

A bit of news to report.

The ***April 17 City Council Study Session*** about the Downtown has been **postponed**. It may be on **May 1** instead but we have not confirmed that date as of this update. Pencil it on your calendars. The Study Session will be about the Downtown in general. It is not solely about the library, but that will be a part of the discussion. It will likely be an evening session.

On April 3 we had an excellent hour of discussion about the library-in-a-parking garage project on Bruce Bratton's Grapevine radio program. Rick Longinotti, Chris Krohn, Judi Grunstra and Jean Brocklebank participated. Thanks, Bruce! As a result of that program, we had four individuals use the Contact Us form on DBTL's web site. Many others visited the web site (we have a visitor counter). In addition to the four contacts after the radio program, another two contacted us after reading our Sentinel OpEd.

All are now receiving these updates. One person is working on gathering information on how to get an independent estimate for renovation of the downtown library. Another may be able to offer the use of his home shop for printing postcards. We've jumped from 92 recipients of these updates to 99 since the last update.

Another Radio Interview

Rick Longinotti (for CFST) and Jean Brocklebank (for DBTL) will be interviewed by Rosemary Chalmers at the

end of her morning program on commercial radio station **KSCO**. Tune in on **April 19th at 8:30** am.

Earth Day

Although Earth Day is officially April 22 all over the world, Santa Cruz has scheduled **Saturday, April 21** from **11 am to 4 pm** on the benchlands of San Lorenzo Park for Earth Day booths. We won't have a booth, but some of us will be there, mingling with flyers to identify our [Don't Bury The Library](#) campaign. A recent ad in the Good Times highlighted "**Protect What You Love.**" We will focus on our theme for the library project as the best alternative for investing the Measure S funds to **Restore Reuse Renovate: The real way to protect what you love.** See you there!

More on Library Volunteers

We continue to learn of more Friends of Santa Cruz Public Libraries volunteers who are opposed to abandoning the downtown library rather than committing to creatively renovate it and make it a "shiny new library for the 21st century."

A volunteer reminded me that there are two other branches besides the Downtown (Garfield Park and Branciforte) that have devoted volunteers doing good work but have no official Chapters.

Garfield Park branch has interesting and educational

activities for kids, a very nice 50-cent book sale wagon, a free magazine pile and more. As one volunteer said "*It is an essential neighborhood hub and usually bustling with activity whenever I drop in.*" Volunteers love libraries and vice versa!

Friends of Santa Cruz Public Libraries

There seems to be a difference between real friends of the SC libraries and the official organization to which most of us have contributed over the years. Why is that?

It is annoying that FSCPL continues to lie about Option A (renovation) on its web site <http://fscpl.org/questions-about-future-downtown-branch/>. The first part of the following statement is unsubstantiated and the second part (bolded) is an outright lie :

With Option A:

- The building will offer less workable space than the current library **and will be 8,000 square feet smaller than Option B.**

That whopper is followed by another biased statement, completely unsubstantiated. There is no evidence for this:

- Annual maintenance and upkeep will cost more in Option A than with any of the other Options.

One last bit of news

Apparently the library administration is busy trying to find other examples of libraries with parking garages, to show

us that it is not so unusual, probably so we'll embrace the idea. We received a list of these examples that suggests they are grasping at straws. One of the examples is a \$245 million library in Calgary, Alberta, that was built on top of a rail line. It has 60 meeting rooms ... just what Santa Cruz needs! Another example is Kansas City, where the library is on one corner and a parking garage is across the street on another corner.

That's a wrap for now. Stay tuned ...

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