

County Librarian's Report to the Library Commission

Thursday March 19, 2026

Self-Service Sundays Update

Online orientation for new sign-ups for Self Service Sundays will launch sometime in March. Patrons will be able to go to our [website](#) to watch a video that outlines how the program works and then print out the patron agreement and liability waiver. Patrons will bring the signed form into a branch and then staff will update the settings on the patron's card so they are allowed to access the building using the Self-Service Sundays pin pad. The video is currently being reviewed to ensure it meets accessibility standards and then we will add a Spanish language track.

Self-Service Sundays are on track to launch at the San Pablo and Pittsburg Libraries by June 30, 2026.

FY 26-27 Budget Submitted

The Library Department's FY26-27 proposed budget was submitted to the County Administrator's Office on Friday February 6th. The Library's total proposed FY2026-2027 budget is \$56,231,131. In comparison, the FY25-26 budget was \$45,693,217. This significant increase is because in previous years, certain ongoing annual costs were covered by fund balance rather than being included in the budget. This year's budget now incorporates all ongoing annual costs, which results in a structural gap of \$8,069,042. A portion of fund balance monies will be used to close the gap and remaining fund balance monies will cover one-time costs. This approach creates more transparency and gives a realistic view of the actual annual cost to operate the Library Department. The Board of Supervisors will consider all department's budgets during budget hearings on April 27th and 28th. The Library Department is scheduled to present its proposed budget in the afternoon of Monday 4/27.

Congratulations to Commissioner Dennisha Marsh!

Commissioner Marsh is the recipient of the Los Medanos Community College Visionary Leadership MLK Award. The LMC MLK awards recognize community civil rights and social justice champions, and students whose activism sets them apart as emerging leaders. Commissioner Marsh received the award for her work as the Executive Director

of [Parental African American Achievement Collaborative Team](#) (PAAACT), a nonprofit organization dedicated to aligning essential educational and economic resources with underserved families in Contra Costa County.

New Bay Point Library Updates: The developers (Pacific West) who are building the development that will house the new Bay Point Library received all their financing for the project in December 2025. They will break ground on the project by June of 2026 and the projected opening day for the new Library is June 30, 2029. Additionally, U.S. Representative John Garamendi has secured \$2 million for the library project as part of this year's appropriations package.

Deferred Maintenance Projects Updates

Over the next almost two years, the Library will be tackling some large-scale infrastructure projects at four county-owned library buildings. Due to the scope of work these significant upgrades will address, the libraries will be closed for extended periods of time.

Pinole Library

Closure length: March 1, 2026, for approximately 11 months

Scope of work: New roof, new all-electric HVAC, modernized electrical system, energy-efficient interior lighting and cleaner air technology, and a repaved parking lot with ADA improvements

Closure details: <https://ccclib.org/news/pinole-library-to-undergo-major-renovation-to-modernize-50-year-old-facility/>

Antioch Library

Closure length: September 2026 for approximately 4 months

Scope of work: Electrical and lighting upgrades, ADA improvements to parking lot

Closure details: Coming Summer of 2026

Ygnacio Valley Library

Closure length: Fall 2026 for approximately 8 – 10 months

Scope of work: New roof, new HVAC, lighting & electrical upgrades

Closure details: Coming Fall of 2026

Kensington Library

Closure length: Fall 2026 for at least one year

Scope of work: HVAC, electrical and lighting upgrades, ADA improvements and interior renovations and remodel

Closure details: Coming Fall of 2026

New Oakley Library Update

The new Oakley Library project is moving along at a brisk pace. Architects [Siegel and Strain](#) are working closely with both City of Oakley staff and Library staff on the design. You can find the latest news about the project on the City's [website](#). The City is aiming to have the new Library built and open to the public by the beginning of 2028.

Project Second Chance Move: The Project Second Chance office is moving in February! PSC will still be located in Salvio Pacheco Square but is moving to Suite 310, which provides more than double the space of the current suite. This move will allow PSC's growing staff, volunteer, and learner community to have the room they need, as the program has already outgrown its current location. The new space will include dedicated areas for tutor/learner pairs, a training room, and additional flexible space to support collaboration, learning, and future growth. While an exact move-in date has not yet been confirmed, we'll share updates as soon as details are finalized. Please note that the PSC office will likely be closed for approximately one week during the moving process, and those dates will be communicated in advance.

ANNUAL CITY LETTERS

Each year by March 31st, the Library provides a cost estimate for extra hours, technology and facility costs (if applicable) for the next fiscal year to each of our city partners. Extra hour options are for 6, 12, or 16 hours per week. If a City is going to change the number of extra hours they are funding in the next fiscal year, they must inform the Library by May 31st. Current extra hours are:

City	Branch Name	FY25-26	
		County Base	City Extra
Antioch	Antioch	40	0
Antioch	Prewett*	35	n/a
Brentwood	Brentwood	40	12
Clayton	Clayton	40	0
Concord	Concord	40	12
Danville	Danville	40	16
El Cerrito	El Cerrito**	40	6

Hercules	Hercules	40	6
Lafayette	Lafayette	40	16
Martinez	Martinez	40	0
Moraga	Moraga	40	0
Oakley	Oakley***	40	n/a
Orinda	Orinda	40	16
Pinole	Pinole	40	0
Pittsburg	Pittsburg	40	12
Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	40	12
San Pablo	San Pablo	40	12
San Ramon	Dougherty Station	40	6
San Ramon	San Ramon	40	16
Walnut Creek	Walnut Creek	40	12
Walnut Creek	Ygnacio Valley	40	12
n/a	Bay Point*	35.5	n/a
n/a	Crockett*	18	6
n/a	EL Sobrante	40	n/a
n/a	Kensington	40	n/a
n/a	Rodeo*	18	6
TOTAL		986.5	178
TOTAL OPEN HOURS			1164.5

*outlets, not full-service libraries
**not eligible to fund more than 6 extra hours due to size limitations of facility
***not eligible to fund extra hours dues to size limitations of facility