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Fall/Winter 2016

Fair Oaks Library Expansion

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By Derek Wolfgram, Library Director

For the past several years, our city's management and the library director have been discussing how and when to expand the Fair Oaks Library to meet the community's ever-growing need. The optimal solution is to construct a brand new library, and that will happen.

In the meantime, the Fair Oaks Library will be expanded from 3200 square feet to 3800 square feet. The construction is scheduled for this winter, most likely to commence in December.

When done, the expanded Fair Oaks Library will include these new features (refer to the picture above):

- A. New teen area with dedicated technology and furniture just for teens. The dashed line indicates the back wall of the existing space. Everything past the back wall is the additional square footage.
- B. A relocated service desk to create more space for children's seating, shelving and activities.

- C. A truck-themed early literacy/play area (similar to the baby bay in the children's area of the Downtown Library).
- D. Children's seating and shelving that can be moved to the side to create space for programs and storytimes.
- E. Comfortable new seating for adults.

Throughout the library, tabletops will have built-in power outlets to allow people to easily charge devices.

It is projected that the Fair Oaks Library will be closed for construction for 8 to 10 weeks. During construction, a temporary library space will be established in the Fair Oaks Community Center.

We are very excited about all the possibilities the new space will provide. Look for a grand reopening celebration in late winter/early spring.

Summer Learning Challenge

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For their 2016 **Summer Learning Challenge**, the Redwood City libraries set a goal of 10,000 registrants. That goal was eclipsed, with 12,515 registrants and with 3,600 participants completing the challenge and 5,125 attending programs!

Pictured above is our library director, Derek Wolfgram, who was a tremendously good sport. He allowed the children to vote on a new piece for his Derek the Director costume each week of the summer. He rode in costume in the July Fourth Parade (in which the Library and the Friends participated.) To celebrate reaching the registration goal, he had his hair dyed by librarian Everett Phillips.

Winter Reading Club

Beginning December 1, children through the age of 12 can register for the **Winter Reading Club!** It will run until the club party on Sunday, January 29.

The emphasis is on having fun while promoting reading over the winter break to maintain skill levels. Younger, nonreading children will benefit from the exposure to language and enjoying books. Both summer and winter programs

are funded by Friends.

Bookstore Holiday Sale



The Friends' Bookstore is located in the lobby of the Downtown Library at 1044 Middlefield Road. The store is the major source of funding for Redwood City libraries' programs, so every purchase is most appreciated. We offer a terrific selection of books, in lovely condition, at very low prices.

Starting in November, the Friends' Bookstore features our **annual**, **large holiday sale**. We store books for the holidays throughout the year. For the holidays, there are Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah books, movies and music. Also, we have many new or like-new items suitable for gifting.

Visit the holiday sale early, as it is very popular, with many wonderful items at extremely reasonable prices.



Santa at the Libraries

In December, Santa will be landing his sled at all four of the Redwood City libraries:

- Redwood Shores, Sunday, December 11, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Schaberg, Tuesday, December 13, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Fair Oaks, Thursday, December 15, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Downtown, Sunday, December 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Friends will be selling children's books at each Santa

visit. Chat with Santa, and buy a few books for all the very good (and the naughty) children you know!

Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- □ Junior member, under 18 years old \$10
- Eriends \$15
- □ Patrons \$25
- □ Librarian's Circle \$50
- □ Benefactors \$100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in remembrance of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge 2016 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2017 Newsletter.

Please check the box if you prefer your name listed as Anonymous.

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Storytimes / Book Club

Did you know that our four libraries feature 16 **storytimes** each week plus bimonthly Saturday storytimes?

Did you know that there are **book clubs** for third and fourth graders, for fifth and sixth graders and for tweens ? There is an adult book group too!

You didn't know? Then check out the library's website at <u>http://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/library</u> to learn about all the amazing, free reading-related activities for all ages! Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website:** www.friendsofrwclibrary.org

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Discover & Go

Discover & Go is a free museum-pass program for the whole family. The Discover & Go program allows library cardholders to reserve museum trips online by date or by venue and immediately print out passes at home (or at the library).

Recently, the Legion of Honor Museum was added to the lengthy list of participating institutions.

To learn more and register, visit: http://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/library/getit-online/discover-go



Holiday Sale in the Bookstore ~Lobby of the Downtown Library~