



LIBRARY CLOSED

Friday, February 14,
through Thursday,
February 20, due to
construction staging.



BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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



February 2025

Library Expansion/Renovation Project Groundbreaking Set for February 12

by Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus

After decades of planning, Beaumont Library District's expansion and renovation project is underway. In mid-November, construction crews started fencing off the southern portion of the parking lot area in preparation for bringing equipment onto the work site.

Also, hazardous waste abatement began on the library-owned house just south of the parking lot in late November and demolition took place in early January to provide further space for the contractors working on the Phase I expansion. On January 17, a construction trailer was brought onsite, which made it necessary to close the east entrance to the library. As a result, the number of spaces in the east parking lot

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will be limited and the west entrance off California Avenue, where street parking is available, will be the only public access to the library until the first phase is completed.

Beaumont Library has not been enlarged since 1965 when there were 6,500 people in the service area. Sixty years later the district now has over 65,000 residents!

The expansion project will nearly double the facility's square footage and is expected to begin soon with a groundbreaking ceremony set for Wednesday, February 12, at noon.

Prior to the groundbreaking, a private reception will be held in the library jointly sponsored by the Beaumont Woman's Club, that was instrumental in getting a public library established back in 1911, the Friends of Beaumont Library support group, and the Library.



Rendition of the proposed new service desk that will greet library users once they enter the expanded building from a redesigned parking lot.

Because some of the current space will be needed as part of the staging for Phase I, the adult section of the library will be significantly reduced. There will be little seating or study space available for library users other than at the public computers and at tables limited by reservation to use by children and tutors.

During the construction period, regular in-library programs will be put on hold, but offsite programming will continue with family storytimes at the Beaumont Woman's Club, 306 E. Sixth Street, and tween and teen programs at the Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 702 Euclid Avenue.

Bookmobile stops and other outreach services, however, will continue to operate as usual. Literacy services will be provided at both the Chatigny Center, 1310 Oak Valley Parkway, and the 232 W. Sixth Street library annex location.

The library expansion will feature an all-new children's room with a dedicated "Family Place" play area with step seating for storytime activities, a separate space especially for teens, a conference room for both library and public use, state-of-the-art public restrooms, and a community room with the capacity to host up to 100 people!

A garage will also be included in the Phase I expansion to house the brand-new Beaumont Library Bookmobile. In addition, there will be a new Friends of the Beaumont Library bookstore that will be accessible from the east parking lot.

Phase II, expected to begin in late 2025, will update and preserve our historical Carnegie Library, the last one still operating in Riverside County, which celebrated its 110th birthday in 2024.

Beaumont Library will maintain 7-day-a-week operations, but with reduced hours in 2025. Moves of library shelving and office space may require closures at various stages during construction (see the inset box for February closures), so check Beaumont Library's social media pages, including Facebook and Instagram, as well as our expansion and renovation website at myBLDproject.org for updates.

Beaumont Library

will be closed beginning Friday, February 14, through Thursday, February 20, to prepare for Phase I library expansion construction.

Sign Up for Library Newsletter or Notices

To receive this newsletter automatically via email, please write to info@bld.lib.ca.us and you can also request notices on programs for children, or teens and adults, through the same address.

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Library Hours During Construction

Sunday—1 to 5 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday—1 to 5 p.m.

Thursday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday—1 to 5 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Tuesdays—11 a.m., Noble Creek—Storytime

Wednesdays—11 a.m., Chatigny—Storytime

3 p.m., Blossom Apartments

4 p.m., Liberty Village

Saturdays—9 a.m., Mickelson Park

10 a.m. Trevino Park

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