

Los Altos Library Deficiencies

[For Joint Council Study Session on 18 Mar 2014]

Note: This is a “living document”.

Number	Deficiency	Evidence to Show	Possible Resolutions	Importance
1	No room for expansion of the collection in all formats (books, media, electronic), “No Growth Capacity”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most materials are “1-in, 1-out” - Fixed number and location of shelving units - Limited possibilities on how to use existing units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small expansion using funds from Whipple Bequest - Space for “Holds” - New Space - See #1 above 	High and immediate if no new building in 2-3 years
2	Infrastructure of existing building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cannot expand number or location of computers. Limited number of power outlets for mobile devices. - Libraries only will become MORE wired. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drop-down power and data lines - Trench concrete slab to increase capacity - New building - Risk of falling behind other libraries 	High and immediate if no new building in 2-3 years
3	Cramped Children’s Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No dedicated children’s story time area - No area for tweens to gather and call their own - No expansion room for juvenile collection - Children’s safety 	New Space. Data from other District Libraries.	
4	No “Study Rooms”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only “Teen Room” can be used for tutoring/discussions. - Hard to concentrate/study when other discussions going on in the room - Conversations get “mixed” in the common area - How does Los Altos compare to other SCCLD libraries? 	New Space	High and immediate if no new building in 2-3 years

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5	Small Program Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program room limited to 100 persons (capacity is exceeded for many lectures/gatherings) - No infrastructure to connect to community chambers, other venues, data, ... 	New Space Data from other District Libraries	
6	Parking & Traffic!!	See Library Commission Report dated 01 March 2011	Engineering solution approved in Feb 2012 still “in the works” managed by City of Los Altos	High
7	No room for anything new, i.e. “Maker Space”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Maker Spaces” are in the future for libraries, and Los Altos should embrace them - Only space possible is (a) a portion of the Teen Area, or (b) a portion of the Program Room - Either of these means less footprint for something else - This is where libraries are going! 	New Space	High
8	Quiet reading space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading spaces are near entrance to library - Reading space in high traffic areas. 		High
9	Lack of storage space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cramped storage in Program Room, Janitor closet, and outside closet 		Moderate
10	No skylight in Library lobby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low light in area between main entrance and Program Room entrance. 		

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Our Message should focus on:

- Critical Needs for Library Function
- Failing Residents Needs and Desires
- Falling Behind Surrounding Communities
- How can the money available be used to resolve some of the above issues?