Santa Cruz Public Libraries

Overview

Susan Nemitz, Director

Accomplishments

- Passed Measure S
- Hired a Library Director
- Developed a strategic plan
- Reorganized the workforce
- Worked with the Friends to build a strong infrastructure for fundraising.
- Developed two-prong plan for working with homelessness
- Adopted funding framework for strategic investments





2017-2018

- Add 66 public open hours per week
 - ✤ 4 at Branciforte
 - ✤ 4 at Downtown
 - 9 at Garfield
- Replace and adding public computers
- Add wireless printing
- Invest \$300k into the collection
- Develop a plan for the Downtown Library
- Begin building Capitola and Felton
- Celebrating 150 years





Library Governance

- Governance Changes
- Joint Powers Board
- Consists of 3 City Managers and the County Administrator
- Library overhead charge paid to the City
- Jurisdictions own the buildings





Facilities Master Plan

- 2012 Group 4
- Goal Create modern library facilities
- 1968 built Downtown
- Recommendations:
 - Maintain \$8.2 M
 - Gain \$1.4 \$1.9 M
 - Attain \$24.9 \$35.6 M





Measure S

- Modernize, upgrade and repair local libraries
- \$67 M bond Issue
- Passed June 2016
- Must be used by 2025

Distribution: County \$26 M City \$25 M Capitola \$8 M SV \$3 M



2016 Feasibility Study

- Explore multi-use facility
- Completed study of Cedar Street with parking garage
- \$23-27 M
- Requested advisory
 committee





Downtown Library Options

- 1. Remodel on site
- 2. Rebuild on site
- 3. Rebuild as part of parking garage on Cedar Street



