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LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

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- Identify the agenda item
- Introduce yourself using your first and last name
- You will have three minutes of speaking time

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- Identify the agenda item
- Introduce yourself using your first and last name
- You will have three minutes of speaking time



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

**FELTON
6121 GUSHEE STREET, FELTON, CA 95018**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Commissioners Lindsay Bass, Rena Dubin, Jennifer Mount, Mary Ripma, Mike Termini, Pamela Woll, and Tricia Wynne

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any member of the audience may address the Board on any matter either on or off the agenda that is within the Board's jurisdiction. Note, however, that the Board is not able to undertake extended discussion or act on non-agendized items. Such items can be referred to staff for appropriate action which may include placement on a future agenda. If you intend to address a subject that is on the Agenda, please hold your comments regarding that item until it is before the Board so that we may properly address all comments on that subject at the same time. In general 3 minutes will be permitted per speaker during Oral Communication; A MAXIMUM of 30 MINUTES is set aside for Oral Communications at this time.

4. REPORT BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

A. Library Director's Report & Facilities Report – March 2022 (P3-7)

5. REPORT BY FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A. Friends of SCPL – Report (Oral)

6. MEMBER REPORTS

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed in the "Consent Calendar" will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the action unless members of the public or the Board request specific items to be discussed for separate review. Items pulled for separate discussion will be considered following General Business.

- A. Minutes of January 24, 2022
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Minutes (P8-9)
- B. Recent Articles about Santa Cruz Public Libraries
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept and File Recent Articles about SCPL (P10-26)
- C. Written Communications to the Commission
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept Communications (P27-34)

8. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Strategic Plan Update by Diane Cowen, Librarian and Marketing Manager for the Santa Cruz Public Libraries
- B. 2022 Summer Reading Programming Plan by Heather Norquist, Youth Programs and Services Manager

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business items are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed. The following procedure is followed for each Business item: 1) Staff explanation; 2) Board questions; 3) Public comment; 4) Board deliberation; 5) Decision.

- A. None

10. SCHEDULED UPCOMING MEETINGS

Date	Location	Anticipated Upcoming Agenda Items:
April 18, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on the Home Connectivity Kits for Libraries ● Follow-up on Staffing Models for the System ● Policy Reviews

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Commission to be held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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March 21, 2022

Library Director's Report

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, there was a fire at the Branciforte Library job site. Fortunately, no significant damage occurred. All costs and delays related to the fire are the contractor's responsibility.

The Library held a successful Strategic Planning Partners Workshop on February 10, 2022, at the Capitola Library. Twenty-one community partners attended including members of the Library Advisory Commission.

On March 12, 2022, Library revised mask guidelines to a strong recommendation when inside library facilities. The State and County guidelines moved to strong recommendations in February and local schools moved to strong recommendations effective March 12.

The recruitment for Information Technology Manager closed, and we anticipate beginning the interview process in March. Phil Boulton was selected to serve as the new Boulder Creek Manager.

Interviews for the following positions are ongoing:

- Library Assistant II (three, three-quarter time, and two half-time)
- Information Specialist (Public Services)
- Library Specialist (Learning Systems)
- Librarian (Youth, Scotts Valley)

The Library recorded the virtual Black History Month Storybook Read in celebration of Black History Month. Local African American community leaders read picture books written and illustrated by people of the African diaspora. We want to thank the Library team members Essy Barroso-Ramirez, Heather Norquist, and Sarah Jones for their assistance as well as our community readers: Santa Cruz Mayor, Sonja Brunner; City Council Member, Justin Cummings; United Way Santa Cruz County Chief Executive Director, Keisha Browder; NAACP Executive Director, Brenda Griffin; Black Surf Santa Cruz Founder, Esabella Bonner; Santa Cruz Warriors Center, Selom Mawugbe; Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce Director of Memberships, Marketing and Events, Elana Solon; UC Santa Cruz artist-anthropologist and professor of feminist studies, Gina Athena Ulysse; Founder and Executive Director of the Tannery World Dance and Cultural Center, Cat Willis; Spiritualist and Relationship Coach, Yasmina Porter; and NAACP Secretary, Brenda Whitley.

Iván Llamas launched the Teen Zine Club at the Felton branch in early February. The program focuses on giving Teens around Santa Cruz County the tools and space to create self-published magazines for artistic expression.

The Aptos Friends of the Library hosted Our Community Reads 2022. Special events explored the themes from the book Red Letter Days by Sarah-Jane Stratford, about life during the McCarthy era.

Catherine Upton, Librarian II, is launching the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program on April 1, 2022. It is a fun way to encourage parents and caregivers to read to their young children, rewarding them with incentives along the way to achieving the 1000 books goal.

Library Facilities Report to the LAC March 21, 2022

APTOS: Library Services Temporarily Suspended; Demolition Anticipated April 2022

The existing 8,000 sf building, built in 1975, suspended services in June 2021 in preparation for a new building. 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; it will also maximize its energy efficiency. Project Team: Design-Build by Anderson Brule Architects and Bogard Construction; Project Management and Administration by Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works Capital Projects Division. Reopening in Fall 2023.

The Library team is prepared to look into pop-up or offsite locations in Aptos where Library programs and services could be provided to the community from June 2022 through spring 2023.

The nearly 50-year-old building served the Santa Cruz community one last time as eight County-wide fire departments, including Central Fire, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and Scotts Valley, took part in a 10-day training exercise. Fire crews simulated forcible entry, hose deployment, and search and rescue exercises utilizing non-toxic smoke to replicate real-world situations in the empty building.

BOULDER CREEK: Library Services Temporarily Suspended; Construction is completed.

Interior remodel of the existing 4,500 sf library includes new infrastructure (HVAC, plumbing, entry, electrical, and lighting); upgrades throughout to comply with accessibility standards and increased exterior lighting of the parking lot; complete redo of the children's area; renovation of the main room and meeting room. Project Team: Design by Jayson Architecture; Construction by CRW builders; Construction Management by Bogard Construction, Project Management and Administration by Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works Capital Projects Division. CENIC grant application submitted 03/10/22 to upgrade network fiber, server and switches.

Library staff are beginning the set-up process. Reopening anticipated May 2022

BRANCIFORTE (Santa Cruz) Library Services Temporarily Suspended; Construction is 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; electrical and telecommunication upgrades; the project also includes the development of a new community room and a children's outdoor patio. Design by Jayson Architecture; JPB Designs builder; construction management by Bogard. Reopening Fall 2022.

CAPITOLA: Construction complete!

The Previous temporary facility has been replaced with a stunning new 11,700 sf library. The new branch opened to the public in June and is already quite busy. A hub for

community activity, the new library features a large meeting room, expanded children's wing, study and reading rooms, outdoor deck, fireplace and teen space. Solar panels and an energy efficient design make this one of the greenest buildings in the Library system.

DOWNTOWN SANTA CRUZ: Current library at 233 Church St. remains open; planning underway for new Library/Housing Mixed Use Project on Cedar Street.

The Santa Cruz City Council voted to proceed with a mixed-use project at Cedar and Lincoln Street (Lot 4) incorporating a new Downtown Library, at least 100-125 units of affordable housing, and parking for a maximum of 310 cars. Griffin Structures serves as the Owner's Representative; Eden Housing and For the Future Housing have been selected as the affordable housing team; Jayson Architect is the master architect for the project. In March, the Library Director worked with the City Economic Development Department to file the application for a Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant application in the amount of \$10 million. Construction on the project is set to begin in 2023, with completion in 2025.

FELTON: Construction complete!

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/Wi-Fi, 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): Library Services Temporarily Suspended; 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 May 2022.

Supply chain issues continue to delay the project. Changes were needed to upgrade the accessible parking spot with current ADA ramp standards; additional permitting is required delaying the project by a few weeks.

LA SELVA BEACH: Construction Complete!

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; and an expanded deck increases usable outdoor space. Jayson Architecture design, C2Builders construction.

LIVE OAK: Library Services Temporarily Suspended, Construction is underway

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. Supply chain issues have delayed this project. Reopening anticipated in July 2022.

LIVE OAK ANNEX: Construction expected to begin in April 2022

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. Opening in spring 2023.

SCOTTS VALLEY: Library Services Temporarily Suspended, Construction is underway

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 were made.

Sound attenuation projects (a dropped 'ceiling' in the Children's area and fully enclosing the Fireside room) are ongoing. The southwest exterior is painted a beautiful shade of dark blue. Work on the exterior sheathing is continuing, along with the installation of a new landscape irrigation system. Supply chain issues have delayed this project. Reopening anticipated late June 2022.



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lindsay Bass, Rena Dubin, Jennifer Mount, Mary Ripma,
Mike Termini, Pamela Woll, and Tricia Wynne
STAFF: Library Director Yolande Wilburn and Assistant Library Director
Eric Howard

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVE THE AGENDA
MOVER:	Mike Termini
SECONDER:	Rena Dubin
AYES:	Bass, Dubin, Mount, Ripma, Termini, Woll, Wynne

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public, J. Brocklebank, made a comment

4. REPORT BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Library Director, Yolande Wilburn, provided a written report

5. REPORT BY FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Executive Director of the Friends, Bruce Cotter, provided an oral report

6. MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioners provided oral reports

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR
A. Approved Minutes of November 15, 2021	
B. Accepted and Filed Second Quarter Workplan Accomplishments	
MOVER:	Mike Termini
SECONDER:	Tricia Wynne
AYES:	Bass, Dubin, Mount, Ripma, Termini, Woll, Wynne

8. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Bonnie Lipscomb on The Progress and Future of the Mixed-Use Project for the Downtown Library

Members of the public, J. Grunstra, Judi Riva, & P. Seales, made a comment

Presentation by Diane Cowen on The Progress and Future of the Library's Strategic Planning

Member of the public, Judi Riva, made a comment

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

RESULT:	ELECTED LINDSAY BASS AS CHAIR
MOVER:	Mike Termini
SECONDER:	Tricia Wynne
AYES:	Bass, Dubin, Mount, Ripma, Termini, Woll, Wynne

RESULT:	ELECTED RENA DUBIN AS VICE CHAIR
MOVER:	Mike Termini
SECONDER:	Mary Ripma
AYES:	Bass, Dubin, Mount, Ripma, Termini, Woll, Wynne

10. ADJOURNMENT

Final Adjournment of the Library Advisory Commission at 8:10pm to the next regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Sumano-Vargas, Clerk of the Commission



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 21, 2022
TO: Library Advisory Commission
FROM: Diane Cowen, Communications Manager
RE: Media Packet

RECOMMENDATION

Accept and File the Media Packet for January 20, 2022 through February 22, 2022.

DISCUSSION

This Media packet covers the time period for January 20, 2022 through February 22, 2022.

In the News and Media:

January 20, 2022 – February 22, 2022

GoodTimes **Regional Library news**

Film Screening to Commemorate 1930 Watsonville Race Riots

The Tobera Project is a local initiative aiming to preserve and celebrate Watsonville’s Filipino history

BY [JOHANNA MILLER](#) POSTED ON JANUARY 27, 2022

This Sunday the [Tobera Project](#), a local initiative aiming to preserve and celebrate Watsonville’s Filipino history, will host a virtual film screening in commemoration of the anniversary of the 1930 Anti-Filipino Watsonville Race Riots.

“A Dollar a Day, Ten Cents a Dance” is a portrait of Filipino agricultural workers who immigrated to the United States in the 1920s and ’30s in search of prosperity and opportunity. The short film tells the story of these laborers in Watsonville and the greater Monterey Bay area who routinely faced discrimination, harassment and violence during that time.

The 1984 short film includes interviews with a group of *Manongs*, or first-generation immigrants, who tell first-hand accounts of the turmoil leading to the riots in January of 1930, including the killing of Fermin Tobera, which made international news and sparked more riots in the region.

“This screening is a really great opportunity for folks to hear firsthand from that generation ... to hear their experiences,” said Amanda Gamban, a project coordinator with the Tobera Project. “It’s a way to continue that conversation.”

The title of the film alludes to how, due to the exclusion of Filipino women from labor immigration, men often found themselves mingling with white women at the local dance hall in Watsonville. For 10 cents—a rather large portion of their \$1 per day wage—they could have a dance. The hall was one of the first places attacked during the riots.

“Hearing directly from the [Filipino-American] men themselves, about what they went through ... It’s powerful,” Gamban said. “And it shows their resilience, as well. They were working in the fields for most of the day, but they still found time to really enjoy life as best they could. It’s a glimpse into what their life was like.”

Sunday’s event is the second in the Tobera Project’s “Talk Story” series, the first of which was held last fall. The series is an extension of Watsonville is in the Heart, an ongoing project that has included an exhibit at Watsonville Public Library, an annual calendar featuring local Filipino community members and history, and partnerships with UC Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History.

Dr. Steve McKay, the co-lead researcher for Watsonville is in the Heart and director for the Center of Labor Studies at UCSC, said that the film screening is meant not only to highlight the riots but also celebrate the Filipino community as a whole.

“[The riots] are finally starting to get recognized as an important event, not only in Filipino history, not only in Asian-American history, but American history in general,” he said. “But that’s kind of the only thing people have heard of. It’s a very important thing to mark, but we also really wanted a chance to show the real diversity and depth of the Filipino community in Watsonville, past and present.”

Added Gamban: “The film is a real preservation of history. Speaking to the families ... Many people have family members or friends who are in the film, or were part of it in some way. They can go back and watch it to see them. It’s something they can treasure.”

Sunday’s screening will be held at 5pm on Zoom (registration is required). Following the film, McKay will facilitate a discussion with two special guests: Director of the film and local historian, Geoffrey Dunn, and producer George Ow, an outspoken advocate in the local Asian-American community.

Watsonville is in the Heart and the Tobera Project as a whole has been gaining traction for the past two years. Gamban praised the community for their continued involvement, especially Roy Recio, who originally kickstarted the project.

“I really want to emphasize how incredibly community-driven this project is,” Gamban said. “How it has evolved over time, with Roy being at the heart of it all, holding all the pieces together. He has done an amazing job. We’re creating such a big family, connecting everyone again ... encouraging everyone to learn more about this history and build relationships.”

Sunday’s event is presented and made possible by the Arts Council Santa Cruz County and the California Humanities organization. To register go [here](#).

Santa Cruz Sentinel **News**

Santa Cruz Public Libraries funding gap filled

By [RYAN STUART](#) | rstuart@santacruzsentinel.com | Santa Cruz Sentinel

January 27, 2022 at 2:39 p.m.

SANTA CRUZ – Santa Cruz Public Libraries on Wednesday announced it exceeded its funding goals for three more library branches.

Voters passed Measure S in 2016 to set aside funding to remodel all libraries throughout Santa Cruz County. So far, that funding has been used to complete projects for the Felton and La Selva Beach library renovations in early 2020 and the Capitola library renovation last year.

Three more projects are the focus of 2022. Renovations for the Garfield Park, Branciforte and Aptos libraries are slated for this year. However, Measure S funding set aside for these libraries and the cost of renovation had about a \$1 million gap, according to Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries Chairperson Janis O’Driscoll.

As of Wednesday morning, Friends of the Library not only met the gap, but exceeded it by more than \$32,000. The official tally at the time of the reveal was \$1,032,500.

“This could not have happened without the dedication and support of our Friends of the Library groups and the various capital campaign committee members,” Santa Cruz Public

Libraries Director Yolande Wilburn said. “The Friends of the Library have helped us realize the promise of new, modern, 21st century libraries for our community.”

The Garfield Park library is slated to open in April, while Branciforte will open its doors sometime in the summer, according to Martha Dexter, chairperson of the Santa Cruz Committee for Realizing the Promise.

Lastly, the Aptos Library will open in 2023. That library will take longer because it has yet to undergo demolition. Demolition of the library is scheduled for March.

The \$32,000 excess will be used for general improvements of the three libraries. That could include better technology, extra amenities, public art and opening day collections.

“This community was given a once in a generation opportunity to make an investment — a historic investment — in our libraries, and they jumped and did it,” Supervisor Zach Friend said after sharing an anecdote about how he helped save his own local library when he was a kid. “We really have done something for the next generation. An investment that we really haven’t done in history.”

After the completion of these three libraries, the last remaining Measure S project will be the Downtown Santa Cruz branch. Plans for the downtown branch are to place it in a mixed-use project that proposes retail and daycare space, as well as up to 125 affordable housing units.

However, that project is less certain than the previous six. Currently, [Our Downtown, Our Future is petitioning to get a measure on the November ballot that would quash the library project.](#)

The measure would designate the proposed site of the Library Mixed-Use project as a permanent home for the Downtown Farmers Market. It would also require the city to renovate the current library site, which city leaders say is not ideal due to the buildings outdated infrastructure.

Our Downtown, Our Future has until May 23 to collect 3,848 signatures from registered voters in Santa Cruz to make the ballot. From there, a simple majority vote will decide the fate of the downtown library.

Mayor’s message | Getting 2022 off to a strong start

January 29, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Hello Santa Cruz. Welcome to the new 2022 mayor's message.

As the first calendar month ends, we welcome a lunar new year beginning Tuesday, acknowledging Chinese New Year. This traditionally is the start of a new year in the Chinese lunar calendar, the looking ahead to spring, and the symbol of beginnings and fresh starts. I have been invited to celebrate this new year of the Tiger with my Chinese neighbors to welcome happiness, good luck, and prosperity together. I love learning about, and participating in, other traditions, cultures and languages.



There is a history and legacy of Chinese immigrants in Santa Cruz, and I know of a few places in the city that acknowledge, remember and honor their historical roots here: a plaque on the Galleria building on Front Street, the Chinese gate at the Evergreen Cemetery, and the Dragon's gate pedestrian footbridge connecting downtown to San Lorenzo Park. Stay tuned for an upcoming Asian American Pacific Islander cultural celebration in May, as well.

February is also the start of Black History Month, and the opportunity to honor the generational history of Black folks in the world, and right here in Santa Cruz. Our history here is unique and includes some well known residents, such as Ida B. Wells and London Nelson.

I will be presenting a mayoral proclamation declaring February as Black History Month, and I would also like to take this space to acknowledge a few of the groups in our county, some recently formed, that are working very hard to support the needs of continually underrepresented Black folks in our community, as well as highlight some of the great ways they are contributing. The groups include Santa Cruz NAACP, Black Health Matters Initiative, Santa Cruz County Black Coalition for Justice and Racial Equity, United Way, Tannery World Dance and Cultural Center, Black Girl Magic, Blended Bridge, Black Surf Club, The Santa Cruz Equity Project, Black Kings of Santa Cruz, Speak For Change Podcast, Santa Cruz High and Santa Cruz County Black Student Union and blackowned santacruz.com

Looking ahead, I hope to meaningfully support and recognize all of the wonderful history and diverse aspects of our community that exists here in Santa Cruz, some of which includes a history of Native Americans, Hispanics, Latinos, LGBTQ+, Asian Pacific Americans and women.

Please reach out to me if there is something or someone that you believe should be recognized this year. In the city, I encourage everyone to connect with local groups and organizations, explore our Santa Cruz public libraries and the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History to learn more and grow, especially with your families and children.

This is the start of a weekly column that the new mayors of each of the four cities in Santa Cruz County will take turns writing. I'm looking forward to serving my city of Santa Cruz as mayor this year, and also working collaboratively with my fellow mayors: Donna Lind (Scotts Valley), Sam Storey (Capitola) and Ari Parker (Watsonville). I hope to use this space to highlight and share some of the good things and people in our city, even when things get heavy. There's a lot of good, and we have to make sure to give it equal weight.

Thank you, Santa Cruz.

Sonja Brunner is the mayor of Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz Sentinel *Letters*

Letter | Santa Cruz Planning Commission not part of library decision

January 21, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

An article in the Jan. 13 Sentinel reported on the County Planning Commission's recent meeting at which they reviewed plans regarding the Aptos library. It always seemed a serious omission that the City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission never played a part in decisions that involved major re-arranging of downtown, i.e. moving the library from the Civic Center and all the associated re-arrangement that have been going through the planning process. The project has been driven by the Economic Development Department, which has no associated City Advisory Body, whereas the Planning Department does. Coincidence? I think not.

— *Judi Grunstra, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Mixed-use library will meet community needs

January 21, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

I am writing in support of the downtown mixed-use library building — a project that has followed democratic processes from the passage of Measure S in 2016 to the City Council's recent vote to pass the proposed design.

As a graduate student in Library and Information Science at SJSU, I am aware of cities and public libraries evolving to meet the needs of communities. If a mixed-use library facility seems like too much for downtown, I urge voters to learn about the various projects around the country that have been successful. San Francisco's Mission Bay branch; the Burien Library in King County, Washington; Portland's Hollywood Library; and Milwaukee's Villard Square Branch show the collaborative and cost-effective nature of combining a library with affordable housing.

This project isn't about a parking garage. It is about building the best library our county has ever seen and meeting community needs.

— *Laura Albrecht, Capitola*

Letter | Reasons for supporting multi-use library plans

January 21, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

The finished and in-progress Measure S upgrades for 9 of our 10 libraries in the Santa Cruz Public Library system are terrific. Now it's downtown's turn.

I'm in favor of the multi-use library plans for the downtown library. They beautifully reflect public input and optimize funds and space. The current building, also the operational hub of the 10-branch system, needs so much upgrade. Rebuilding it would involve extra costs and difficulties, versus implementing the collaborative plans recently approved by the City Council.

Let's give our whole library system what it needs with the new location and plans, and add 125 much needed affordable housing units. It's a beautiful example of the collaboration this community is capable of. And it's a good start on housing.

— *Robin Holland, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Repair trust in city government by listening

January 26, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

When a letter writer (Jan. 18) wrote that voters' trust is eroded and confidence undermined in city governance, she's correct. But it can be easily repaired by listening.

Santa Cruz voters trust elected representatives and city staff who listen when we say the Farmers Market should remain at its 20-year iconic location on Lot 4, that 10 heritage trees

not be cut down to make way for a structure covering the lot's entire length and breadth. Voters trust when council and staff respect every parking consultant's advice not to build a new parking garage — it's not necessary and its funding is tenuous; rather, manage parking better. They trust when the city honors voters' Measure S approval to renovate the library at its historic location at the Civic Center.

Learn about the ballot petition at OurDowntownOurFuture.org. Listen to Santa Cruz City voters. Let's build back trust.

— *Lisa Ekström, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Don't move ahead on library plan without vote

January 27, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

The mixed-use library plan has never been put to a vote by Santa Cruz citizens. The passage of Measure "S" did not approve the current project, which includes: a new library on a different site, housing and a parking lot on that same new site, and removal of the much beloved Farmers Market from its current location. Nothing should begin on this project until Santa Cruz voters have had an opportunity to vote our approval.

— *Myra Morris, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Shares opinion of writer on library building, housing

January 31, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

I am so grateful to Paul Cocking (Guest Commentary, Jan. 27) for expressing my concerns about adding a new library building including housing needing more transportation and displacing the downtown farmers market in its downtown setting. The library is ill considered, the housing inadequate and the idea of creating more traffic downtown without accommodation are unfortunate side effects of this bad planning idea.

The city planners are making other mistakes by not adequately addressing the transportation issues caused by creating more high density housing.

They need to pay attention to traffic flow ... and perhaps consider the idea of a passenger train as a way to help ameliorate this problem.

— *Anina Van Alstin, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Kessler’s columns on library promote falsehoods

February 1, 2022 at 6:15 a.m.

Stephen Kessler’s commentary reinforces today’s idea that if you repeat something often enough people will begin to believe it. That’s a shame. The writer might be better off sticking to what he does best – fiction, poetry, and translations. Nothing in the ballot language for Measure S precludes the Downtown Library from being relocated. The City Council agrees. Kessler says that Our Downtown Our Future is a coalition of grassroots community groups, downtown business owners and individuals with a different vision from the one represented by the city. Who are they? Do they represent the farmers market or the 57,788 voters who voted in favor of Measure S in 2016? For decades I’ve been a member of the California Library Association. I wonder what association members would think if they knew that Kessler was promoting falsehoods about a much-needed downtown library?

— *Martín Gómez, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Move vital downtown library project forward

February 5, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.

The updated Downtown Library plan checks so many important community value boxes — equity, environment, youth, and providing the best library.

It is centrally located, functional and attractive, and gives us a large, modern, bright library that serves its many diverse users. With abundant program space both inside and outside, it easily provides dedicated areas for children, teens, community meetings, and study.

Importantly, the project’s 100-125 low-income affordable units will provide homes near jobs for downtown workers and those who otherwise are priced out of the area, including young families and seniors on fixed income.

The focus on sustainability, including rooftop solar, daylighting, a green roof, consolidated downtown parking that will serve other nearby affordable housing projects, and landscaping is vital to reaching our climate action goals and is the right thing to do for future generations.

Let’s move it forward.

— *Donna Murphy, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Real ‘falsehood’ is building library on new site

February 3, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

A recent letter writer (Feb. 1) accuses Stephen Kessler of “promoting falsehoods.” But this is a cover for the writer’s own misrepresentation of the 2016 Measure S campaign for library bond funds. What falsehood Kessler is said to have promoted is never spelled out. However, if you read the letter carefully, you can find where the writer wiggles past the truth.

Sure, the Measure S language does not “preclude” relocating the Downtown Library. It doesn’t preclude building a new library on Mars either. What the Measure S campaign never proposed was building a library on the present site of the Downtown Farmers Market. That idea was not floated until after the bond measure passed ... with my vote and those of 57,787 people.

Let’s keep the Downtown Library where it belongs, at the Civic Center.

— *Valerie Girsh, Santa Cruz*

Letter | New library will have space for vital resources

February 7, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

Just like a book, a library should not be judged by its cover, but by what’s inside. I’m saddened that there are people willing to sacrifice library resources our community needs for something that is just comfortable and only represents their past.

The new library at the heart of the mixed-use Library Project will provide more space to house additional important resources for those who desperately need them: study rooms, genealogy, books, a larger teen room and a much-needed children’s space. And adding to the green features both inside and out, community members will have access to a public outdoor space. Finally, the project includes over 100 affordable housing units.

Thanks to Jayson Architecture, the project will be beautiful, green and highly functional. It will serve the greatest number of needs for our community today and tomorrow. It’s a story we can be proud to tell for future generations.

— *Vivian Rogers, Santa Cruz, Former Executive Director of Friends of the SC Libraries*

Letter | Past time to put away library ‘boondoggle’

February 12, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

A recent letter by the past president of Friends of the Library makes some nice sounding promises. More space, over 100 affordable housing units etc. I have heard many versions of this project from the city. So how much bigger would the new library be? (Smaller is the current projection.) How many of any promises are actually guaranteed? None.

Numbers keep changing in the PR effort but funding sources are not there. Additionally, according to the city's own consultant the garage is not needed and will be a long-term drain on city finances.

It's past time to put this boondoggle away for good.

— *Fred J. Geiger, Santa Cruz*

Letter | Reflections on revitalizing the existing library

February 17, 2022 at 5:00 a.m.

The other day as I approached the downtown library to return some books, I was struck by the presence of the beautiful sunshine, the trees, and the feeling of openness of the Civic Center. The experience of approaching a relocated library in a mixed use building closer to the hubbub of Pacific Avenue, in an eight-story building, will be a very different one indeed. Yes, the architects may provide for “natural light” flooding through a wall of windows (possibly glaring light?), but that's not the same as outdoor natural sunlight, fresh air, and the feel of a stand-alone library on a familiar pleasant street.

The words of Joni Mitchell sounded in my head – “Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone ...”

I know others share my view and we can find a way to revitalize the existing library. It's doable.

— *Judi Grunstra, Santa Cruz*

Santa Cruz Sentinel *Coastlines*

Coast Line | Santa Cruz branch library offers career help services

January 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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Library offers career help services

The Santa Cruz Public Libraries has launched one-on-one, drop-in and by appointment bilingual career help services in the Life Literacies Center in the Downtown Branch Library, 224 Church St., Santa Cruz.

Drop-in job search and career development assistance hours at the center will be held from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The service is closed Fridays.

To make an appointment in advance, visit santacruzpl.org/calendar, ask for assistance at a library service desk or call 831-427-7713. Priority will be given to those with appointments.

In addition to one-on-one job search assistance, resume and interview skill workshops in English take place at 10 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month, with topical career workshops at 4 p.m. on the second Thursday. Resume and interview skill workshops in Spanish take place at 10 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month, with topical career workshops at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday.

All workshops are free and participants can choose to attend in-person at the Downtown Library Community Room, or online via Zoom. Registration is required.

Coast Line | Capitola branch library closed on Friday

February 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

CAPITOLA

Library branch closed on Friday

The Capitola Branch Library will be closed Friday due to a planned electric service interruption that will last all day.

Capitola branch library patrons can access online resources at santacruzpl.org or visit one of the other [open branches](#).

Service at Capitola will resume on Saturday.

Coast Line | Library Friends event features Claudia Sternbach

February 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

APTOS

Friends event features Claudia Sternbach

Claudia Sternbach and Patty Bernstein will discuss the hunt for Communists among writers and filmmakers during the 1950s, the role of women in that era, and the hidden meanings in the TV series “The Adventures of Robin Hood” at a virtual event sponsored by the Friends of the Aptos Library.

The talk begins at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 on Zoom.

This event is part of the Our Community Reads program and is designed around the selected book *Red Letter Days* by Sarah-Jane Stratford. Sternbach a former Sentinel columnist and author of three memoirs.

Registration is required. For a list of events or to register, visit friendsofaptoslibrary.org.



Santa Cruz Public Libraries Surpass \$1 Million Fundraising Goal

The funds will help SCPL complete ongoing refurbishments and rebuilds of libraries across the county.

BY [JOHANNA MILLER](#) POSTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022

<https://goodtimes.sc/this-weeks-issue/santa-cruz-public-libraries-surpass-1-million-fundraising-goal/>

Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL), with the help of its nonprofit partner Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries (Friends), has surpassed a fundraising goal of \$1 million.



The funds will aid SCPL in completing its ongoing refurbishments and rebuilds of libraries across the county. From La Selva Beach to Boulder Creek, all branches in the SCPL system are being modernized, expanded and redesigned.

A bulk of the fundraising was met back in 2016, when local voters supported Measure S, a \$67 million bond measure for library facility improvements. But rising construction costs left a large gap in funding just last year.

“When the architects got back to us, the gap was a million dollars,” says Janis O’Driscoll, president of Friends. “We gulped because that is a big number, and we are in the middle of a pandemic. But we said, OK, that’s our goal.”

Friends spent the rest of 2021 raising funds through its Realizing the Promise Campaign, reaching the million-dollar mark on Christmas Eve. More than 500 donors contributed to the cause. Some \$68,000 of that amount was raised through Santa Cruz Gives, the GT holiday fundraising campaign that doubled in size in 2021.

“In spite of the pandemic, in spite of that large number, it happened,” O’Driscoll says. “We did it. I want everyone to know how much we thank them for their support. How much these facilities are going to do for this community. Thank you and we know it’s going to make a difference to all kinds of people.”

Realizing the Promise donations will first go to helping complete the Aptos, Branciforte and Garfield Park branch renovations. Later phases of the campaign will support other projects including a brand new Downtown Santa Cruz branch, which will incorporate a low-income housing project.

For information, visit santacruzpl.org and fscpl.org.

Reviews

Yelp

Felton received a 5 Star Review on February 20

I really am so comfortable in Felton's new library. It's beautiful, spacious and everyone is polite. I always order online, so my trips are quick, but I wish I could spend a day there - just browsing and curled up reading. I'm 83, but maybe there will be time when I'm older. I'm often thankful in my head to the Verruti's who gave the land for this spot which is so much more usable than the old, cute library on the corner. I hope someone else thanked them properly. What a country to have a free library in each community. We are truly blessed!

Google my Business

Downtown received a 1 Star Review on January 23

Why am I seeing these images on the computers. 🤔🤔🤔

Felton received a 5 Star Review on February 4

Great library in the mountains! There a lot of activities for the kids, I recommend you check this place out.

Capitola received a 5 Star Review on February 6

I like the space and librarians were nice to me. Not many books available physically yet, but many more online or by request. Many nice services and spaces, even outside!

Downtown received a 5 Star Review on February 8

Reading up on the latest research on creative healing shifts...

Downtown received a 1 Star Review on February 22

The people who work there don't seem very helpful or know how to deal with different types of people, they seemed irritated when asked a question.

Meetup Message

[Paul Havlak](#)

This is for the SCPL Meetup event organizers, but I want to say first that the library is great! I haven't checking out books as much lately, but have started reading more e-books, and your offerings there are a great help. Thanks!

Dear event organizers:

I've enjoyed your events, sometimes in person and sometimes aspirationally, so thanks for organizing!

Nowadays, as I see that you are having in-person events again, what are the Covid-related policies for mask-wearing and checking vaccinations?

January 29, 2022, 9:28 AM

(These make a big difference in my comfort level for attending.

January 29, 2022, 9:28 AM



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PUBLIC LIBRARIES

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 21, 2022
TO: Library Advisory Commission
FROM: The Public
RE: Written Communications to the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Accept Communications

DISCUSSION

Message for Chair Lindsay Bass



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LAC/Clerk x



Jean Brocklebank

to clerk ▾

Tue, Jan 25, 11:49 AM



Dear Lindsay ~

I am writing to compliment you on your expertise in chairing the LAC meetings. I attend last evening, though agenda item #8 and then had to leave the meeting.

I have attended many, many meetings in the over 40 years I have lived in Santa Cruz, so my compliment is quite sincere. Your competence serves not only the LAC but the public as well.

Thanks for your work!

Jean Brocklebank

Policy review

3 messages

Judi Grunstra <judiriva@hotmail.com>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 11:17 AM

To: "clerk@santacruzpl.org" <clerk@santacruzpl.org>, Yolande Wilburn <wilburn@santacruzpl.org>

Dear LAC:

It appears that the Code of Conduct Policy is up for review/revision in May 2022. I have been waiting for this since sending the two attached documents to the LAC in 2019.

I would like to see Paragraph 4c discussed at your May meeting or shortly after.

Consumption of snack food and/or a covered beverage at computers. Patrons are asked to keep areas in which food consumption is allowed clean and free of residue, spills, crumbs, or wrappings. Consumption of food that causes a disruption to other patrons, harms library resources, leaves a mess, and/or failure to clean up any residue, wrappings, or spills after consuming these items will be a violation of the Library Code of Conduct.

With brand new and newly renovated libraries open or due to open, this seems like the optimal time to assure that these new facilities and furnishings don't quickly become stained or ruined by library users who are not especially concerned or vigilant about spilling food or drinks. Insects or other vermin could also be a problem, effecting the health and safety of library facilities.

With the use of laptops and mobile devices, it's not just areas where formerly there were desktop computers tied to a particular area of the library where food could be a problem. And with many libraries having outdoor areas, there is no reason why someone could not step outside to consume their snack. Only water should be permitted in the library.

Simple signage could remind patrons of this - PLEASE DO NOT CONSUME FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE LIBRARY. WATER IN CLOSED CONTAINERS ONLY. THANK YOU.


Make this a consistent policy in all branches to avoid confusing patrons and staff.


I look forward to your discussion, and hopefully, a policy change.

Thank you.

Judi Grunstra

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 Eating policies in other libraries.docx
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March 29, 2019

To the Library Advisory Commission

Re: Library Code of Conduct regarding food consumption in library

Dear Commissioners:

Today I was seated at a table at the downtown library near the magazines when at the next table a woman was eating Cheerios and milk from a tall plastic cup. The package of cereal (not in a box) was on the table, along with a container of milk (closed). When I asked the librarian if this was permitted, she said it was, as long as it wasn't near a computer.

I then spoke with James, the branch manager, and asked when this became acceptable and who approved of this policy. He said it was approved under the previous director, Ms. Landers, and approved by "the Board". (I don't know if that meant the previous Library Board or the current JPA)

The cereal eating woman left and a male companion at the same table proceeded to eat the cereal and milk in the same manner. At another table, a gentleman had an open container of what looked like some sort of cheese spread, and was creating quite a bit of crackly noise reaching into an open bag of some sort of chips.

This lack of standards is deplorable. This has nothing to do with whether these individuals were poor, homeless, or "housed", which is irrelevant.

James shared the policy of Prohibited Behaviors with me at my request. Under 4 c – "Consumption of snack food...

"Patrons are asked to keep areas in which food consumption is allowed clean and free of residue, spills, crumbs, or wrappings." How often does library staff end up cleaning up spilled food? Is this part of their job description? I wondered about if someone was eating foods with strong smells, or even peanuts, which could provoke a deadly reaction in those with nut allergies. I wondered about vermin being attracted to debris.

Thanks to the willingness of residents to tax themselves for the next 30 years (Measure S) to upgrade the libraries in our county, we soon will have two brand new libraries as well as spruced up interiors at the other branches. Will this permissive policy continue as is? How soon will the nice new furniture, new carpeting, etc. become soiled or worse?

I would like the LAC to have a serious discussion about this as you undertake a review of library policies. I work at the Watsonville Library and no food consumption is permitted there. I suspect if I did some research I would learn that in most libraries patrons are asked to consume food before they enter the library, unless there is a designated café. There is no good rationale for the current Santa Cruz policy, neither with regard to adults, children or teens.

Thank you.

Judith Grunstra

Cc: Susan Nemitz, Janis O'Driscoll, members of the JPA

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Eating policies in other libraries

Berkeley Public Library:

- Food consumption is restricted to special events and/or designated spaces. Beverages with secured lids are permitted.

San Jose Public:

You are welcome to enjoy snack foods and covered drinks in most areas of the King Library and at SJPL branch locations. Only covered drinks are allowed at public computers; food is not allowed at computers. Group meals and food deliveries are not allowed unless authorized by the library for a special function. Please dispose of all trash in the correct containers. Report all spills to staff immediately.

Pasadena Public Library

Food and drink is not permitted near library equipment. Use designated areas only to eat or drink:

- a. Central: approved areas include Main Hall, courtyard patios, and at special events when approved by Library Administration. All drinks must be secured with a lid.
- b. Branches: approved areas include meeting rooms, or other areas as part of a library sponsored program. All drinks must be secured with a lid.

Kingston (Massachusetts) Public Library

Food is not allowed in the Library, except at designated times or in designated rooms. Non-alcoholic beverages in covered containers are allowed, except at the computers.

Birmingham (Alabama) Public Library

Visitors to the library cannot bring containers of food. Visitors to the library can bring small packs of snacks, bottled water, bottled soft drinks, and beverages in cups with attached lids are allowed in study areas – not in computer areas

Aurora (Colorado) Public Library

Foods are limited to pre-packaged snacks, finger foods, or wrapped items that are odor-free and unlikely to leave stains, such as granola bars, nuts, and pretzels.

Watsonville Library

- Consuming food is not permitted.

Santa Clara City Library

Consume all food and drinks (except containerized water) outside the Library or in the Cafe area, if purchased there.

Hennepin County Libraries (Minnesota)

Patrons are stewards of the library and its resources. They will value and respect library resources and conduct themselves in a safe and orderly way. Examples of conduct that would violate this principle:

- Bringing beverages in uncovered containers or eating food in the library.

Monterey County Libraries prohibited behavior

Eating and/or drinking in non-designated places or near Library computers without prior express Library staff permission.

San Mateo County Libraries

Food and Drink

Food and drink policies vary by location. Please check with library staff if you are unsure if your library allows eating and/or drinking.

Compiled by Judi Grunstra, April 2, 2019

No LAC agenda posted as of Thursday

Judi Grunstra <judiriva@hotmail.com>

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 5:43 PM

To: "clerk@santacruzpl.org" <clerk@santacruzpl.org>, Yolande Wilburn <wilburny@santacruzpl.org>

To the LAC:

When Bruce Cotter was on the LAC, he acknowledged that posting the LAC on the Friday before the Monday LAC meeting shortchanged the public somewhat. He said efforts would be made to post it a few days sooner.

I write this on Thursday after 5 pm, and there is no LAC agenda posted. Hopefully it will be posted by tomorrow. Is it really that difficult to post it by Thursday (if not Wednesday)? One doesn't necessarily wish to spend the weekend reviewing the agenda.

Thank you.

Judi Grunstra