

LAFAYETTE LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER

Our Vision for the Future

Strategically located at Mount Diablo Boulevard and First Street, the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center with its Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium will soon become the heart of the community. When the Library opens in 2008, not only will it replace our woefully worn-out facility, it will also reflect Lafayette's deep commitment to children, education and lifelong learning.



Why Lafayette Needs a New Library

- ◆ Contra Costa County Library looks to its cities to provide and maintain their own libraries and to supplement the County's budget for library services in each community
- ◆ Under the terms of the 1996 settlement agreement with the County, the City is required to purchase the current library property by 2011
- ◆ Most importantly – the current library is physically inadequate to meet the needs of the community – now and into the future

What Our Old Library Has Now

6,720 square feet
 60,000 items (50% more items than its design capacity)
 2.5 items per Lafayette resident
 68 reader seats
 13 public computers
 Does not meet current accessibility standards
 Not energy efficient

Our New Library: Designed for the Next 50 years

Having won the community's design competition and with input from more than a thousand citizens, Killefer Flammang Architects has produced a smashing design for the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center that will become an icon for the community for generations. The impressive three-level project, which will be built in stone and wood in a contemporary Bay Area Craftsman style, will meander down the First Street hill from Mount Diablo Boulevard to Golden Gate Way.

What Our New Library Will Have

35,000 square feet
 117,000 items (70,000 on opening day)
 4.9 items per Lafayette resident
 170 reader seats
 44 public computers
 Meet all current accessibility standards
 "Green" building with solar energy

- ◆ Adult library services with 92 reader seats, 15 public computers, and outdoor reading deck
- ◆ Separate student spaces
- ◆ Children's library services with 78 reader seats, 12 public computers, and outdoor activity deck
- ◆ Four express checkout stations and public copy center
- ◆ Wireless internet access for personal computers
- ◆ Community Hall with 161-seat capacity, performance platform, art gallery, meeting room, and serving kitchen
- ◆ City's Emergency Operations Center
- ◆ Friends of the Lafayette Library bookstore
- ◆ Lafayette Historical Society exhibit and storage space
- ◆ Future retail space for café or other commercial use
- ◆ 79 on-site vehicle parking spaces and 20 bicycle spaces

A Community Uniting to Build the New Library

Because of the commitment of the City and over 1,200 families and businesses, there are sufficient funding resources to build the new Library without impacting the funding for any City services such as police, planning, roads, and maintenance. These resources are in place to meet current project costs. Final costs will be known when construction bids are received in early 2007.

Estimated Project Costs (as of June 2006)	
New Construction	\$ 30,687,000
Land Acquisition	2,185,000
Consultants	3,266,000
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	1,923,000
Administrative Costs & Fees	1,581,000
Public Art	500,000
Library Materials	250,000
Total Project Costs	\$ 40,392,000
Project Resources	
Redevelopment Bonds	\$ 17,595,000
Redevelopment Agency	1,897,000
State Grant	11,900,000
Donations	9,000,000
Total Project Resources	\$ 40,392,000

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