

Presentation proposed for City Council Study Session: Main Library Remodel

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Goal of Discussion

That the City Council receive, consider, and approve the Library Commission's proposal for the use of NCLA funds towards the remodeling of the Main Library.



Resources

- Page+Morris Library Services and Space Needs Assessment (May 2008)
- Group 4 Los Altos Main Library Needs Assessment Update – Summary of Findings and Recommendations (April 10, 2018)
- Strata Architect 2018 Architectural Feasibility Study
- Santa Clara County Library Strategic Plan 2023-2028

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 - North County Library Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA)
 - Key Findings from the 2019 Patron Satisfaction Survey
 - Santa Clara County Library District 2019 Patron Satisfaction Survey Databook
 - E-Resource Statistics 2019-20
 - Futures Subcommittee Report September 2021
 - History of the Los Altos Library by Marion Abel



Los Altos Library (1914-2023)



Fig. 7—Head librarian Carol Tefft cuts the ribbon at the new library's doors as County Supervisor Martin Spangler (at left) and Mayor James P. Thurber, Jr., (right) watch. Reproduction of a newspaper picture taken on opening day, Sunday, May 3, 1964.



Fig. 9—Interior view of new building, 1964.



Los Altos Main Library Key Stats

	Los Altos	Campbell	Cupertino	Gilroy	Milpitas	Morgan Hill	Saratoga
Last Major Remodel	<i>1990</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2003</i>
Sq. Ft.	28,050	26,420	56,250	53,000	60,000	30,500	48,500
Circulation (FY 2022-23)	1,368,546	708,252	2,995,573	561,850	2,291,184	662,455	1,399,081
Gate Count (FY 2022-23)	289,254	91,702	607,403	159,902	428,854	162,717	291,359

825 people visit daily

Circulation is up 39% YTY at Los Altos



Available funding

- In total, there is \$13M available for remodel
 - \$10M NCLA funds
 - \$1M from Friends of the Library
 - \$2M from LALE building fund



Overall Recommendation

There **are not** enough funds to rebuild

There **are** enough funds to remodel, if we focus

We have three proposals



Recommendations

• Proposal 1

- Reconfigure and enlarge the lobby*
- Install family bathrooms
- Address circulation and reference desk
- Move children's area entrance to enable direct access
- Find suitable alternative for holds
- Improve Friends' sales space
- Remediate inadequate wiring
- Improve accessibility

• Proposal 2

- Proposal 1 PLUS
- Remodel to support limited Open Access space*
- Evaluate and consolidate staff areas and Friends' space to improve efficiency
- Create acoustic quiet zone
- Evaluate and redeploy library digital needs in computing, printing, and scanning

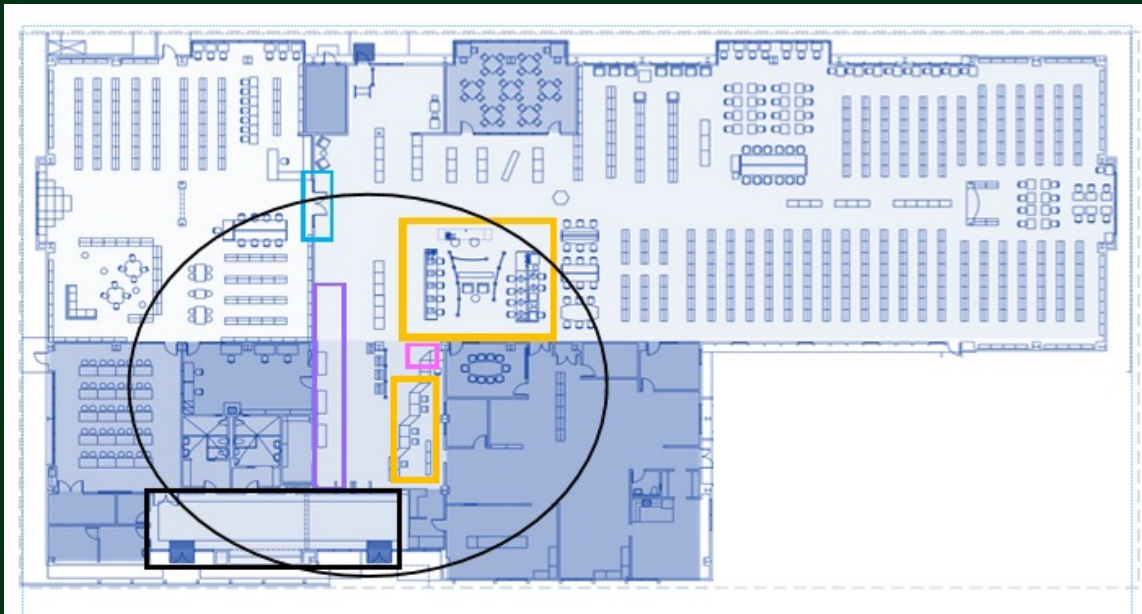
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Ongoing Improvements

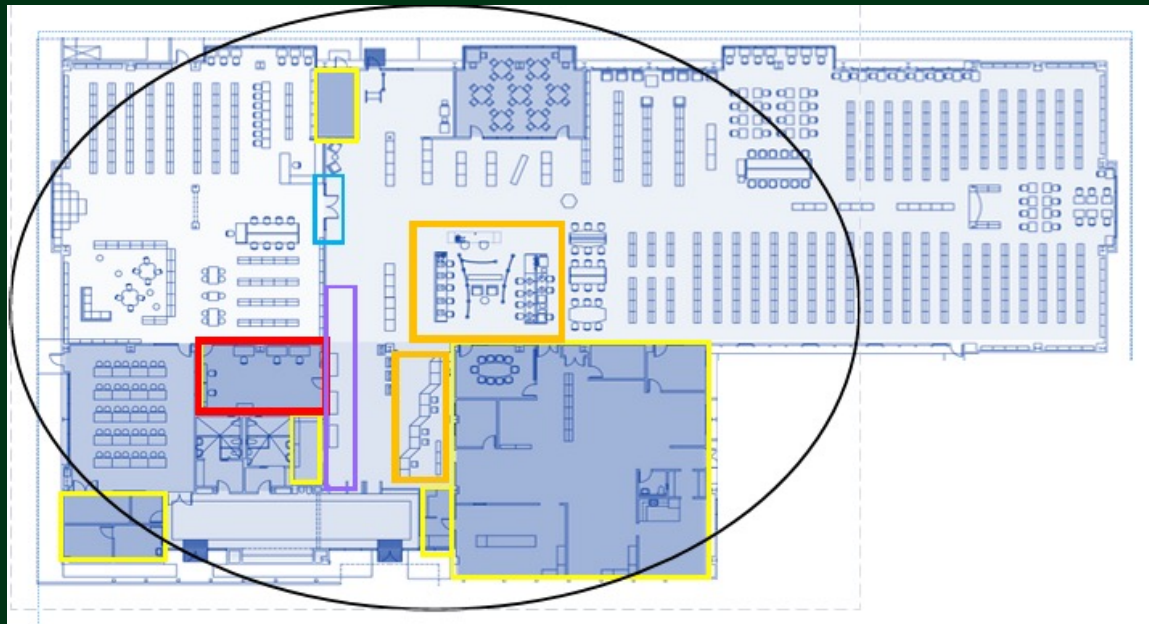
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Proposed Timeline

City Council approves
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NCLA approves
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City issues RFP to hire
Architect to draw up
preliminary plans



Questions

