



THE NEW MAIN LIBRARY

April 2005

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BACKGROUND

- HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION**
- > **Construction of the North Surface Parking Lot — begins May**
 - > **Palm trees planted in North Surface Parking Lot — June**
 - > **Some exterior walls receive color accents — July**

For many years, voters of Santa Monica have supported expanded library service resulting in the current construction of the new Main Library and the recently-completed renovation of the Montana Ave., Fairview and Ocean Park Branches:

- 1988 bond passed to

purchase land for Main Library expansion.

- 1998 bond passed by 81% to fund Main and Branch Library improvements.

A formal planning process, begun in 1996, included community focus groups, surveys and meetings, resulting in a Library Master

Plan. Working from this plan and the Library Building Program, the architectural firm Moore Ruble Yudell (MRY) of Santa Monica worked with a project team to formulate the conceptual design for the new Main Library. The design was approved by the Santa Monica City Council in 2002 after extensive community input.

NEW MAIN LIBRARY FEATURES

Key features of the new 104,000 sq. ft. Main Library designed by MRY include a greater civic presence on Santa Monica Blvd., multiple entrances, garden spaces and window walls on the ground level to engage users and passersby.

FIRST FLOOR

Paseos, or interior streets, direct visitors to major activity centers, such as a large area for children and teens, fiction and popular collections, a grand reading room and customer service areas. Other first floor features include a large central courtyard, an auditorium, Friends of the Library store and a café. There is also a separate, ground-level space for the museum of

the Santa Monica Historical Society.

SECOND FLOOR

Focuses on research and study with nonfiction, reference and periodicals collections and service points, the Santa Monica Collection, study rooms, a quiet reading area, a large computer commons, a computer training room and community meeting rooms.

PUBLIC ART

Artwork is an integral part of the new facility and includes "Underwater Canopy" by Carl Cheng and installation of the Stanton Macdonald-Wright murals, designed for one of the original libraries, that will be on long-term loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

PARKING

A three-level, subterranean garage, with 500 parking spaces, and a street-level lot, with short-term and handicapped parking spaces, meet the need for parking in the area.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

To watch the new Main Library move toward completion, log on to www.smpl.org/construction for a webcam view of construction in progress.

Until the new library opens, visit the Temporary Main Library at its downtown location at 1324 Fifth St. (between Santa Monica Blvd. and Arizona). Parking is available in nearby City parking structures.

PROJECT TIMELINE	
Branch Library Improvements	2001-2003
Main Library Razed	spr'03
Site Excavation	fall'03
Construction of Subterranean Garage	2004
Construction of new Main Library	2004-2005
Completion of new Main Library	fall'05
Opening of new Main Library	winter '05-06

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING FEATURES



Main Library Construction, Mar 2005

The City hopes to achieve a LEED™ Silver rating* with the Main Library. A “green” building places high priority on health, environment, and resource conservation over the life of the building.

Some of the first LEED practices that have already taken place are the replanting of trees formerly on the library site and recycling demolished building materials.

Environmentally-friendly highlights of the new Main Library are:

- Underfloor air distribution in most areas.
- A 200,000 gallon rain water storage system for landscape watering.
- Significant use of recycled content materials, e.g., structural steel and rebar, flooring, etc.

- High-efficiency HVAC (heating-cooling-air conditioning) equipment.
- High-performance, dual-glazed windows.
- A solar electric generating system.

* LEED™ (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) rates buildings for their environmental friendliness.

LIBRARY-GARAGE COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

Nearly 50% of the new Library's cost is covered by the \$25 million bond measure approved by voters in 1998 and issued as General Obligation Bonds. \$2 million of these funds were used for branch improvements completed 2001 to 2003. The remaining funds must be used by 2005 for the purpose the voters authorized. The remainder of the project is funded by one-time City monies and by Redevelopment Agency funds.

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT COSTS	
Main Library Building	\$57.7 million
Branch Improvements	2.0 million
SM Historical Society Museum	1.3 million
Subterranean Parking Garage	12.9 million
Project Costs	\$73.9 million

HOW COSTS ARE COVERED	
Voter-Approved Bonds	\$25.0 million
Capital Improvement Project Funds	15.0 million
Additional CIP Funds	21.0 million
Redevelopment Agency Funds	12.9 million
Project Costs	\$73.9 million



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Webcam view of Library construction - click for image.

PROJECT TEAM

Architects	Moore Ruble Yudell	Contractor	Morley Builders
Landscape Architect	Pamela Burton & Co	Structural Engineer	Nabih Youssef Assoc
Public Art	Carl Cheng	MEP Engineer	Syska Hennessey
Interior Furnishings	CNI Design	LEED Consultant	CTG Energetics
Signage	Beck & Graboski	Project Management	City of Santa Monica