



LOS ALTOS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Los Altos City Council

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Four Year Search for New Site

- ▣ Consulted with city organizations, nonprofits, developers
- ▣ Top 5 sites evaluated jointly by Friends & City: Rosita, Woodland, MSC, LAYC, Civic Center
- ▣ Key driver of locations
 - Transportation of books
 - Ability to host 25+ volunteers at one time
- ▣ All non-Civic Center sites presented challenges





Outcome

- 2019: Temporary measures
 - Portable sited near soccer field; sheds near Police Dept.
 - Temporary lease signed by Friends and City
- 2020: City Council authorized City Manager to complete new agreement
- 2021: Friends and City staff drafted license with mutually agreeable terms





Friends' Request

Approve draft of Temporary License Agreement to allow continued use of City land until space is available in renovated Main Library.





License Agreement Terms

- ▣ No cost use of City land for Friends' operations & storage
- ▣ 10-year initial term, renewed annually thereafter
- ▣ Land is licensed “as is,” but Friends may install utilities
- ▣ Friends to comply with City building requirements

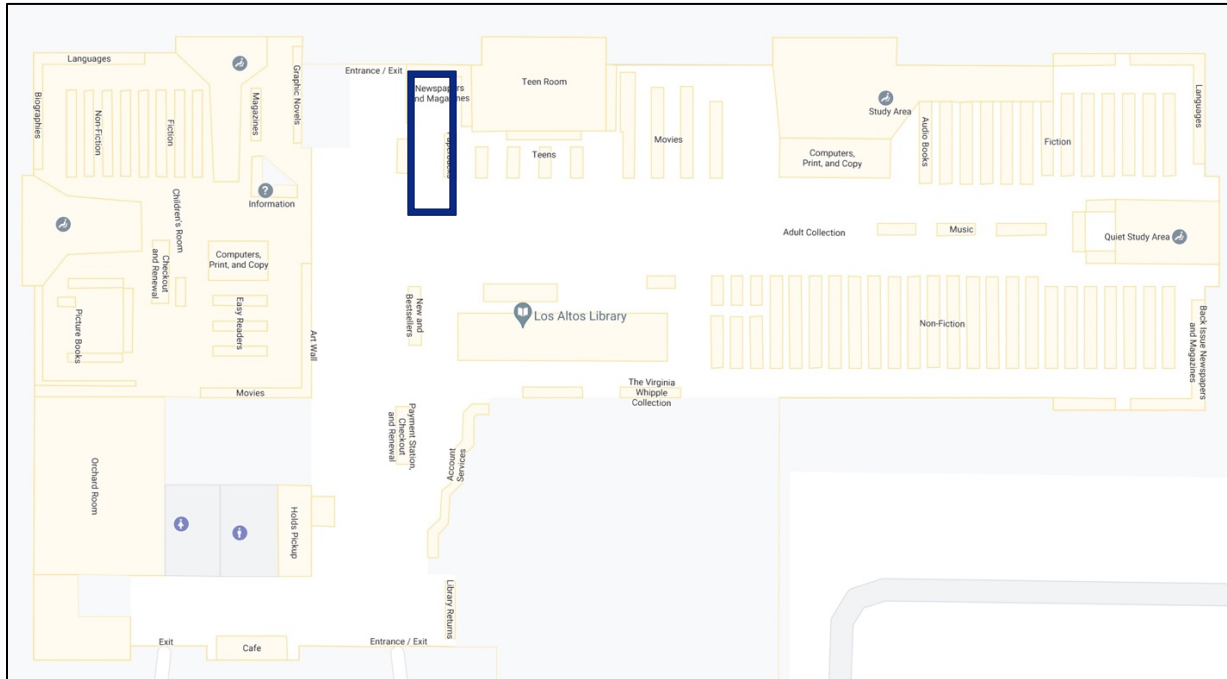


Area Licensed from City

Friends beginning 3rd year of occupancy



Additional Space Provided by SCCLD





Why 10-year Initial Term?

- ▣ Organizational stability
- ▣ Financial optimization
 - Maximize funding support for library
 - Minimize capital expense
 - Minimize risk of investment loss
- ▣ Provides path to consolidated operations





Benefits of Consolidated Operations

- ▣ Allows Friends to return library space to patrons
- ▣ Reduces book movement across parking lot
- ▣ Volunteers able to work together again



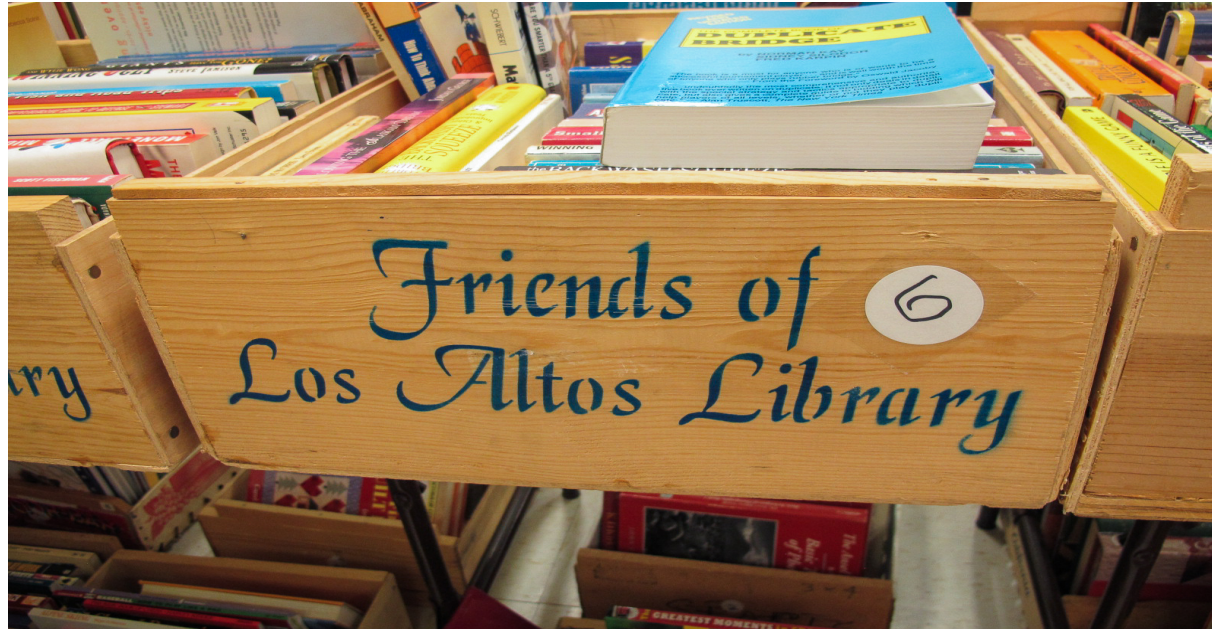


40 Year Friends/City Partnership

- ▣ City provided land for Friends operations and sales
- ▣ Friends donated nearly \$4 million back to community
 - Bestseller book & media collections, library programs
 - Tables, chairs, technology for Library and City
- ▣ Friends provide volunteer opportunities for adults & teens
- ▣ Community is able to recycle 250K books each year



Questions?



Mission & Organization

- ▣ Aid and support Los Altos libraries
- ▣ Create a community of volunteers passionate about libraries, literacy and learning
- ▣ 501(c)(3) with 628 members
 - Nine board directors
 - 11 committee chairs
 - 142 active volunteers



Friends Contributions

- ▣ Entire bestseller collection
- ▣ Library programs for all ages
- ▣ Summer Reading Program
- ▣ Audiobooks, DVDs, CDs
- ▣ Furniture and shelving
- ▣ Free books for K-12 teachers' classroom libraries
- ▣ Free books for MVLA school libraries



Annual Financial Support



*present value

