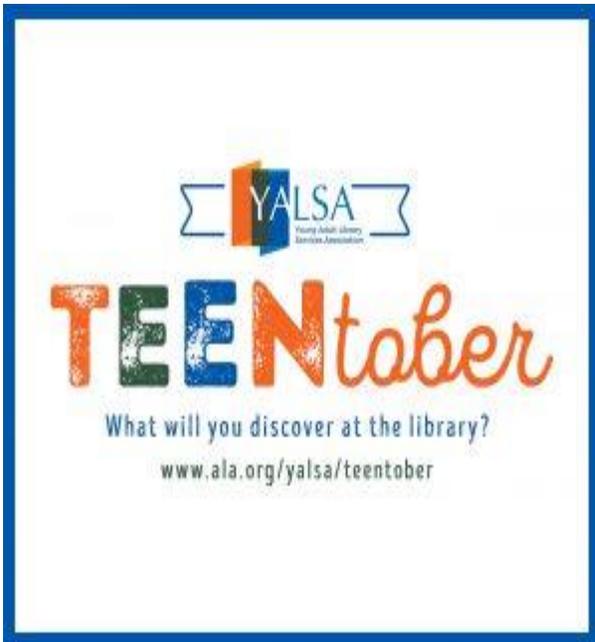




Beaumont Library

is going to be closed on Monday, October 9, for Staff Development Day.



BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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



October 2023

Library Renovation/Expansion Timeline

by Luren Dickinson, Director

Plans to expand and modernize Beaumont Library date back to 2013. A larger facility is much-needed to serve a rapidly growing population and would preserve and update Beaumont's historic 1914 structure, the last remaining Carnegie library in Riverside County.

Efforts to raise those funds through Measure M last November were unsuccessful, not reaching the required two-thirds super majority, mainly due to bad economic conditions and a misunderstanding of the issues by a large portion of the electorate.

Despite these factors, over 50% of those who voted cast their ballots in favor of saving and renovating our community's historic Carnegie building while expanding the library facility.

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On the bright side, Beaumont Library learned shortly before the election that it was being awarded a \$4.8 million infrastructure grant by the State Library. Another bit of good news came on November 15, when Round 2 of the “Building Forward” grant program was announced.

Engberg Anderson Architect Alex Ramsey presented a rough plan to the Library Board in February showing how the Round 1 funding could be used with a 40% reduction in the original design.

She met with library staff in April to discuss how best to organize that much smaller layout. The Board approved their recommendation to preserve and renovate the Library’s 1965 addition, along with the Carnegie portion of the building, rather than leveling it to construct a two-story attachment.



View looking south from the parking lot past a new Friends bookstore toward a new sidewalk-level entrance between the 1965 addition and the proposed expansion to the south.

In May, the Library submitted a Round 2 application for \$5,151,250 in additional funding. Supplemental funding from a Round 2 grant would allow for a larger expansion. Award announcements are expected soon.



The renovated Carnegie structure and 1965 addition with the proposed expansion as seen looking to the east from California Avenue showing a new entrance accessible from the south parking lot.

In the meantime, great progress was made during the summer with steps taken to select a design-build construction firm to handle the design development and contracting of the project.

The two pre-qualified companies accepted by the Board on July 27 were Bogh Engineering, Inc. of Beaumont, teamed with Roger Clarke, and C.W. Driver of Irvine, teamed with TSK. Bids were received August 30 and reviewed by the Library Board on August 31.

The Library Board selected the C.W. Driver team for the project due to its superior work record building libraries, quality of integrating services, and comprehensive planning capability. C.W. Driver is the oldest active licensed builder headquartered in Southern California. The combined team of C.W. Driver and TSK have completed more than 30 library and 70 design-build projects. Contracts are in development and will be ratified at the Library Board meeting later this month.

After contracts are in place, the technical design of the renovation and expansion project will begin. Per the schedule below, it is anticipated that necessary documents will be completed by next summer with construction starting late next year. Beaumont Library plans to remain operational during construction and the renovated/expanded facility is expected to open in the spring of 2026.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023			PREPARE BRIDGING DOCUMENTS				D-B BIDDING		AWARD	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (5 MONTHS)		
2024			CONTRACT DOCS (4 MONTHS)				PLAN CHECK (4 MONTHS)				PHASE 1 - CONSTRUCTION (14 MONTHS)	
2025									PHASE 2 - RENOVATION (6 MONTHS)			
2026			MOVE IN									

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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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