Riverside Public Library Foundation

Literacy Legacy Program

The Design of the New Riverside Main Library

Riverside is deservedly proud of its long distinguished history and its eclectic robust architectural legacy. While carrying forward these traditions, principal architects Steve Johnson and Jim Favaro of Johnson Favaro designed a library that is contemporary in plan and conception – a vital modern institution abreast of all technological developments and a symbol of advancement and learning. It creates a landmark befitting of our time, continuing the traditions but also reflecting contemporary aspiration in a way that is commensurate with the contributions of the early 20th century city pioneers.

The exterior design of the new Riverside Main Library is inspired by a wide range of California architectural styles – Spanish Colonial Revival, Moorish Revival, Spanish Gothic, Renaissance Revival. These varied influences include The Mission Inn itself in its use of cast-in-place concrete as well as its inspiration of Mission Revival; the California Missions in the use of white plaster surfaces, both dramatic and simple, that when curved against the California sky, reflect the intense heat of the southwestern sun; the historical and easily recognized arch and balloon vault form – thousands of years old, yet found in the Missions in the late 18th Century, in the neighboring Fox Theater of 1929, in the designs of the Mid-20th- Century architect Irving Gill, in Eero Saarinen's TWA Terminal at JFK Airport – that give shape to the windows and the ceiling; and the marble print porcelain tile that faces historic Mission Inn Avenue that gives the material substance at once ancient (shared by civic architecture for thousands of years) and yet bold and modern in expression.

In the Interior of the Library, rich reds, golds, greens, and ochres from ancient times and cultures enliven walls, porcelain, and art. The Children's Space walls and ceilings are at once a colorful marketplace in Guadalajara, a tribute to the mid-century artist Josef Albers, and a little bit of Pompeii thrown in for good measure. A light fixture over the storytime area recalls carnival rides or festival lighting – an homage to Riverside's Festival of Lights.

From a high vantage point, library patrons will see the extraordinary environs of Riverside. The 3rd-and 4th-floor areas offer astonishing views of the city spreading north towards the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountain ranges and west to the local landmark Mount Rubidoux. Four large boulders common to the Santa Ana River basin are imbedded in the 3rd-floor outdoor reading terrace, pieces of local terra firma upon which to perch.

The forms of the new library are both time-honored and forward looking for this generation of those living and growing up in Riverside and will create a landmark appropriate of our time – continuing the traditions, yet reflecting today's hopes and ambitions.

Join the Literacy Legacy

The Riverside Public Library is the cultural and learning center for the community – encouraging the joy and wonder of reading, the wisdom of diverse ideas, and the power of lifelong learning.

Library services are provided at eight locations throughout the City with new technologies, meeting areas for small and large groups, and captivating children's spaces. On average each year, more than 500,000 customers visit the Library. They learn new technologies, sing and dance in storytimes, apply for work via computers. They borrow more than 500,000 items, (including nearly 44,000 digital materials), participate in 1,700 programs, and have visited the library website more than 3.5 million times.

The Riverside Public Library Foundation is creating the LITERACY LEGACY Program to support the future development and sustainability of our state-of-the-art libraries.

LITERACY LEGACY will advance our collective vision of expanding spaces for imagination, discovery, and connections by providing these materials and services:

Books
(more best sellers and children's books)

Digital Resources
(e-books, e-audiobooks, e-reference materials)

Technology

Adult and Family Literacy Programs

Classes/Programs for all ages

Innovation Centers

Spaces for Community Gathering

Join the Literacy Legacy...

The LITERACY LEGACY PROGRAM

The goal of the Literacy Legacy Program is to raise $10 million over the next five years to support and sustain the Riverside Library, ensuring its excellence for Riverside citizens. You can make a lasting gift and become part of this program in two ways over the five-year period

1 **You can put your name, or the name of a loved one, on one of the prominent spaces in the new Main Library**
(see the following pages for spaces and amounts)

OR

2 **You can put your name or the name of a loved one on the Legacy Wall ($1,000 or $2,500)**

Please see the forms at the back of this brochure for how to participate.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION with your company's matching gift program. Receive full donor credit for both your pledged amount and the amount of our company's match. If your company has a matching gift program, please include this on the enclosed pledge form.

For ongoing updates on the Literacy Legacy Program and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit our website: riversidelibraryfoundation.org

Carnegie Reading Room

Illuminated globes and a vintage table from Riverside's original Carnegie Library (1903) add elegance to this 12-seat reading/meeting space.

Marketplace

The Marketplace is the distinctive entry to the library featuring new books, self-check-out machines, laptop kiosks, and a grand piano.

Storytime Area

In an interior, large, whimsical space, the Storytime Area invites reading and learning together in cheery comfort.

Innovation Center

The Oculus Rift Virtual Reality Station, 3-D printers, a sound recording booth, iMac desktops, and the Young Adult book collection in the Innovation Center inspire aspiration and creativity.

Adult Collections

With views to the north and south, the fourth-floor Adult Collections space offers non-fiction, fiction, large-print, and Spanish books and materials.

The Literacy Legacy Program

Join the Literary Legacy -- on the Donor Wall

Join the Literary Legacy -- by Naming a Prominent Space in the Main Library

SPACE	AMOUNT	SQUARE FEET
Marketplace	$1,000,000	1,334
Children's Library	$1,000,000	2,260
Adult Collections	$1,000,000	3,466
Community Room	$750,000	1,902
Reading Room (Third Floor)	$750,000	2,132
Terrace	$650,000	1,500
Innovation Center	$500,000	1,216
Friends of the Library Book Store	$300,000	830
Storytime Area	$300,000	810
Early Learning Corner	$300,000	750
Carnegie Reading Room	$250,000	550
Conference Room	$150,000	364
Staircase	$100,000	
Study Room A--8 person	$75,000	194
Elevator (3)	$75,000	
Study Room B- 5 person	$50,000	120
Study Room C--5person	$50,000	120
Soundbooth	$50,000	
Stacks: 23 Children's	$5,000	
Stacks: 4 Innovation Center/Marketplace	$7,500	
Stacks: 14 Adult	$10,000	
Donor Wall	$2,500-$1,000	

The Riverside Public Library Foundation raises funds to ensure the excellence of public library services for City of Riverside residents

Since 1997, the Foundation – thanks to the generosity of Riverside individuals and businesses and foundation grants – has raised more than $1.8 million, providing enhancements to library services that otherwise would not have been possible.

Because of the Foundation's wonderful donors and supporters, the Library currently offers these programs and services:

- The Annual SUMMER READING PROGRAM
- Works of art, the fountain and amphitheater at the SSgt Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Family Library
- The Martin Luther King, Jr., Special Collection
- The Veterans' Oral History Project
- The HEALTH LITERACY Collection
- BOOKS for the collections: best sellers, books for children, hundreds of new books for the Orange Terrace Library; books to support the EARLY LEARNING programs
- The PLAY AND LEARN ISLANDS, with manipulatives and STEM activities
- The system-wide POLARIS INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (ILS)
- MAKERSPACE – high-tech equipment for creativity and innovation
- TOYS-TO-GO, the toy-lending library in each of the 8 library branches
- SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS - in each library branch
- The automated LAPTOP CHECKOUT STATION in the Main Library
- E-BOOKS, E-AUDIOBOOKS, and digital licenses for all library patrons

Past Programs offered by the Library:

- Computers provided at low cost to families who together learn computer skills at the library
- The STORYMOBILE – serving day-care programs in the City
- The EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM for ages 0-5 and their caregivers
- On-line homework help for grades K-8
- The TEEN SPACE in the Main Library

The Riverside Public Library Foundation Board - 2021

The Foundation raises funds through annual community donations, fundraisers, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowments, major and planned gifts, endowed collections, honorary and memorial gifts and securing grants. All grants received are passed through 100% to the Library; additional fundraising covers all administrative expenses.

The volunteer Board makes all decisions related to the Foundation. The only paid staff is a part-time assistant who performs the day-to-day work of the Foundation. This arrangement makes it possible to give directly to the Library the overwhelming majority of the total funds raised. (See our annual report at riversidelibraryfoundation.org)

Board members make an annual meaningful financial contribution to the Foundation and positively promote the Riverside Public Library and the Foundation to the City Council and to the community.

Funds raised from this campaign will supplement but not take the place of City funding for the Library.

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