

Imagining the Pleasant Hill Library

Picture a modern, well-lit entrance to welcome over 1,600 daily visitors to the new Pleasant Hill Library. There will be ample free and convenient parking, a 24-hour book drop and speedy self-service points for in-and-out trips for busy people.

Library collections and open floor plan

The Library will have an open floor plan with shelving and furniture to match the richness and depth of the library's collections - tens of 1,000s of books, movies, music, magazines and more.

Expanded children and family area

There will be a greatly expanded children and family area filled with books and activities for hands-on learning. Designated early literacy spaces will welcome parents and caregivers with children under 5 years, opening up a world of words with a colorful alphabet-rich environment. A family restroom and comfortable seating for all will make the new children's area a place to stay and play for hours.

Large teen area with 21st-century technology

A larger enclosed Teen Area will give youth their own separate space, making after school more fun for youth, and less rowdy for other guests seeking peace and quiet. This space will be infinitely customizable for a variety of teen activities, combining the best of book browsing, hands on learning, and 21st century technology. The Pleasant Hill Library will extend its role as a safe, social, and inspiring destination for youth every day.

Flexible program spaces

Flexibility will be the key to change throughout the years along with transformations in collections, services, and activities. There will be program spaces to host big story times, huge evening events, or smaller after school activities. This space will open into the teen and children's areas for more room as needed, but can be closed to ensure a quiet experience for other library visitors.

Conference rooms and study spaces

To meet the need for tutoring pairs, small group study, or larger private conferences, a large number of meeting and study rooms will be available. The library will become the first choice for small businesses and community organizations.

State-of-the-art technology and equipment

Of course there will be convenient power outlets and comfy seating everywhere, plus free laptops to borrow and robust wifi all over the library. Add in full media production and technology labs and the new library becomes the ultimate workspace for professionals and students.

Outside gardens

Imagine gardens surrounding the Library for reading, strolling, picnicking, and play to make the outdoors as inviting and educational as the indoors.

Friends of the library bookstore

And finally a bookstore for Pleasant Hill: the Friends of the Library Bookshop. With an all-volunteer staff, all proceeds drive the free ongoing programs and collections at the library.