

FAIR OAKS BRANCH LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

Beginning this month, exciting changes are underway at the Fair Oaks Branch of the Redwood City Public Library. Thanks to support from County of San Mateo Measure K funding, with additional funding from the City of Redwood City and the Redwood City Library Foundation, the Fair Oaks Branch Library will be expanding and renovating to better meet the needs of the community.

The new library will have several exciting features, including:

- New teen space with brand-new technology and furniture
- Bilingual Farmers Market Truck interactive play area to teach early literacy skills and nutrition
- New children's furniture and shelving that can be easily moved to create more space for programs and activities
- New comfortable adult seating for studying
- New carpet and upholstery throughout the library

- More power outlets in tabletops for plugging in laptops and phone chargers
- New smaller ergonomic desk for staff

During construction, which will expand the library from 3,200 square feet to 3,800 square feet, the Fair Oaks Library at 2510 Middlefield Road will be closed, but a temporary library space will be open next door in the Fair Oaks Community Center at 2600 Middlefield Road. While exact dates are not yet confirmed, construction is anticipated to begin in February and be completed in time for the library's Summer Learning Challenge in June. The temporary library will provide computer and Wi-Fi access, iPads and Wi-Fi hotspots for checkout, ability to pick up library materials placed on hold, access to library staff, and a very small collection of materials for browsing. Items may still be returned to the book drop outside the library.

Service hours in the temporary library will be Monday 10–5, Tuesday–Thursday 10–7 and Friday 10–5. Monday evening and Saturday service will not be available during construction but will return when we reopen in the renovated library space in June. The library will be offering extended checkout beginning Jan. 29, so borrowers can check out books, CDs and DVDS that will not be due until June when we reopen.

The Latino Community Council of Redwood City contributed funding to purchase the technology for the teen center as well as a portion of the Farmers Market Truck installation. Additional major supporters of the Farmers Market Truck included Kaiser Permanente and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

For additional information and visual representations of the renovations, please visit the library website at www.redwoodcity.org/departments/library/rcpl-info/fair-oaks-expansion, or feel free to stop by or call the Downtown Library or your local branch.

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