

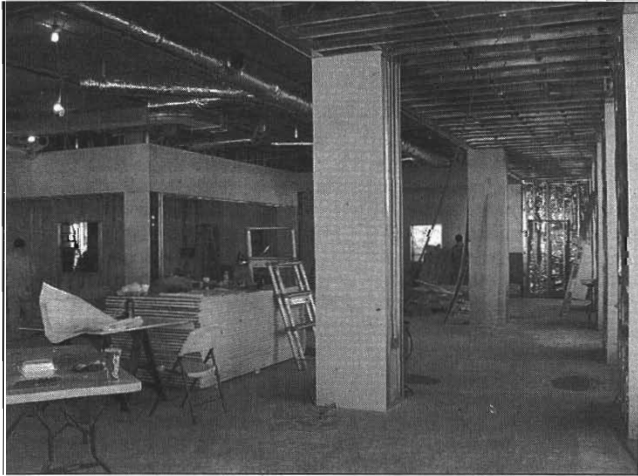


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In just a few short months this will be a welcoming, book-filled space. Really.
Photo courtesy of San Francisco Public Library

New Library Interior is Now Taking Shape

Construction workers are hard at work upstairs in the space that will become our new 8,500 square-foot Glen Park branch library, above Canyon Market, with generous windows overlooking Diamond and Wilder streets. The library is now scheduled to open by the end of the summer, about a year later than the initial target date.

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When completed, what is now the city's smallest branch library (on Chenery Street) will have grown by 7,000 square feet and will include an expanded children's area, a designated teen zone, a community program room and nearly 14,000 more books, CDs and videos.

The lobby, an additional 700-square-foot, street-level space on Diamond Street, will feature a two-story wall-sculpture by local artists Reddy

Lieb and Linda Raynsford.

Glen Park is one of five brand-new library buildings scheduled to open in the next two years, with 18 other branches undergoing renovation. According to the City, this is the largest building campaign in San Francisco Public Library history.

Funds to build the new library came from a bond measure approved by voters in November 2000, but that money doesn't cover furnishing the interior. A separate fund-raising campaign is under way to provide amenities ranging from chairs and tables to workstations, as well as additions to the branch's collection of books, periodicals, DVDs, etc.

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library has established "naming opportunities" for donors that range from individual pieces of furniture for a few hundred dollars to collections and library areas for several thousand. But Marian Chatfield-Taylor of the Friends' Neighborhood Library Campaign, stresses that individual donations of any amount are welcome. ■

To learn more about the Neighborhood Library Campaign and how you can contribute to the new Glen Park branch, e-mail marian.ctaylor@friendssfpl.org, or call 626-7512, ext. 103.

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