BUILDING REVITALIZATION

The Mission Library was the first neighborhood branch in San Francisco. Rebuilt on 24th Street in 1915, the branch was one of hundreds of libraries across the country funded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. In a densely populated and diverse neighborhood, the branch serves as a community hub with multilingual collections and programs for children, families, and adults to engage in lifelong learning and the joys of reading.

The branch renovation will incorporate cutting-edge library designs, upgrade technology, integrate health and safety systems, and revive the historic architecture of the landmarked building.

Friends & Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library is raising funds to complete the renovation. While the City will fund the construction costs, Friends will raise $1 million in private funds for state-of-the-art fixtures, furniture, and equipment inside the building, including technology, décor, and the new community room and teen center.

SERVICE EXPANSION

With the revitalized building, the Library will be better able to respond flexibly and creatively to needs identified by the community, including:

- Early literacy, children’s education, and pathways to college
- Lifelong learning for personal and economic success
- Programs that celebrate cultural diversity, literature, and art
- Spanish-language book collection and materials
- An air respite site during heat waves and wildfires
- A safe neighborhood space to gather where all are welcome regardless of race and identity
- A carbon-free building, powered by 100% renewable energy sources
DESIGN FEATURES OF THE REVITALIZED BRANCH

The Reading Room will be restored to its original configuration, improving natural light and drawing attention to the historic windows, ceiling, and stained glass artwork by Juana Alicia.

The new community room on the first floor will host live events and provide free meeting space.

The Orange Alley addition includes a new center for t(w)eens and teens on the second floor.
The main entrance and reception area will be restored on 24th Street with a modernized grand staircase.

An expanded children’s room will include toddler and school-age sections, access to the outdoor patio, and a family bathroom.

An outdoor patio, seating, and stroller parking will be added to the Barlett Street side leading from the Community Room on the first floor.

**Access and Safety:** The renovation will include seismic upgrades for earthquake safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure that the entire building is fully accessible.

**Adapting to a changing climate:** Air conditioning will be installed to circulate cool air throughout the building, and mechanical systems will integrate enhanced filtration to reduce poor air quality. These measures will allow the branch to serve as an air respite center during heat waves and wildfires.

**Decarbonization & Renewable Energy:** The branch will be one of the first public buildings renovated under San Francisco’s movement to carbon-free and 100% renewable sources. The building will be powered by electricity, drawn from the City’s Hetch Hetchy hydroelectric power, and solar-generated power from a 16.6 kW rooftop solar photovoltaic panel array.

The project will seek LEED Gold certification.
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN GOALS OF THE BRANCH LIBRARY DESIGN

The San Francisco Public Library and Public Works are committed to improving the building to meet the community's current needs, with the flexibility and resiliency to adapt to the needs of tomorrow. Soliciting the ideas and concerns of residents played a central role in generating the new design. In 2018-2019, SFPL sought community input through a survey, an open house with San Francisco Public Works, and two community meetings. The plan was then approved by the Arts Commission Civic Design Review Board, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission, and the Planning Department Architectural Review Committee.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS
Friends & Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library is pleased to launch the first phase of its fundraising campaign for the Mission Library Branch. While the City will fund the construction costs, Friends will raise an additional $1 million in private funds for state-of-the-art fixtures, furniture, and equipment inside the building, including technology, décor, and the new community room and teen center.

Friends is now offering opportunities for donors to make high-level gifts with options for exclusive naming rights to rooms and spaces.

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