

The New Borrego Springs Library

Frequently Asked Questions



The Borrego Springs Library, currently housed in a 3,787 square foot leased facility, has been a vital gathering spot for the community since its establishment in 1949. Construction for the new, approximately 13,500 square foot library is estimated to begin in 2017, with expected opening before County Supervisor Bill Horn leaves office. It will offer a host of services that empower and educate the community including free access to a network of 42 million books, DVD movies, and music CDs.

How were the architect and contractor chosen to design the new library?

The County of San Diego solicited qualifications from Architect/Contractor teams through a *Request for Statement of Qualifications* released May 24, 2016. The three highest scoring and most qualified teams submitted their proposals for final County selection.

Who is the Design-Build Team?

BNBuilders, RNT (Roseling Nakamura Terada) Architects, and Richard+Bauer Architecture have been selected.

How is the project being funded?

This project is funded by the County of San Diego with local contributions through the Friends of the Borrego Springs Library, and land donor Bill Wright.

How big is the new library?

The new library will be approximately 13,500 square feet, more than 3 times the size of the current facility.

Where will the new library be located?

The new library will be located at the southwest corner of Country Club Road and Sunset Street, across from the new Community Park included in the project.

What are some of the features of the new library?

- A children's area featuring new books for kids and spaces for storytimes, crafts, and early literacy activities
- A teen space that will feature new books and study areas
- A Homework Center where kids and teens can receive tutoring and work together on class assignments
- Technology Center featuring a computer lab and study rooms
- Comfortable lounge seating throughout the building
- Community Room where programs can be hosted
- Friends of the Library Book Nook and Conversation Cafe

What are the sustainability aspects of the new library?

The new Borrego Springs library will be a Zero Net Energy building. This means that the energy needed to operate the branch is completely offset by the energy harvested and saved through sustainability aspects.

What are some of the technological features of the new library?

- Public internet computers that are available whenever the library is open
- Free wireless internet access for laptop users
- Automated book check-out, giving customers the ability to check out their favorite titles quickly and efficiently
- Automated book returns offering customers receipts for their items
- A MakerBot 3D printer
- A color printer/copier

Was there input from the community?

SDCL has a history of developing new libraries that represent the spirit and culture of the communities they serve. In Borrego Springs, community input was gathered and included in the Request for Proposals to design and build the new library. The Design Build team will present the proposed new library design at a community meeting in Borrego Springs.

How else can I be involved?

Donations to the Friends of the Borrego Springs Library will be used to purchase the new library's furniture, fixtures, and equipment, plus an Opening Day Collection (new books, movies, and music CDs) and future programs. A donation to the Friends can help build the best library possible for the Borrego Springs community.

Have there been other large-scale library construction projects like this recently?

Yes, SDCL has built 11 new libraries in 11 years. We partner with the public, private, and non-profit sectors in order to develop innovative and sustainable branch libraries. SDCL received a People's Choice Orchid Award from the San Diego Architectural Foundation for the Fallbrook Library, and a Design Award of Honor from the California Council Society of American Registered Architects for the Alpine Library. SDCL's buildings have also been featured in *Library Journal* and *American Libraries* magazine.