A Message from Our Director

We are all living in uncertain and frightening times. I am writing you this message as we are still on PAUSE. But while the Library building is closed, the Oceanside Library remains open and continues to serve our community in ways of which I am very proud. We know we will get through this together.

In the last few months, we have led the way in providing online programs and resources. We have added numerous features, and provided accurate and relevant information. We have drawn regional and national attention for all we have done.

Before the pandemic, we had drastically changed the way the Library operates, with programs for all, including special needs, teens, seniors, parents, young adults and more. Our Healthy Oceanside and Connections programs provide vital information and help to many. Significant changes we have made in our policies have led to increased circulation and interest. And we have led the way on key issues affecting us all: the opioid crisis, our roads, hurricane relief, and more.

We are presenting to you our annual budget and our Vision 2020 plan. It requires a bond. We understand that requesting funds in the middle of a pandemic is asking a lot. We know that many in our community are hurting. But we also know that soon our building will be open again. And we believe we have shown you how important the Library is to our community.

Why do we need this project? Because we have pressing infrastructure needs right now. Because our Library is being used as never before. And because we are asking you to invest in the future of our community.

As you can see in this newsletter, Vision 2020 addresses a wide range of needs, many of which were brought up by the 300+ community members who attended our Focus Groups. Libraries, ours included, are used in ways no one could have dreamed of 25 years ago when they planned the Library’s last bond issue.

The project, several years in the works, includes replacing infrastructure that will need to be replaced regardless: elevator, roof, bathrooms, windows, lighting and more. The plan is designed to meet the way our building is used: additional meeting space, quiet reading and study space, a modernized Children’s Room, tween and teen areas, and program space that fits with the increasing demands of our patrons.

We address pressing issues of active shooter safety, and we will make the building more environmentally friendly. With the purchase of the property next door (for more parking) and certain security enhancements, we are making the Library a safer place for all.

We have now gone back to our experts on issues involving cleaning and sanitizing. All of our new furniture, fixtures, floor and wall coverings, etc. will be designed for maximum ease of cleaning and sanitizing.

I ask that you look at our www.oceansidevision2020.com site and that you attend one of our virtual Vision 2020 presentations where you will find a wealth of detailed information on all aspects of the project.

We will also be listing (as we have already started doing) every contract and every single payment so you will know exactly where every dollar is going, to whom, and for what purpose.

I am very proud of my staff, and thankful to our Board. We are recognized nationally as leaders in the Library world, for our innovation and our ability to provide world-class services at a fiscally-responsible level.

We are asking you to consider this project now. Interest rates are at an historic low. Our project will create jobs. We will be renting space in town which will help the local commercial real estate market. And most importantly, we will be able to continue to serve as our community’s leader in literacy, early and continuing education, culture, information, and discerning entertainment—all while being the center of our community.

I thank you for all your support. May you and yours remain safe and healthy. We know we will see you soon!

Thank you,
Christina Marra, Director of the Oceanside Library
VISION 2020

What’s Planned?

Infrastructure
• Elevators
• Roof—new & flattened
• HVAC
• Lighting
• Bathrooms
• Windows
• Generator

Clean
• All furniture and building facilities designed to be cleaned and sanitized at the highest level

Green
• High-efficiency lighting
• High-efficiency windows
• High-efficiency HVAC
• High-efficiency bathrooms
• Solar Panels

Security
• Redesigned Front
• Children/Adult separation
• Full camera coverage
• Active Shooter Designed Elements
• Better Outdoor Lighting
• Materials security upgrade
• Better sight lines
• Parking

Exterior
• New Parking spaces
• Sidewalks
• Parking lots
• Handicap parking
• Lighting
• Easier access
• ADA compliance

Redesign for Current Use
• Quiet study/reading rooms
• Group study/meeting rooms
• Comfortable seating
• Café
• Demonstration kitchen/arts & craft room
• STEM room
• Auditorium/theater
• Lower stacks
• Updated furniture
• Sealed After-hours Entrance/way
• Childrens’ Room
  • Lower stacks
  • Moveable stacks
  • Quiet study
  • Tween area
  • Strollers
  • Parent area
  • Better sight lines
• Community Room/Room One
• Tech throughout meeting rooms
• Design around poles
• Back office redesign
• Modern A/V system

New Features
• Self-checkout kiosks
• Lactation Room
• Teen Area
• Garden area
• Privacy, Gender-neutral, & Family bathrooms
• Moveable stacks
• Rooms designed to change
• Storage space for “library of things”

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## Receipts

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## Expenditures

### Personnel Benefits
- Retirement: $300,000
- Social Security: $180,000
- Mandated Benefits: $811,000

### Library Services
- Books: $187,000
- Media: $85,000
- Subscriptions: $22,000
- Electronic Searching: $49,000
- Library Automation System: $52,215
- Library System Support: $29,138
- Community Information/Programs: $109,000
- Computer/Software: $20,000
- Puzzles & Toys: $1,000

### Administrative Operations
- Library Supplies: $30,000
- Telephone: $17,100
- Printing/Postage: $30,500
- Professional Fees/Contracts: $49,620
- Professional Development: $12,100
- Office Equipment Contracts/Maintenance: $74,386

### Building Maintenance
- Utilities: $95,000
- Custodial Supplies: $15,000
- Repair to Equipment/Building & Grounds: $30,000
- Insurance: $40,000
- Building Service Contracts: $33,127

### Capital Improvements
- $20,500

### Vision 2020
- $1,800,000

### Debt Service
- $315,914

### Total Budget
- $4,530,767
- $6,984,192

### Less Receipts
- ($180,000)
- ($80,000)

### District Taxes
- $4,750,767
- $6,904,192

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### What’s the Cost?

The maximum bond will be $33,500,000—less depending on actual costs. The maximum cost of the bond is $1,800,000 per year—less, depending on interest rates and costs (these were estimated in January).

Average household Library tax, now: $314 per year
Average household Library tax, after bond: $454 per year
Increase: $140 per year/ $11.66 per month per household

### Additional Information

26 Focus Groups/300 people plus every employee had input on design
Interest rates at historic lows
Major repairs are needed/will be needed soon
Purchases the property next-door for a once-in-a-lifetime chance to add parking
Request for proposals- opened in public meeting
All contracts & payments online
Will continue library services during construction
Program Attendance Increase: 72%
Circulation Increase: 14 out of last 16 months
We serve as Oceanside’s Community Center
Library Budget
Proposition 3
Voting By Mail ONLY
Deliver Your Ballot to:
Any U.S. Post Office
Any USPS mailbox
Put it in your mailbox

Ballots MUST be RECEIVED by June 9th

Look for your ballot in the mail
Make your vote count!

Director: Christina Marra
Library Board of Trustees: Dan Faust, Pres.
Mary DiGiovanna, Ellen Sullivan, Thomas Beirne
Patricia Roth, Richard T. Woods, Janet Pearsall

Library Budget & Bond Issue
Proposition 3 on Your Ballot
✦ Major infrastructure repairs to the building (elevator, roof, bathrooms, lighting, windows, generator, etc.)
✦ Redesign of building to make it easier to clean and sanitize
✦ Purchase of next-door property to expand parking (less crossing of Davison Avenue)
✦ Redesign to make the building more environmentally friendly
✦ Redesign to safeguard against active-shooter situations
✦ New space to meet our current needs
✦ Preparing for the future