



A NEW CHAPTER

Revitalizing Our
Palm Springs Public Library

THE VISION

Knowledge Meets Innovation: Our Library's Next Chapter A \$52 Million Community Investment

As technology reshapes our world, we are preparing to modernize the library. To ensure it remains a vital community asset, we are embarking on an ambitious \$52 million transformation to create a world-class institution that will engage, enlighten and empower Palm Springs residents for generations to come.

This comprehensive transformation represents the largest investment in our library's history, combining \$45 million in secured government funding with \$7 million in community support to create:

- A modernized 35,000-square-foot main building
- A renovated 4,000-square-foot JC Frey Building
- A \$5 million endowment ensuring sustainable operations

The Impact

This restoration will double our capacity for community engagement while introducing cutting-edge technology and maker spaces that will prepare our residents for the future. By creating flexible, multi-use spaces and establishing sustainable operations, we preserve the library's architectural significance and ensure the library remains a cornerstone of learning and community connection for decades to come.

The Urgency

As we approach our 50th anniversary at this facility, we face a critical moment in our library's history. Construction is set to begin in 2025, and we must secure community support now to ensure that enhanced features and programming spaces are included in the initial construction phase. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape our library's future, made even more compelling by a commitment by The Trustees of the Palm Springs Public Library to match up to \$1 million in donations. With our current systems reaching capacity and the digital divide growing wider each year, the time to act is now to create a library that serves all members of our community equitably and effectively.

Join us in creating a dynamic, sustainable institution that will serve Palm Springs for tomorrow and for decades to come.

North Courtyard



THE ENDURING COMMUNITY IMPACT OF OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public libraries are not just repositories of books; they are vital community resources that enrich lives, promote learning, and foster a more informed and connected society. Currently, the Palm Springs Public Library produces more than *300 programs per year*, welcomes more than *20,000 card carrying members*, and boasts visitorship of more than *140,000 unique visits annually*.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE, A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITY

Through ongoing public/private partnerships, our Palm Springs Public Library provides:

- **Equal Access to Information:** Free access to a wide range of knowledge, resources, and services, ensuring that everyone, regardless of economic status, has opportunities to learn and grow, personally and professionally.
- **Promotion of Literacy:** Libraries play a crucial role in promoting literacy and a love of reading. Our library offers books and digital resources for all ages.
- **A Community Meeting Place:** Our library is a safe, welcoming space where everyone can gather for events, workshops, lectures, and discussions.
- **Preservation of Knowledge:** Libraries preserve cultural heritage and history through their collections. Our library is home to rare books and archives that contribute to the preservation of our local history.
- **Digital Access and Technology:** Our library bridges the digital divide by providing essential access to computers, WiFi, and digital resources supporting education, job searching, and access to government services.
- **Support for Formal Education:** Our library is a quiet study space, essential for students, educators, and researchers, especially those in crowded living situations.
- **Promotion of Critical Thinking:** Our library's resources and programs foster critical thinking and offer diverse perspectives, making them invaluable in our increasingly polarized society.
- **Lifeline Services:** From information sharing to health and wellness programs to diaper distributions, our library works in partnership with local government and nonprofit organizations to help residents navigate the realities of financial hardship.

“As a leader of an organization whose primary purpose is creating meaningful spaces for people, where people feel valued and significant, I applaud the Palm Springs Public Library for what it's doing for its space. I think what is exciting about this project is not only the actual physical space, but what the new space will mean to all of our community members.”

– Mike Thompson
CEO of the LGBTQ Community
Center of the Desert



THE TRANSFORMATION

A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DESIGN

Through extensive community engagement involving 1,800 residents and the expertise of Group 4 Architecture, we've created a comprehensive plan reflecting our community's needs.

To create a vision for the future of our library that is inclusive of our full community, the City of Palm Springs hired Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning from South San Francisco, to lead the design phase of the renovation project. They were chosen, in part, because they have done over 400 library projects.

Based on feedback, we're creating a state-of-the-art facility that combines cutting-edge technology with sustainable design and expanded community spaces. The project includes:

“ The library in Palm Springs for many people is their third place - they have home, work or school, and the library. It's a great equalizer, the library. It's a place where everyone can come together. ”

- Honorable Jeffrey Bernstein
*City Councilmember,
City of Palm Springs*

Core Infrastructure Investment (\$45 million)

Complete Systems Modernization

- Historic feature preservation with modern accessibility
- Integrated HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Advanced security and emergency features
- Seismic reinforcement and safety standards

Sustainable Systems & Design

- Updated, state-of-the-art design that honors the historic nature of the building
- New windows to reduce heat transfer into the facility
- Smart building controls and energy-efficient design
- Water conservation features
- Desert-appropriate climate optimization



Children's Area

Our community-supported enhancements (\$2 million) will transform the library into a dynamic hub of learning and connection.

Technology Hub

Digital Innovation

- High-capacity fiber network supporting 500+ users
- Building-wide smart technology integration

Maker Space

- 3D printing and fabrication center
- Electronics and robotics workspace
- Digital design stations

Learning Environments

Children's Discovery Zone

- STEAM learning stations
- Early literacy integration
- Performance and story time space
- Educational gaming

Teen Space

- Digital media creation
- Study and collaboration areas
- College preparation resources
- Gaming and Esports

Adult Areas

- Professional development center
- Quiet study spaces
- Collaboration rooms
- Research resources

Community Spaces

- Multi-purpose event room (200-person capacity) with state-of-the-art audio/video equipment
- Art gallery with professional lighting
- Indoor/outdoor reading gardens
- Walking paths, meditation spaces and water fountains for dogs

These enhancements, made possible through community support, will complement the core infrastructure improvements funded by government investment, creating a truly *world-class library facility that serves all members of our community.*



Story Time Room



Study Space



Create Space



Meeting Room

CREATING TOMORROW'S LIBRARY

SECURING OUR FUTURE: THE ENDOWMENT INITIATIVE

A key component of our comprehensive campaign is the establishment of a \$5 million endowment fund. This vital resource will:

- Ensure consistent funding for building enhancements and updates
- Support the preservation and expansion of our archives
- Enable innovative programming and technology upgrades
- Provide stable funding for community outreach and services
- Create a sustainable financial foundation in shaping our shared future

THE \$5 MILLION ENDOWMENT INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE:

Sustainable Building Maintenance and Updates

- Technology refreshes and updates
- Furniture and equipment replacement
- Emergency repairs and improvements

Archives and Collections

- Preservation of historical materials
- Digitization of local history collections
- Expansion of special collections
- Acquisition of new materials

Innovation and Technology

- Innovative technology updates
- Staff training and development
- New program development
- Digital resource subscriptions

Community Outreach and Access

- Outreach programs designed for underserved populations
- Mobile library services
- Special events and exhibitions

You can support the Endowment Initiative with a direct contribution or an irrevocable gift from your estate plan. Either way, your support of the endowment ensures that future generations will continue to benefit from the power of knowledge, literacy, and lifelong learning. Whether through a cash gift, bequest, charitable trust, or beneficiary designation, your support will help sustain and grow library programs, resources, and services for years to come. **Join us in building a legacy of literacy and opportunity—because libraries change lives.**



JOINING TOGETHER TO CREATE SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

Palm Springs Public Library stands as a beacon of lifelong learning and cultural enrichment, where society's diverse needs and aspirations converge seamlessly. It is a dynamic and inclusive space that serves as a cornerstone of community engagement, fostering meaningful connections. As we look toward tomorrow, we see our library as a state-of-the-art knowledge center that fosters collaboration, innovation, and civic engagement, providing a *pathway to opportunity and enrichment for all*.

This \$52 million investment represents our community's commitment to creating a library that *will serve as a model for the nation* – combining architectural excellence ensuring preservation of our architectural significance, environmental sustainability, and innovative programming with long-term financial stability.

“ This renovation will modernize the library and address longstanding concerns as well as adapt the library to future technological and program developments. It is essential that we all contribute to this endeavor and make this opportunity a reality. This is a campaign that we are proud to be a part of because of its long term gains for our community. ”

– Drs. Craig and Michele Borba
Capital Campaign Honorary Committee

We have secured \$45 Million towards this \$52 Million transformative initiative and seek to raise \$7 million for enhanced features and programming as well as an endowment fund to provide long term sustainability and innovation.

Your Support Makes the Difference

The Trustees of the Palm Springs Public Library will **match up to \$1 million in donations**, doubling your impact. Join us in creating a legacy that will serve Palm Springs for decades to come.

For more information on how you can support The Palm Springs Public Library transformation, please contact:

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