

With Space to Create New Stories

Option B builds a downtown branch with enough room for new communities to develop - *like a Teen Zone!*

Visit the Los Gatos Library's Teen Zone [here](#).

And here's what Palo Alto teens think of their library's Teen Zone:

"The Teen Zone . . it's a great space to collab and work with friends and peers!" - Christine

"There's something special about being with people as old as you and going through the same experiences that you are." - Emma



A Halloween program for teens at the Scotts Valley Branch.

"It allows me to work and talk with friends without being a 'disturbance' to the rest of the library." - Kaitlyn

"If you are just looking to relax after a busy day at school, the Zone provides books, magazines, and audio that you can use to pass the time." - M



The Teen Zone in Palo Alto's Library

Beyond a Dedicated Teen Room, Option B would offer more space for:

- Additional Community Meeting Rooms for your club or committee,
- A Learning/Collaboration Space for S.T.E.A.M & Makers Programs,
- Several quiet rooms for you to study or work with no distractions.

Room to Grow Your Developing Stories

Option B will allow you to keep and grow the library programs you love. An Option A remodel will require cutbacks.

The Genealogy Society of Santa Cruz County is looking forward to a new library that will let them grow their collections.

"Imagine how I felt when I found out that I had 20+ ancestors buried in the Soquel Odd Fellows Cemetery. I, who was born in Missouri, suddenly had family here and all over California!

"For more than 25 years, I have been doing genealogy research on all the branches of my family. I've only just begun to scratch the surface of the many branches.

"A library with a room dedicated to genealogy and all its resources is such an asset for seniors, like myself, who want to further our research of our ancestors."
-Donna Rodoni



Beyond an enhanced Genealogy Area, Option B would offer:

- A larger Children's Space - separate from the teen room - for programs, collections and dedicated computer stations.
- Up to an additional 69 computer stations reserved for adults.
- And room for the activities of your *Friends of the SCPL*!

A Haven for your Favorite Stories

Option B offers you more room to enjoy and share the books you love.

Whereas a remodel through Option A could result in smaller collections for the entire library system.

"Don't tell the librarian. I remember wonderful old books which are sadly out of fashion. When I see one on the shelves, I check it out so it stays in the collection and doesn't get *decommissioned*."

- Kate, who enjoys introducing her granddaughter to the Classics.

It's the size of the Downtown Santa Cruz Branch that allows your librarians at EVERY BRANCH to keep significant but not-so-popular books in circulation.

An Option A Remodel will decrease the size of your downtown library, and likely decrease the number of books in your entire library system.

Did you know? A librarian's heart breaks when a book is completely removed from circulation.

Imagine your library without:

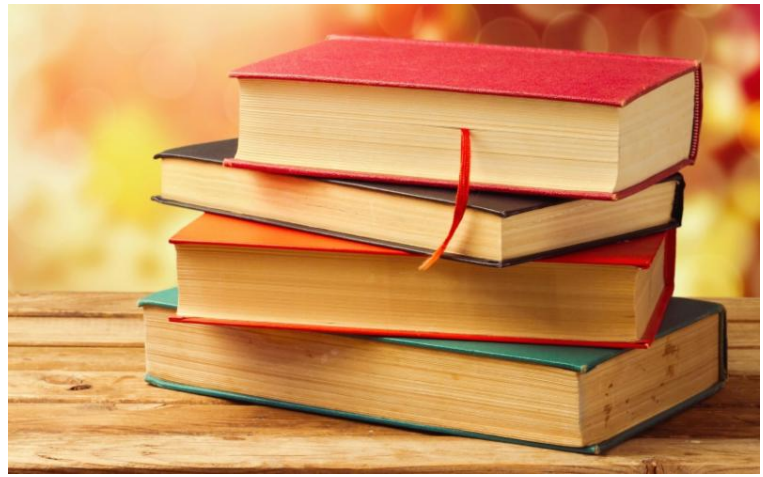
- *"The Count of Monte Cristo"* by Alexandre Dumas
- *"Caramelo"* by Sandra Cisneros, or
- *"Go Tell It On The Mountain"* by James Baldwin.

Option B provides more space and more books for you to share with younger generations, or to enjoy as you do old friends!

Beyond your favorite novels, Option B offers abundant space for your collections in:

- Non-fiction
- Large print
- Spanish language
- Local and California History, and
- Your favorite magazines and newspapers.





Review the recommended square footage for each possible feature in your future Downtown Santa Cruz Branch [here](#).



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