



WHAT'S UP? Santa Cruz Public Libraries Facility Update

Measure S + Community Support = Great Libraries!

OUR GOAL: Libraries for the 21st century that inform, inspire and connect; inviting and welcoming centers that enrich lives, promote opportunity and build community.

WE'RE MAKING IT HAPPEN, thanks to you! The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) consist of 10 branches throughout Santa Cruz County, serving a population of over 200,000 residents. A 2013 Facilities Master Plan revealed pervasive issues of obsolete infrastructure, antiquated and failing systems, outdated spaces and poor ADA accessibility. Based on that study, voters approved Measure S in June 2016, a \$67 million bond for facility improvements throughout the system. Additional funding to complete the work at all branches is being raised by Friends of the Library campaigns.



APTOS: Temporarily closed. Preparing for construction of new building

The original 8,000 sf building, built in 1975, has suspended services in preparation for construction. The new 12,000 sf library will feature flexible community, meeting and study rooms; garden and terrace areas; a local history section; children, teen and adult reading areas; and energy efficiency. Design by Anderson Brule Architects, construction and project management by Bogard Construction. Reopening late spring, 2023.



BOULDER CREEK: Temporarily closed; construction underway

Interior remodel of the existing one-story library includes new infrastructure (windows, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and lighting); upgrades throughout to comply with accessibility standards; complete re-do of children's area; community space and meeting room. Design by Jayson Architecture; CRW builders, construction management by Bogard. Reopening in December 2021.



BRANCIFORTE (Santa Cruz) Temporarily closed; construction underway

Renovation will build on the character of this iconic mid-century building (1967), refreshing the 6,800 sf interior for improved flexibility, function and accessibility with areas for adult reading, children, and teens; community room and outdoor patio; electrical and telecommunication upgrades. Design by Jayson Architecture; JPB Designs builder; construction management by Bogard. Reopening early 2022.



CAPITOLA: Construction complete!

The previous temporary facility has been replaced by a stunning new 11,700 sf library which opened in June and is already quite busy. A hub for community activity, the new library features a large meeting room, expanded children's wing, reading rooms, outdoor deck, fireplace, teen space, and solar panels for energy efficiency. Design by Noll and Tam, construction by Otto Construction, construction management by Bogard.



DOWNTOWN SANTA CRUZ: Current library open; planning underway for new Library Mixed Use Project on Cedar Street

The Santa Cruz City Council has voted to proceed with a mixed use project at Cedar and Lincoln Street (Lot 4) incorporating a new Downtown Library, at least 50 units of affordable housing, and parking for a maximum of 400 cars. Griffin Structures has been retained as Owners Representative; Eden Housing and For The Future Housing have been selected as the affordable housing team; selection of master Architect/Design team is expected in August. Active community engagement will then proceed on design and features for the new library. In parallel, the city has initiated a re-use visioning process for the current library site, and is working to establish a permanent home for the Farmers' Market. Construction to start 2023, completion in 2025.



FELTON: Construction completed February 2020! Now re-opened to browsing

The Felton branch operated for nearly 60 years in a historic church building; charming, but not a modern library. The new 9,000 sf branch opened in Feb. 2020 on 2 acres of nearby land, the first Measure S project to be completed. This stunning space includes comfortable reading areas, free computers/WiFi, teen and children’s areas, community room and adjacent discovery park. Teall Messer architect, Noll and Tam interior, Thompson Builders contractor.



GARFIELD PARK (Santa Cruz): Temporarily closed; Construction underway

The renovation will bring new life to the historic 2,300 sf Carnegie library building (1915) with refreshed and cohesive design. Features include central seating area around the fireplace, children’s area, a more open plan, better use of windows for natural light, meeting room and refreshed outdoor space. Design by Jayson Architecture; CRW builders, construction management by Bogard. Reopening in January 2022.



LA SELVA BEACH: Open! Renovation completed March 2021.

Renovation included replacement of dilapidated interior finishes plus new lighting, electrical, and mechanical systems. Sliding glass wall between the adult and children's areas improves acoustics, lighting and flexibility. Lounge seating areas are provided for both children and adults for reading, tutoring and community programs; expanded deck increases usable outdoor space. Jayson Architecture design, C2Builders construction.



LIVE OAK: Temporary closure in September 2021 for construction

The Live Oak Library renovation revitalizes the children's area, transforming it into an ocean themed learning space. New acoustic wood ceiling and wall treatments, carpeting and redesigned seating are both functional and playful. A custom designed wall serves to separate the children's collections from an "under-the-sea" inspired reading lounge and homework room. Design by Jayson Architecture. Reopening in December, 2021.



LIVE OAK ANNEX

This will be a new addition to the Simpkins Center providing a classroom and study rooms -- a community learning center to complement existing uses. Design by Noll and Tam; construction documents and permitting being completed. Construction is expected to begin in December, 2021; opening in fall, 2022.



SCOTTS VALLEY: Temporarily closed for construction

This 13,150 sf library was opened in 2011 with design by Group 4, transforming a previous roller rink with contemporary library features such as flexible space, dedicated areas for children, teens and adults, community room and courtyard. A new roof, HVAC system, and parking lot repairs were completed in early 2021; seismic and operational upgrades to be made while the branch is closed. Reopening March 2022.

For more information:

Santa Cruz Public Libraries: <https://www.santacruzpl.org/>

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