



New Bayview/Anna E. Waden Branch Library Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we building a new branch library?

In November 2000, the voters passed a bond measure for \$106 million to upgrade San Francisco's branch library system and in November 2007, the voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition D authorizing additional funding to improve the branches. Because of the increased service needs, the community support for a new branch, and the difficulty meeting the service needs with a renovation, the Library decided to build a new Bayview Branch Library.

What will be some of the benefits of the new branch?

- Expanded collections of books, CDs, DVDs & other materials
- Program room with after hours access for community meetings
- Fully accessible
- Flexible design to accommodate future technologies
- Increased Chinese language collection
- Prominent reading area
- Two enclosed study rooms
- Expanded children's area
- An inner courtyard
- More functional staff work areas
- A larger designated teen area
- New furniture
- Clear signage
- More computers
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the internet
- Express self-checkout machines
- A variety of seating choices, including lounge and reader seats
- Accessible restrooms
- 24-hour book return
- Maximum use of natural light
- Public art
- Bayview history incorporated into the design
- Green Building (LEED Silver or better)

How big will the new branch library be?

The new branch will be one story high and approximately 9,000 square feet.

Where will the new branch library be located?

On the same site. The Library is planning to purchase and demolish an adjacent property and tear down the existing branch to build a new expanded library.

Who are the architects?

THA Architecture, Inc. of Portland, Oregon and Karin Payson A + D of San Francisco.

When will it be built?

The project is scheduled to start construction in early 2010 and open in late 2011. Construction may be delayed due to design issues, complications from the bidding, contracting or permit process, or other matters.

Will the branch library close during construction?

Yes. The current branch will be demolished to make room for the new building. During construction, library services will be provided by holding programs at neighborhood schools and community centers (likely the YMCA!) and by bookmobile service.

Will the amount of books increase?

Yes. The materials (books, CDs, DVDs, books on tape, etc.) collection will expand. There will also be additional tables, chairs, and computers.

What happens to the existing furniture?

The furniture will be replaced or refinished. The Library has developed interior design guidelines to help the architects and staff choose appropriate furniture based on functionality, ergonomics, durability, maintenance, flexibility, and sustainability.

Will there be Public Art?

Yes. The Arts Commission will establish a Community Artist Selection Panel who will review a pool of artists and conduct a community process to select an artist.

Is the community involved in the design process?

Yes. A community needs assessment was conducted, that included interviews with community stakeholders about materials, facilities, and services and a community survey analysis. Three community meetings were held (April, September, & November 2008) to discuss services and designs. The Library Commission will hold a public Peer Review on December 4, 2008 where an independent architect and library professional will review the design. As the design process moves forward, the Library will hold additional community meetings.

How much will it cost and where does the money come from to build the new branch?

In March 2007, the Library Commission increased the budget of the Bayview project from \$3.6 million to between \$9.9 - \$10.3 million in order to build a new branch rather than the originally planned renovation. Funds will come from the November 2000 library bond measure and the passage of Proposition D. All designs are subject to change in order to meet the fixed budget limit.

Are there other funds that need to be raised?

Yes, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library are raising funds from private donations for new furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the branch library. For information on the neighborhood capital campaign, call (415) 626-7512 ext. 103.

How do I find out more information about the new branch?

Contact the Branch Library Improvement Program at (415) 557-4354, check www.sfpl.org, or email BLIP@sfpl.org.

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