



CUPERTINO LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT

FACT SHEET



View of the southeast facade (ehdd)

Project Description

The City of Cupertino has had its eye on expanding the Cupertino Library since 2012. That dream will finally be realized this year as the one-story, southern portion of the library is replaced with an approximately 5,600 sf two-story addition. The first and second floors of the expansion feature large multi-purpose rooms that will be used for library programs for all ages, spill-over study spaces, and other community uses. The much needed additional space will allow the library to fulfill its mission of encouraging life-long learning and self-improvement. A design-build approach is being used to undertake this expansion. Design-build is a project delivery method that allows for the overlapping of the design phase and construction phase. When done well, it minimizes legal risk, reduces costs, and shortens the delivery schedule of the project.

The Library Expansion project is an exciting addition to the Civic Center that will enhance the library's ability to meet the current and future needs of Cupertino residents. The Cupertino Library has enjoyed a level of success unmatched with any library in the Santa Clara County Library District system with more than two million items checked out annually. Over 900,000 people visited the library between July 2018 and June 2019 with that number expected to hit a million in future years.

Funding

The Cupertino City Council unanimously approved the project with \$8 million in funding. The facility will be owned and maintained by the City of Cupertino. The Cupertino Library is a member of the Santa Clara County Library District, with services provided by the Library District.

Construction

Construction is slated to begin in February 2021. The construction process may present some impacts to traffic circulation and access to the facility. The City will make a concerted effort to keep noise and other construction impacts to a minimum and will keep the community informed on the process. Check the website for updates on access, as well as updates from the team working on the project, and special events like a Virtual Site Tour and a Q&A session.

- **February 2021** – Construction Begins
- **December 2021** – Construction Complete

Thank you, Cupertino!

Stay connected to learn more about the construction process, impacts, and schedules by checking cupertino.org/libraryexpansion

History

The first Cupertino Library opened in the Cupertino Store in 1912 with a modest collection of 50-75 books on 4 shelves in the store. This branch of the Santa Clara County Free Library continued in various forms until a new 2,500 sf facility in the Allario Shopping Center opened in 1960. The popularity of the Cupertino Library was then immediately apparent with a large collection and booming numbers of visitors. Facilities erected welcomed ever-increasing numbers of patrons, such that a 24,000 sf facility built in 1971 was expanded to 37,000 sf in 1988, and that was replaced by a new 54,000 sf building in 2004, housing more than 200,000 volumes in its collection and more than 1 million items in circulation. Today the Cupertino Library has more than 330,000 volumes in its collection, circulates more than 2.5 million items annually, and receives 900,000 visitors each year.

Please visit the scclid.org website for more history, photos, and information about the Cupertino Library.



View of the courtyard facade (ehdd)