

A Message from Our Director

We are all living in uncertain and frightening times. I am writing you this message as we are still on PAUSE. But while the Library building is closed, the Oceanside Library remains open and continues to serve our community in ways of which I am very proud. We know we will get through this together.

In the last few months, we have led the way in providing online programs and resources. We have added numerous features, and provided accurate and relevant information. We have drawn regional and national attention for all we have done.

Before the pandemic, we had drastically changed the way the Library operates, with programs for all, including special needs, teens, seniors, parents, young adults and more. Our Healthy Oceanside and Connections programs provide vital information and help to many. Significant changes we have made in our policies have led to increased circulation and interest. And we have led the way on key issues affecting us all: the opioid crisis, our roads, hurricane relief, and more.

We are presenting to you our annual budget and our Vision 2020 plan. It requires a bond. We understand that requesting funds in the middle of a pandemic is asking a lot. We know that many in our community are hurting. But we also know that soon our building will be open again. And we believe we have shown you how important the Library is to our community.

Why do we need this project? Because we have pressing infrastructure needs right now. Because our Library is being used as never before. And because we are asking you to invest in the future of our community.

As you can see in this newsletter, Vision 2020 addresses a wide range of needs, many of which were brought up by the 300+ community members who attended our Focus Groups. Libraries, ours included, are used in ways no one could have dreamed of 25 years ago when they planned the Library's last bond issue.

The project, several years in the works, includes replacing infrastructure that will need to be replaced regardless: elevator, roof, bathrooms, windows, lighting and more. The plan is designed to meet the way our building is used: additional meeting space, quiet reading and study space, a modernized Children's Room, tween and teen areas, and program space that fits with the increasing demands of our patrons.

We address pressing issues of active shooter safety, and we will make the building more environmentally friendly. With the purchase of the property next door (for more parking) and certain security enhancements, we are making the Library a safer place for all.

We have now gone back to our experts on issues involving cleaning and sanitizing. All of our new furniture, fixtures, floor and wall coverings, etc. will be designed for maximum ease of cleaning and sanitizing.

I ask that you look at our www.oceansidevision2020.com site and that you attend one of our virtual Vision 2020 presentations where you will find a wealth of detailed information on all aspects of the project.

We will also be listing (as we have already started doing) every contract and **every single payment** so you will know exactly where every dollar is going, to whom, and for what purpose.

I am very proud of my staff, and thankful to our Board. We are recognized nationally as leaders in the Library world, for our innovation and our ability to provide world-class services at a fiscally-responsible level.

We are asking you to consider this project now. Interest rates are at an historic low. Our project will create jobs. We will be renting space in town which will help the local commercial real estate market. And most importantly, we will be able to continue to serve as our community's leader in literacy, early and continuing education, culture, information, and discerning entertainment—all while being the center of our community.

I thank you for all your support. May you and yours remain safe and healthy. We know we will see you soon!

Thank you,
Christina Marra, Director of the Oceanside Library

VISION 2020

What's Planned?

Infrastructure

- Elevators
- Roof—new & flattened
- HVAC
- Lighting
- Bathrooms
- Windows
- Generator

Clean

- All furniture and building facilities designed to be cleaned and sanitized at the highest level

Green

- High-efficiency lighting
- High-efficiency windows
- High-efficiency HVAC
- High-efficiency bathrooms
- Solar Panels

Security

- Redesigned Front
- Children/Adult separation
- Full camera coverage
- Active Shooter Designed Elements
- Better Outdoor Lighting
- Materials security upgrade
- Better sight lines
- Parking

Exterior

- New Parking spaces
- Sidewalks
- Parking lots
- Handicap parking
- Lighting
- Easier access
- ADA compliance

Redesign for Current Use

- Quiet study/reading rooms
- Group study/meeting rooms
- Comfortable seating
- Café
- Demonstration kitchen/arts & craft room
- STEM room
- Auditorium/theater
- Lower stacks
- Updated furniture
- Sealed After-hours Entranceway
- Childrens' Room
 - Lower stacks
 - Moveable stacks
 - Quiet study
 - Tween area
 - Strollers
 - Parent area
 - Better sight lines
- Community Room/Room One
- Tech throughout meeting rooms
- Design around poles
- Back office redesign
- Modern A/V system

New Features

- Self-checkout kiosks
- Lactation Room
- Teen Area
- Garden area
- Privacy, Gender-neutral, & Family bathrooms
- Moveable stacks
- Rooms designed to change
- Storage space for "library of things"

OCEANSIDE LIBRARY
PROPOSED BUDGET
2020/2021

	BUDGET <u>2019/2020</u>	PROPOSED <u>2020/2021</u>
RECEIPTS		
State Aid	\$10,000	\$10,000
Applied Balance	\$90,000	\$0
Other Income (Fines, Book Sale, Donations PILOT, Interest, etc.)	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$180,000	\$80,000
EXPENDITURES		
PERSONNEL	\$2,305,168	\$2,463,694
BENEFITS		
Retirement	\$300,000	\$300,000
Social Security	\$180,000	\$190,000
Mandated Benefits	\$811,000	\$836,000
LIBRARY SERVICES		
Books	\$187,000	\$187,000
Media	\$85,000	\$85,000
Subscriptions	\$22,000	\$22,000
Electronic Searching	\$49,000	\$49,000
Library Automation System	\$62,215	\$64,820
Library System Support	\$29,138	\$27,930
Community Information/Programs	\$109,000	\$137,500
Computer/Software	\$20,000	\$20,000
Puzzles & Toys	\$1,000	\$1,000
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS		
Library Supplies	\$38,000	\$43,000
Telephone	\$17,100	\$17,100
Printing/Postage	\$30,500	\$35,500
Professional Fees/Contracts	\$49,620	\$48,320
Professional Development	\$12,100	\$19,000
Office Equipment Contracts/Maintenance	\$74,385	\$88,785
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Utilities	\$85,000	\$87,000
Custodial Supplies	\$15,000	\$15,000
Repair to Equipment/Building & Grounds	\$39,000	\$39,000
Insurance	\$40,000	\$40,000
Building Service Contracts	\$33,127	\$30,929
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$20,500	\$20,500
VISION 2020		\$1,800,000
DEBT SERVICE	<u>\$315,914</u>	<u>\$316,114</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$4,930,767	\$6,984,192
LESS RECEIPTS	(\$180,000)	(\$80,000)
DISTRICT TAXES	\$4,750,767	\$6,904,192

What's the Cost?

The maximum bond will be \$33,500,000-less depending on actual costs
The maximum cost of the bond is \$1,800,000 per year- less, depending on interest rates and costs (these were estimated in January)

Average household Library tax, now: \$314 per year

Average household Library tax, after bond: \$454 per year

Increase: \$140 per year/ \$11.66 per month per household

Additional Information

26 Focus Groups/300 people plus every employee had input on design

Interest rates at historic lows

Major repairs are needed/will be needed soon

Purchases the property next-door for a once-in-a-lifetime chance to add parking

Request for proposals- opened in public meeting

All contracts & payments online

Will continue library services during construction

Program Attendance Increase: 72%

Circulation Increase: 14 out of last 16 months

We serve as Oceanside's Community Center

**Library Budget
Proposition 3
Voting By Mail ONLY**

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**Library Budget & Bond Issue
Proposition 3 on Your Ballot**

- ◆ Major infrastructure repairs to the building (elevator, roof, bathrooms, lighting, windows, generator, etc.)
- ◆ Redesign of building to make it easier to clean and sanitize
- ◆ Purchase of next-door property to expand parking (less crossing of Davison Avenue)
- ◆ Redesign to make the building more environmentally friendly
- ◆ Redesign to safeguard against active-shooter situations
- ◆ New space to meet our current needs
- ◆ Preparing for the future

