

The New Lemon Grove Branch Library Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

The Lemon Grove Library has been a vital gathering spot for the community since its establishment in 1913. The new, 14,000 square foot library will open in May 2013 as a joint-use facility, attached to the new Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities. It will offer a host of services that empower and educate the community including free access to 33.7 million books, DVD movies, and music CDs.

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

The new library was built using the Design/Build model. The Design/Build Request for Statement of Qualifications was submitted and the four highest ranking submittals went on to the second part of the process, the Request for Proposal. The best value Design/Build proposal was awarded the contract in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Who is the Design/Build Team?

The building project was awarded to Legacy Building Services as part of a design-build process. The architect is Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects.

How is the project being funded?

The project is funded by Proposition W, a \$28 million school facilities bond that was passed by voters in 2008.

When is the opening of the new Lemon Grove Library?

The Lemon Grove Library will open in May 2013, with a formal Grand Opening ceremony on June 1, 2013.

Where is the new library located?

The new library is located at 3001 School Ln.

How big is the new library?

The new library is approximately 14,000 square feet.

Will adequate parking be provided?

Yes, parking will be available in a lot on Lincoln St., which includes ADA spots and spots designated for library users. There will also be street parking available on School Ln.

What are some of the features of the new library?

- Joint-Use Community Room
- Children's space
- Teen space

- Comfortable lounge seating
- Four group study rooms
- Poets' Patio/Courtyard
- Friends of the Library bookstore

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

- Public internet computers
- Laptops for checkout and use in the library
- Free wireless internet access
- Automated book check-out

Additional information:

- The building's design recalls the rich history of Lemon Grove through California Mission style architecture.
- The design features a bell tower which will house the original school bell used to call children to class in Lemon Grove's original one room school house.