARY TIMELINE
D R A F T
Condensed Timeline**

Best Case Scenario



Benefits of an Expanded Library

