



Sunnyvale

# Modernization and Expansion of Public Library Services

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# Introduction



Sunnyvale Public Library

## 2024-25 Year in Review



**417,108**  
VISITORS

**34,759** Average monthly visitors

**35,757** Early Learning Hub visitors

**1,601,788**  
ITEMS BORROWED

**98,704**  
World languages  
books checked-out

**110,433**  
Holds placed

**5,014**  
Library of Things  
checked-out

**204,381**  
Digital checkouts



**52,731**  
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

**9,946**  
Cultural programs attendance

**896**  
Programs offered

**285,240**  
PRINT COLLECTIONS



**22,761**  
Books and media added

**+43%**  
Increase in Library of Things

**746,007**  
WEBSITES VISITS

**20,344**  
Public computer logins



**47,954**  
Prints, copies and scans

**161,037**  
TOTAL CARD HOLDERS



**19,623**  
New card holders

### POPULAR TOPICS

Adult Fiction

**Detective and Mystery**

Adult Non-Fiction

**Machine Learning**

Children

**Animals, Friendships**

Teens

**Pirates, High School**

# Background

- Library of the Future Study 2006/2007 (include as attachment)
- Civic Center Phase 2 – 2024 Feasibility Study and Outreach
- Civic Center Master Plan
- Ballot Measures

2007 Ballot Measure	2024 Ballot Measure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$108M bond measure</li><li>• 116K SF new construction, expandable to 143K</li><li>• 59% yes votes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$290M bond measure</li><li>• 120K SF new construction, LEED Platinum, NZE</li><li>• 59% yes votes</li></ul>

# 2007 Library of the Future Study Results

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- Children's Services: only 11% of total space (and today accounts for 65+% of business) - lacking space for collections and programming
- Configuration of library limits flexibility (very compartmentalized)
- Technological demands on facility exceed data wiring infrastructure
- Lacking in group study rooms, self-contained teen area, and large programming space

# 2024 Outreach and Study Results

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- 8,000 responses to surveys, outreach contacts, city facility kiosks, etc.
- Increase in programming and event space and more spaces
- Additional space dedicated to children, discovery, and programs
- More arts and crafts programs
- Makerspace and teen area
- More cultural programs and world language collections
- Recreation programs and classes
- Blending of inside/outside spaces
- Outdoor reading patio

# Civic Center Master Plan Success Criteria

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Improve the Quality of Services – Leaders in New Service Innovation



Fiscally Responsible



Accessible to All Members of Our Diverse Community



Civic and Community Engagement



Increase Usability of Open Space



Leaders in Sustainability



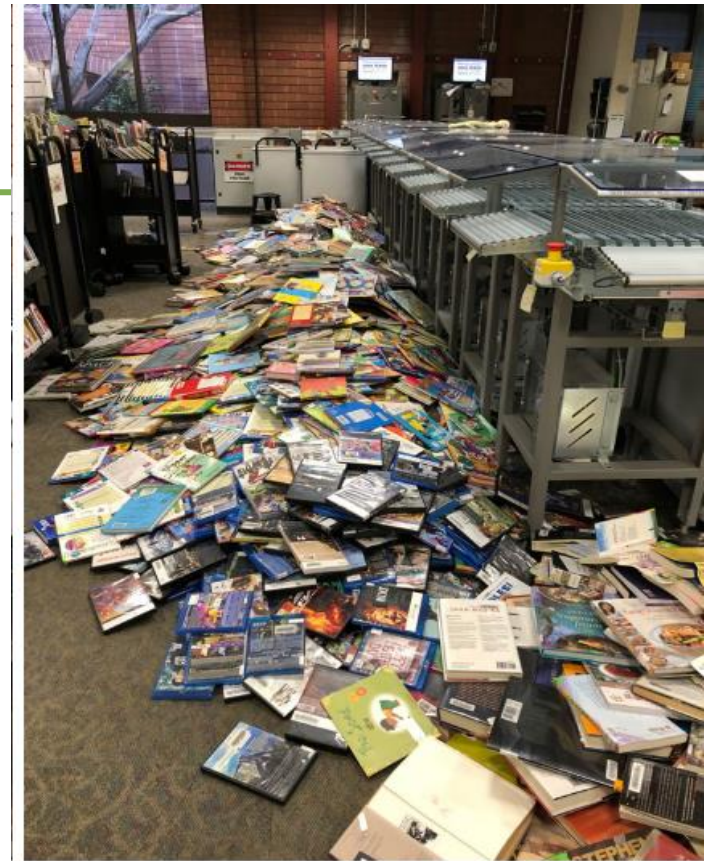
# What are we Trying to Solve Today / Future?

- Need for new building systems
- Updated technology infrastructure
  - ◆ During power outage last year, 2,600 people came to library to power devices
- Increase space for children's services
  - ◆ Currently children's is 11% of building and 65% of circulation
  - ◆ Early Learning Hub (0-5 space) – 35,700 visitors
  - ◆ Over 500 programs annually



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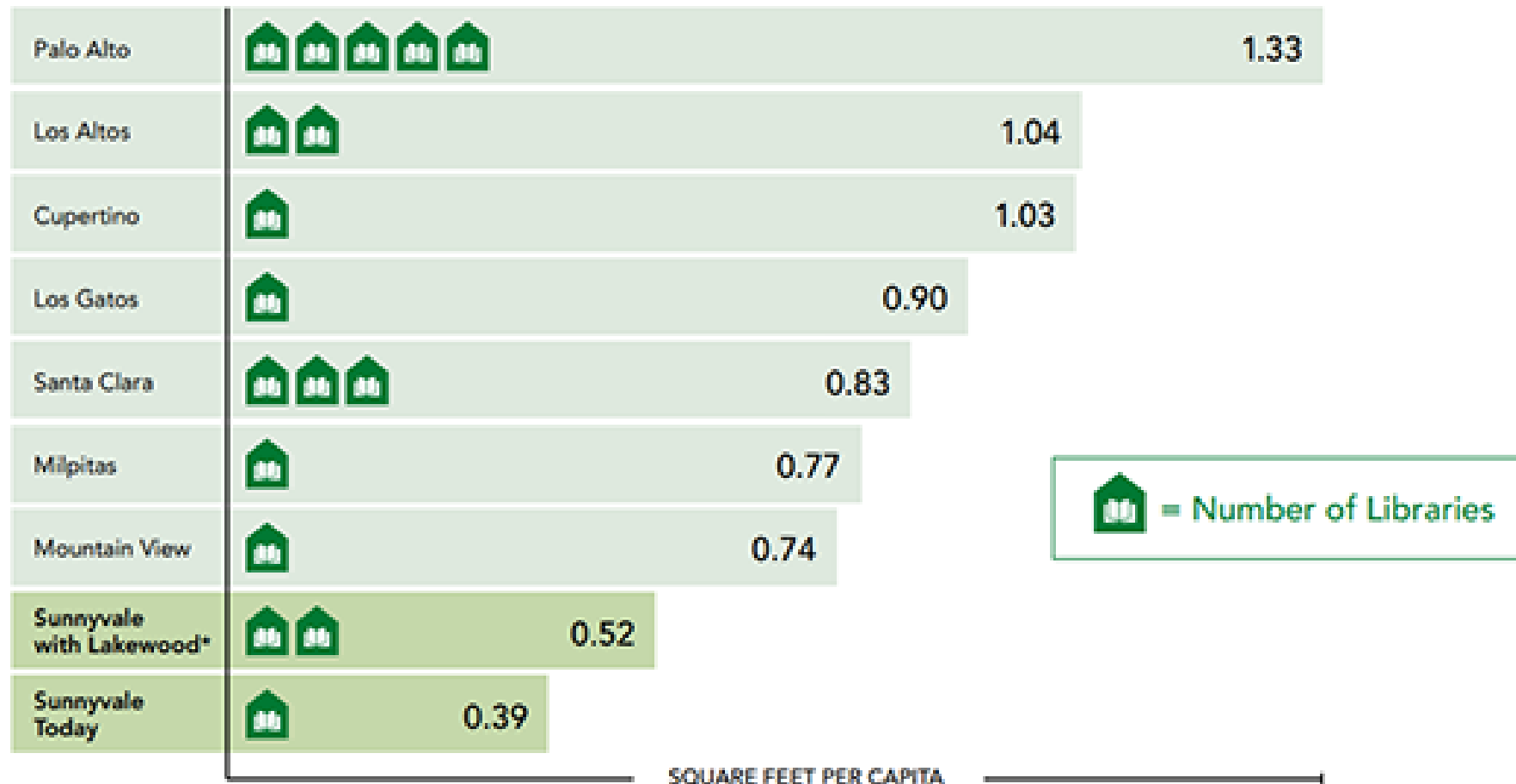
- Larger and more programming spaces
  - ◆ Almost 10,000 program attendees
  - ◆ 100,000 world language book checkouts
- "Third space" / Welcoming Community
  - ◆ Almost 1,200+ patrons daily
  - ◆ Services for everyone
- Increased collections
  - ◆ Top 10 items have a holds list average of 104 people
  - ◆ Top 20% of items on hold have 48 people





# What are we Trying to Solve Today / Future?

- Comparable space to neighboring cities



# Critical Infrastructure Needs of Existing Main Library

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*Do nothing is not an option – new building systems and refurbishments are critical at existing library.*

- Plumbing/sewage/restrooms
- Electrical
- Fire and security systems
- Data/power cabling to add flexibility to deploy (not-yet-known but new) tech in new areas assuming space swaps/expansions (ex: expansion of children's into NF wing, expanded/new program room spaces, reconfigured staff/semi-public spaces like literacy, homeless/outreach, rec, etc.)
- [maybe: HVAC to accommodate repurposed spaces (ex: challenge of converting old copy room to study room/offices due to lack of ventilation)]

# Options for a Path Forward

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- Library Master Plan
- City staff review data and provide CC with building recommendations
- Explore private / public partnerships
- Critical Infrastructure needs of existing Sunnyvale Main Library
- Future of existing Sunnyvale Main Library
- Rec & Read Mobile

# Library Master Plan

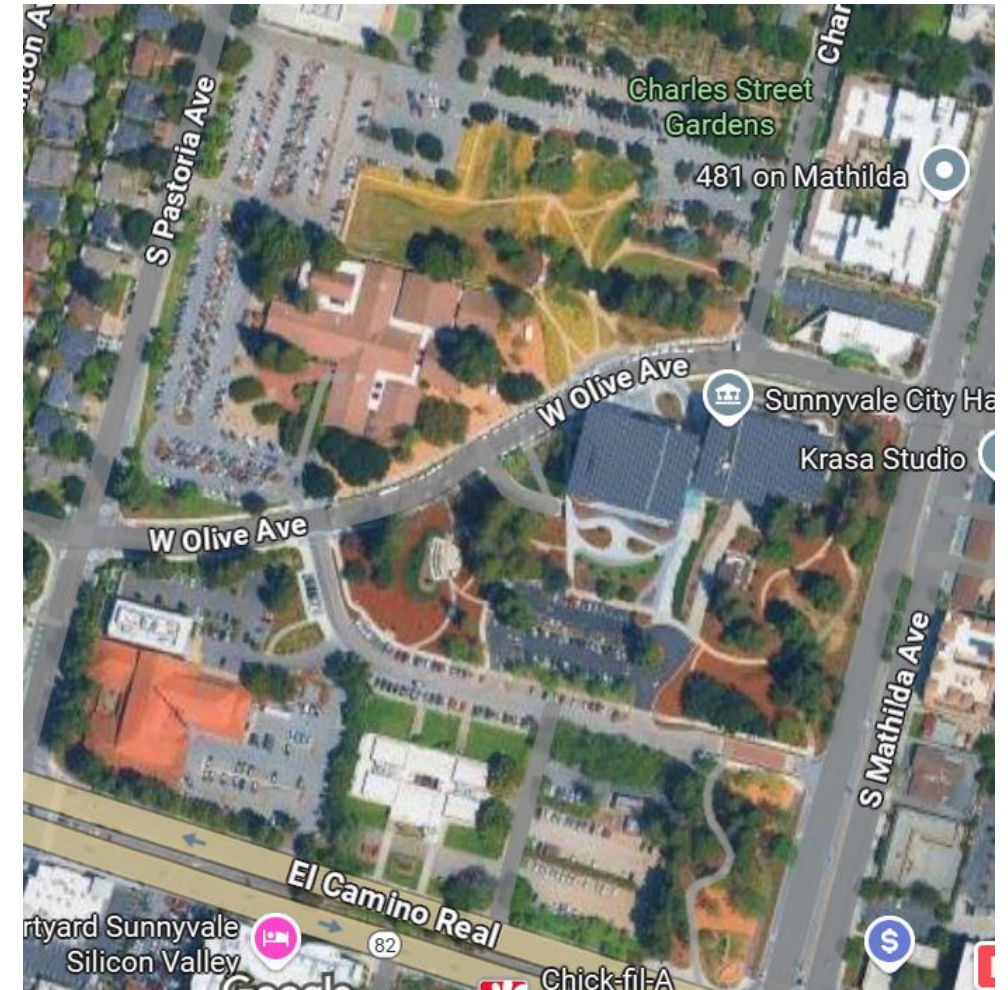
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- Hire consultant to create a master plan for new and existing Sunnyvale Libraries
- Recommendations new buildings, locations, potential public/private partnerships
- Approx. \$350,000-\$500,000
- 18 months – 2 years

# Leverage 2024 Community Input to Inform Next Steps

## Potential Options Include:

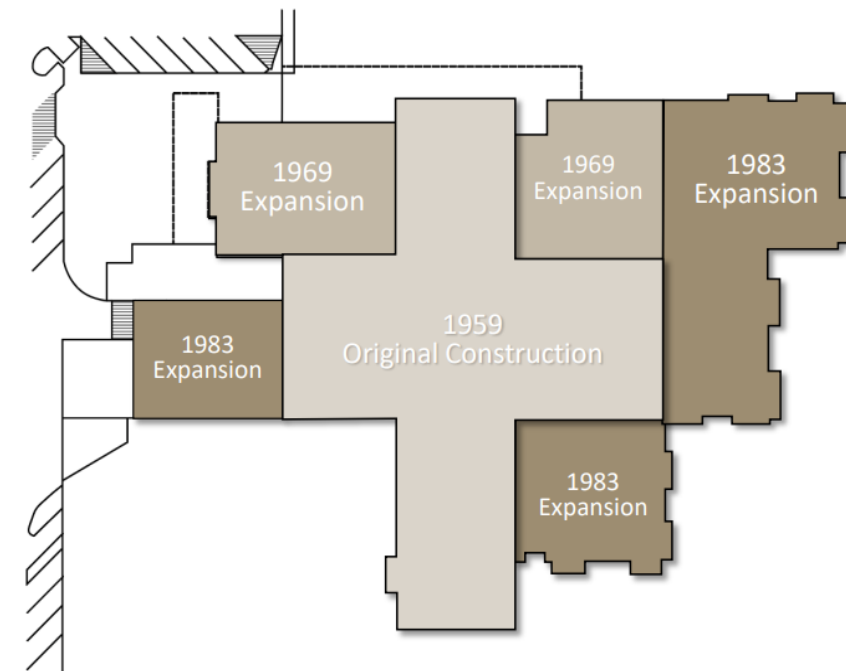
- ◆ Lease space – Downtown / El Camino Real
- ◆ Public / private partnership – Civic Center Campus
- ◆ Branch Library model – Community Center Campus
- ◆ Mobile unit – enhanced service, not alternative





# Future of Existing Sunnyvale Main Library

- Renovate (address critical needs only and continue with service limitations at lower cost vs improvements/reconfig for expanded children's/program/study/etc. at higher cost)
- Renovate + expand (for benefit of new construction for high value priorities such as new children's wing, flexible program room, and/or tech-focused wing)
- Renovate + temporary location for high priority services (ex. Children's branch/downtown)
- New construction of similar size (60K SF current building)



# Timing for Recommended Next Steps

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Within 5 Years (assuming funding and staffing resources)

- Operationalize Lakewood Branch Library (LRS & DPW)
- Explore options for leased space (OCM)
- Mobile unit – Rec & Read Mobile, Library of Things Mobile, etc. (LRS & DPW)
- Superficial renovation of existing Main Library (DPW)
- Explore Community Center Branch Library (LRS & DPW)
- Explore public / private partnership at Civic Center Campus (OCM & CDD)
- Develop Financing Options (FIN & OCM)

5+ Years - (DPW, LRS, FIN, CDD, ITD, OCM)

- Remodel of existing Main Library
- New Main Library
- Explore future branch library locations

# Financing Options

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- Currently insufficient funds
- Options
  - ◆ Partial cash funding
  - ◆ Debt financing
  - ◆ Public-private partnership (Civic Center)
  - ◆ Explore new/augmented revenue streams (September study session)
- Next Step Recommendations on Financing – 2026-2028 budget cycle

# Staff Recommendations

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- Use recent community input as the basis for next steps (no library master plan)
- Explore lease options as a short-term solution
- Explore potential public-private partnerships on the Civic Center campus (may reduce open space)
- Explore a branch library at the Community Center campus.
- Proceed with critical superficial renovations to Main Library
- Evaluate a mobile library option as an addition to other options.
- Evaluate potential revenue options for this and other capital needs and soliciting Council input
- Return to Council during FY 26/27 budget cycle timeframe with refined next steps.

# Council Discussion & Questions

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- Confirm priority to ensure that library facilities are responsive to demand and need
- Provide feedback on Staff recommendations
  - ◆ Prioritize recommendations from Staff
  - ◆ Any recommendations Council would like to remove from recommendations
- Provide feedback on potential funding strategies to inform September Finance Study Session