



City & County of San Francisco Branch Library Improvement Program

Parkside Branch Library Renovation Information

In November 2000, the voters overwhelmingly passed a bond measure for \$106 million to upgrade San Francisco's branch library system. The priorities are to reduce seismic risk, meet modern technological needs and current code requirements, comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and provide spaces that are responsive to current services, yet flexible enough to meet future needs.

The Parkside renovation will make the building accessible, provide new public restrooms, and reduce seismic risk while updating the building's infrastructure.

Planning for the Parkside renovation began in 2002. A survey was conducted where 611 people gave their opinion about materials, facilities, and services. Community meetings were held at the branch (September 2002 & May 2003) to discuss survey results, solicit design ideas, and get input on preliminary plans. In January 2004, at the urging of the community, the Library Commission increased the project budget to provide for a small expansion. They also postponed construction until after the West Portal branch reopens.

Due to construction cost escalation, in March 2007 the Library Commission further increased the Parkside Branch project budget from \$3,236,000 to \$4,907,000, not including furniture and equipment costs.

Planning for the renovation of the Parkside Branch is scheduled to resume in summer 2007.

The Parkside Branch Library, built in 1951, was originally designed by the firm of Appleton & Wolfard.

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 x 103.

For more information on the plans for the Parkside Branch Library and the Branch Library Improvement Program, check the SFPL web site at www.sfpl.org, call (415) 557-4354, or email BLIP@sfpl.org.

