

Woodland Branch Expanded Patio Request for LALE Funding of Landscape Architect Plans and Cost Estimate

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Woodland Expanded Patio Project

- The Los Altos Library Commission has unanimously approved this project.
- Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian, and Rose Baiza, Community Librarian, are enthusiastically in favor of this project.
- Gabe Engeland, the City Manager, is in favor of this project.
- **We are asking for LALE's help to make this opportunity to create a much needed outdoor library space a reality.**

Next Steps for Woodland Expanded Patio Project

- Demonstrate Alignment with SCCLD Strategic Plan
- Provide Examples of Library Outdoor Spaces
- Share Los Altos Library Staff Suggestions for Woodland Patio Project
- Outline Scope of Work
- [Obtain Funding for Initial Landscape Architect Plans and Cost Estimate](#)
- Provide Estimated Costs
- Outline Required Steps through Completion of Project

VISION



PROGRAMMING FOR ALL
AGES



INCORPORATING THE
ORCHARD AND OTHER
LOCATION SPECIFIC PIECES



PARTNERING WITH
ORGANIZATIONS
(GREENTOWN, MASTER
GARDENERS)



ALIGNING WITH THE SCCLD
STRATEGIC PLAN

ALIGNS WITH SCCLD STRATEGIC PLAN

INNOVATE

We innovate, fostering a culture of curiosity and opportunity.

GOALS:

1. Actively innovate without fear of failure.
2. Design and implement flexible public spaces that encourage library visits and elevate patron experiences.
3. Spark discovery with new technology.

<https://scclld.org/strategic-plan/>

ALIGNS WITH SCCLD STRATEGIC PLAN

WELCOME

We welcome all, providing inclusive and compassionate library service throughout the district.

GOALS:

1. Advance equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts to strengthen a sense of belonging at SCCLD.
2. Use innovative service models to connect community members with the library.
3. Build on the service-oriented districtwide philosophy to provide a welcoming and positive library experience.
4. Support local community needs with reflective services throughout the Library District.

Gilroy Outdoor Library Space



Note: the space on the left where the rocking chairs are located is a sand-based patio. This is what is contemplated for the Woodland Expanded Outdoor Patio.

Gilroy Outdoor Library Space



Note: the tables, chairs and benches can be moved for program flexibility. Shade is provided by standard patio umbrellas and a steel trellis.

Cupertino Outdoor Library Space



Patio opens to community room

Creates a dual space

Austin Central Library



Note: Shade is provided by solar panels on a trellis.

Hennepin County Library



**Example
of shade
structure**

Model Outdoor Library Space



**Note:
another
type of
shade
structure
and artificial
turf.**

Library Staff: These are the Programs that would be Made Possible by the Expanded Woodland Patio

- Little Kids - Early Literacy programming - Storytime, Furry Friends (reading with dogs- very popular at Los Altos Main Library), sensory activities
- School age kids - book clubs, crafts, gardening programs,
- Teens - big games (very popular), book clubs, reading garden, chess tables, homework space (with more tables)
- Adults - reading garden, gardening programs, work spaces

- **Other Library Staff suggestions:**
 - -involve the Scouts to do native plant landscaping
 - -work with the Public Arts Commission to install artistic bike racks/innovative bike storage to encourage biking to the library
 - -include some sort of storage (shed) for materials for library programs and for the outdoor game pieces
 - add a sun dial

Request for Funding for Architect Plans and Cost Estimate for Woodland Expanded Patio

- The Infrastructure Subcommittee of the Library Commission is requesting funding from LALE in the amount of \$2000 to hire a landscape architect to design an expanded patio area for the Woodland Library and to provide a detailed cost estimate.

Next Steps

- Continue to coordinate with City Manager and Mayor Meadows on next steps
- [Obtain funding from LALE to hire a landscape architect \(approx. \\$2000\)](#)
- Review architect's plan(s) with all parties (Library Staff, City Manager, Mayor Meadows – Council?) – the plans will also determine the cost of the expanded patio.
- Obtain approval from necessary parties to proceed with project
- Seek funds to complete project – LALE, Friends, other donors in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills including foundations.
- Obtain pledges for funds
- Submit plans to City for necessary review and approvals
- Seek waiver of all city fees as the city's contribution to the project
- City to issue RFP for project
- Contract awarded
- Project started (Q4 2024)
- Project completed (Q3 2025)

Estimated Cost of Woodland Expanded Patio

- Based on the estimated cost of Main Library Patio Feasibility Study, we estimate the cost of the Woodland Expanded Patio to be **approximately \$400,000** - a maximum of \$679,000.
- This figure was arrived at by analyzing the Main Library Patio Feasibility Study Cost Estimate and subtracting the line items which are not required for the Woodland Expanded Patio.

Outdoor spaces allow for libraries and their partners to invest in the health and wellness of communities, connect residents to library resources, and enhance literacies. Great outdoor spaces provide opportunities for libraries to showcase their capacity to strengthen communities and be true placemakers—inside and out.

► [Library Journal](#)

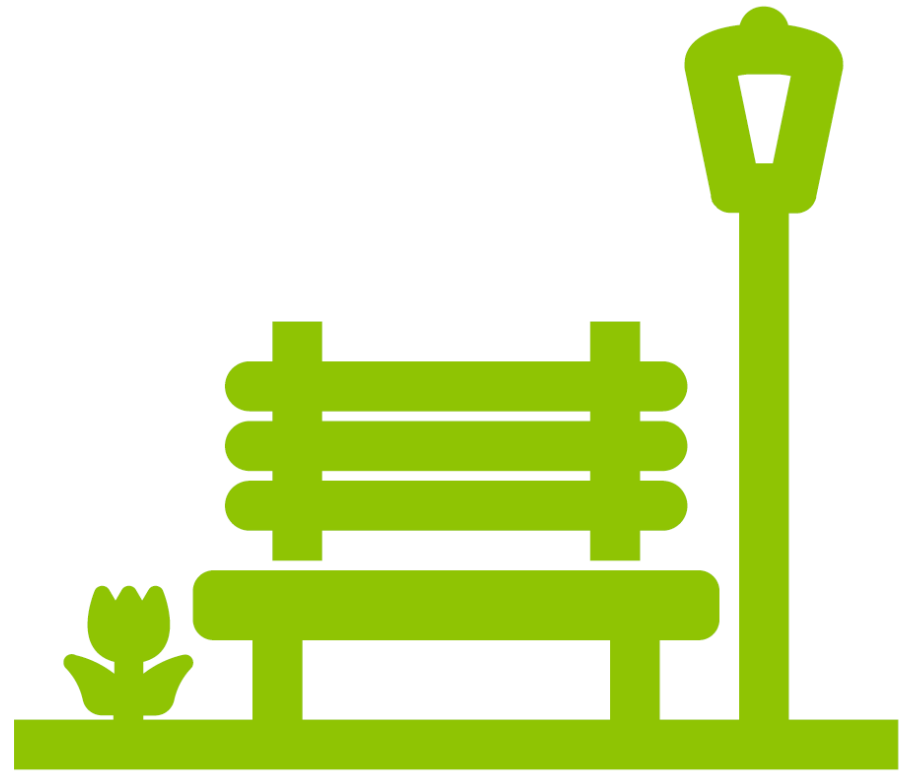


ILLUSTRATION OF PROPOSED Concept for expanded patio



QUESTIONS?