



Beaumont Library

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BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

a California Special District,
independent of both city and county
government, providing library services
to Beaumont and Cherry Valley



December 2023

Beaumont Library to Receive \$1 Million in ARPA Funding through Riverside County

by Luren Dickinson, Director

Following a meeting with Riverside County's Chief Operating Officer, Juan Perez, on October 11, the Beaumont Library District Board of Trustees on October 26 approved an agreement to accept \$1,000,000 in ARPA funding offered by the County.

The grant award, approved November 28 by the Board of Supervisors, comes from federal American Rescue Plan Act stimulus funding and will go toward Beaumont Library's renovation/expansion project.

District 5 County Supervisor, Yxstian Gutierrez, attended the Library Board meeting with his Board Assistant, Thomas Miranda. Supervisor Gutierrez, in addressing the ARPA grant proposal, mentioned that

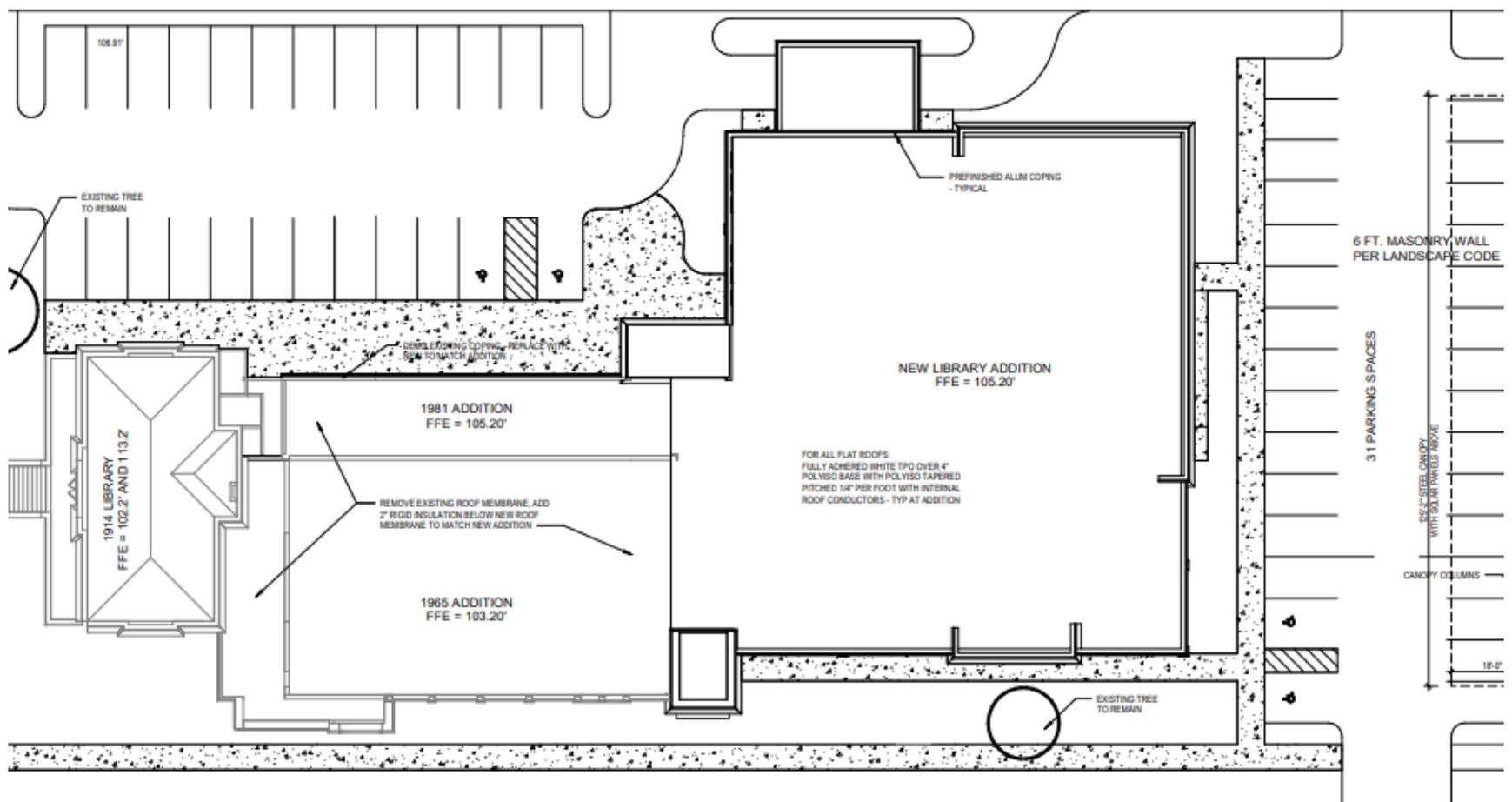
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Beaumont Library was one of the first places he visited and toured after taking office and that he wanted to help the Library achieve its goals.



(From the left to the right) Beaumont Library District Director Luren Dickinson, Library Trustee Michelle Lillard-Geiser, Library Board Secretary Bret Mahoney, District 5 County Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, Library Trustee Steve Perry, and Library Board President Margaret Coleman.

The Library Director thanked the Supervisor and explained ARPA funds would allow for full expansion, including a Bookmobile garage.



Site plan of Beaumont Library's renovation/expansion plan showing the full addition to the south with a Bookmobile garage and new parking lots.

The only items yet to be funded are the proposed solar-covered parking structure and new automated sorting equipment.

Also at its October meeting, the Library Board finalized its contract with design-build firm C.W. Driver, as well as subcontracts for a land survey, hazardous material services, geotechnical investigations, and CEQA (CA Environmental Quality Act) compliance documentation, which will all be part of the pre-construction process.

The Library's Most Popular Titles in 2023

Adult Fiction: Colleen Hoover's *Regretting you*, *Verity*, and *Reminders of him* ranked 1, 2, & 5; Barbara Kingsolver's *Demon copperhead* and Taylor Reid's *Seven husbands of Evelyn Hugo* placed third and fourth.

Adult Non-Fiction: 1) *The personal memoirs of U.S. Grant*; 2) *How to design a model railroad*; 3) *Encounter in Rendlesham Forest*; 4) *Lost cities & ancient mysteries of South America*; 5) *Steam: an enduring legacy*.

Mysteries: 1) *Desert star*, Michael Connelly; 2) *No plan B*, Lee Child; and tied for 3) *Hunting time*, Jeffrey Deaver; *I will find you*, Harlan Coben; *Murder book*, Thomas Perry; and *Everyone in my family has murdered someone*, by Benjamin Stevenson.

Science Fiction: 1) *Court of thorns and roses*, Sarah Maas; 2) *The pariah*, Anthony Ryan; tied for 3) *Game of thrones*, George R. R. Martin; and *Gideon the Ninth*, Tamsyn Muir; 5) *Empire of storms*, Sarah Maas.

DVDs: 1) *Top gun: Maverick*; 2) *Black Adam*; 3) *Black Panther: Wakanda forever*; 4) *The Fabelmans*; & tied for 5) *Babylon & Banshees of Inisherin*.

Children's Fiction: *The diary of a wimpy kid* series top everything!

Children's Non-Fiction: 1) *Garbage trucks*; 2) *Highlights book of things to do*; and tied for 3) *Cool creations in 101 pieces*; *Easy origami*; *Ultimate ocean rumble*; and *Tea parties*.

Children's Graphic Novels: Dav Pilkey's *Dog man* and *Cat kid* win it all!

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Library Hours

Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Tuesday—11 to 11:45 a.m., Noble Creek

Thursday—9 to 10 a.m., Liberty Village

Friday—11 to 11:45 a.m., Chatigny Community Center

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