



North County Library Authority

## Los Altos Library Needs Assessment Update

Library Task Force Meeting  
2018-01-25



## AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Project Goals and Objectives
3. Framework for Analysis
4. Next Steps

# INTRODUCTIONS

## About Group 4



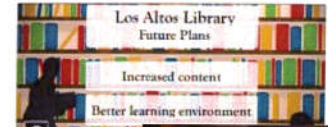
## City Library Plans Future

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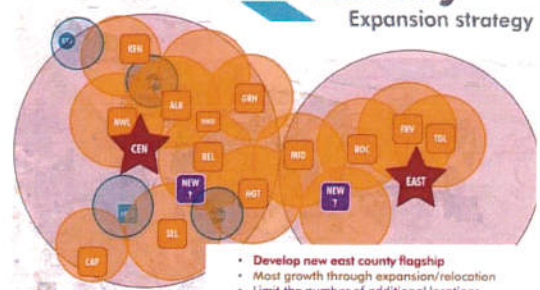
On Thursday, September 10, the Los Altos Library held a presentation led by the Aspen Institute to discuss the plans in improving or completely renovating the library in the future. The two features they focused on were increasing content for people through all platforms of learning, and creating a better learning environment through better architectural designs and layouts.

The two speakers who spoke at the presentation were former California State Librarian Susan and Architectural Firm Dawn Merkes. The ni



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**Leverage the network**

- Library facilities need to expand population growth will continue to drive the need for expanded facilities
- Build capacity within existing network optimizes number of branches to maximize long-term operational sustainability
- Not every facility needs to grow expansion of one location builds capacity for the whole network
- Not every library needs to be the same people will travel for services they want create regional or countywide focal points for special services

*"This is not about having to equate to every library in the system (retaining the same set of services...)"*

Source: comprehensive library master plan

# PROJECT GOALS + OBJECTIVES

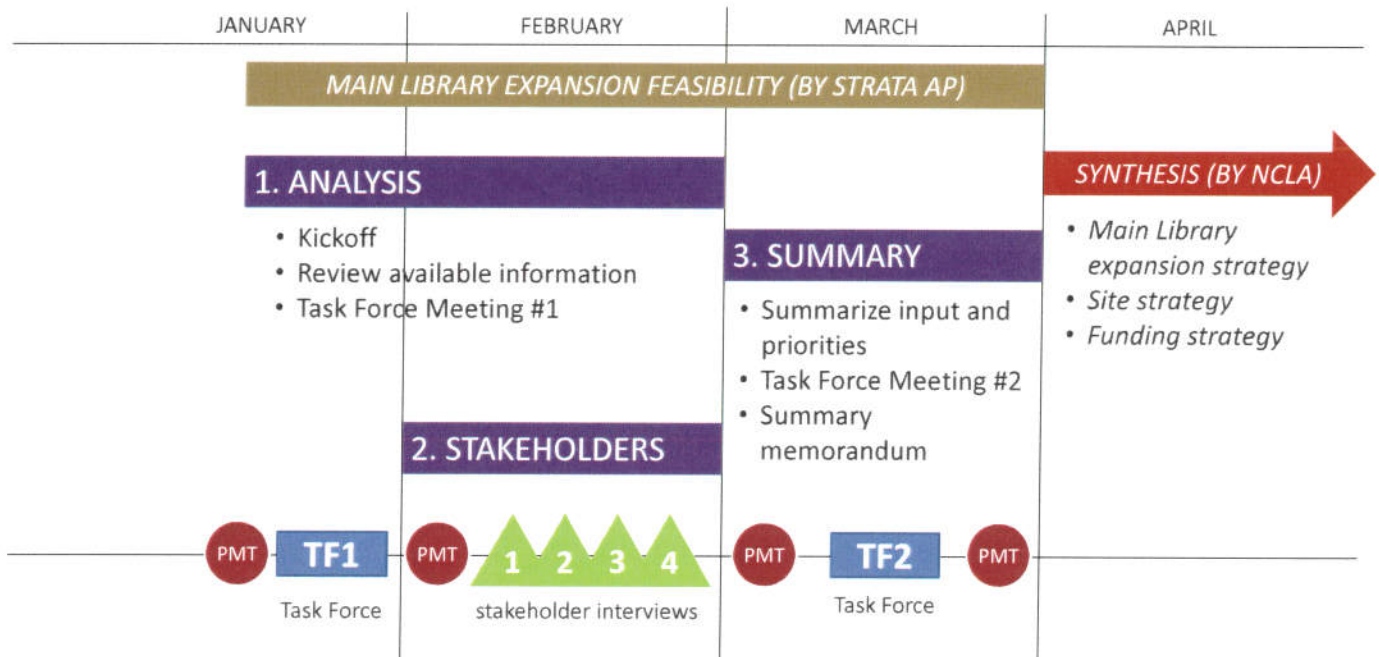
## Task Force Perspectives

- What will make this project a success?
- What are the opportunities?
- What are the challenges?
- Who are the key stakeholders, and what are their expectations?
- How will this project influence – or be influenced by – other community goals and projects?
- What impacts will this project have?



# PROJECT GOALS + OBJECTIVES

## Project Approach



# FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS

## Big Questions

1. What were the assumptions and drivers in the 2008 Page + Moris study?
2. What has changed since 2008?
3. What does the future hold for this community?
4. What is the right amount and type of library space?



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# FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS

## 1. What were the assumptions and drivers in 2008?

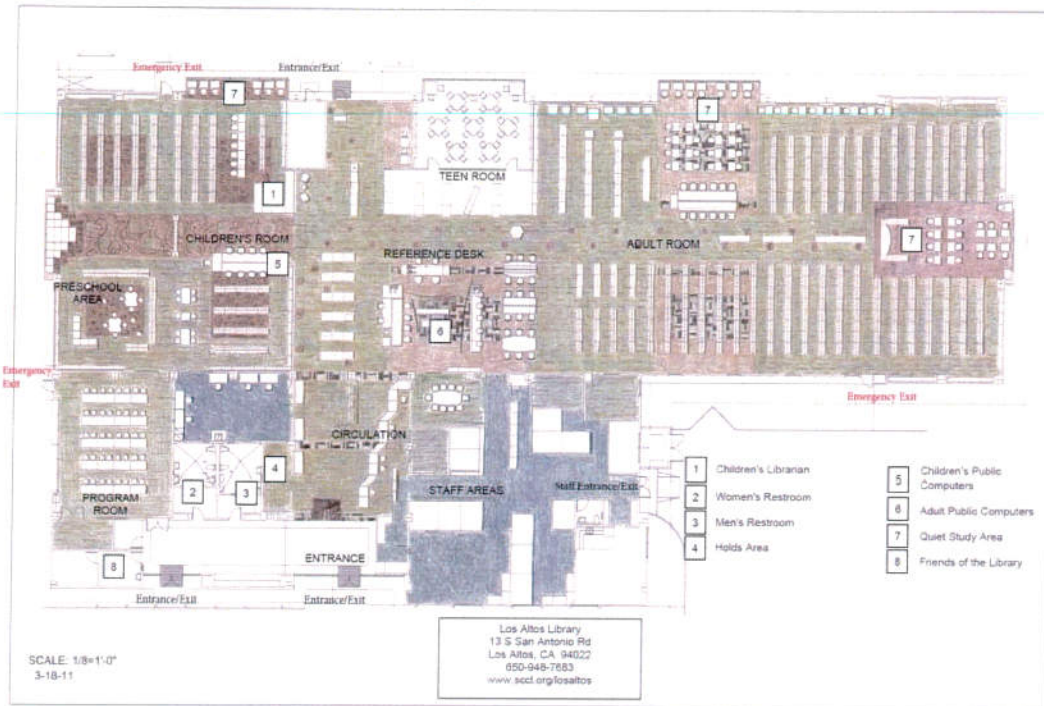
- a. Collection size is mostly OK, but better shelving is needed
  - b. Seating capacity is mostly OK, but there should be more choices of seating types and environments
  - c. Twice as many library-provided computers are needed
  - d. The program room should be expanded, and a children's program area should be added
  - e. Less staff space is needed on the public floor, but more space is needed back of house
  - f. More sale and support space is needed for the Friends
- *Has community use of / demand physical materials changed?*
  - *Do people still want to spend time in the library?*
  - *Has the demand for library-provided computers changed?*
  - *If this still the right strategy?*
  - *What has changed about the service model since 2008?*
  - *What has changed about Friends operations since 2008?*

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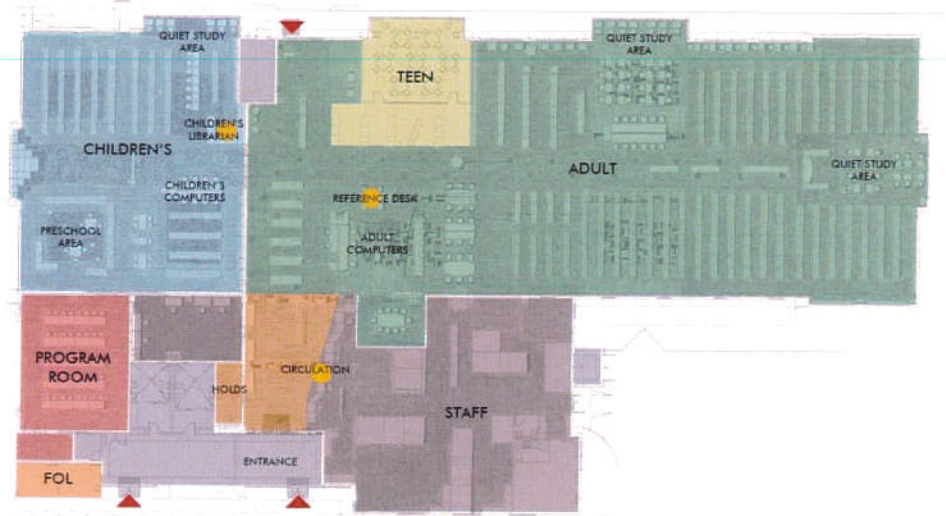
## 1. What were the assumptions and drivers in 2008?

Population	41,610 (2008)	43,810 (2030)
Collection Volumes per capita	234,346 items 5.6 items/capita	249,000 items 5.7 items/capita
Seating Seats per 1,000 people	163 seats 3.9 seats/1,000	197 to 219 seats 4.5 to 5.0 seats/1,000
Computers Computers per 1,000 people	31 computers 0.75 computers/1,000	66 computers 1.5 computers/1,000 + laptop checkout
Program Room	100 seats	150 seats
Children's Program Space	Use Program Room	90 floor seats in dedicated space
Library Space Needs Square Feet of Building	28,050 SF 0.67 SF/capita	36,745 SF 0.84 SF/capita
Friends Booksale/Cafe	120 SF + 1,000 SF +/- at Hillview Center	2,695 SF
Total SF		39,440 SF

# FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS

## 2. What has changed since 2008?

- a. About this community – growth, profile, expectations, resources...
- b. About SCCL – services, service model, operations...
- c. Rapid world changes – technology, economy, social connectivity...
- d. Evolving libraries – services, programs, spaces, impacts...



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## 3. What does the future look like?

- a. Community aspirations
- b. Challenges, opportunities, resources, partnerships
- c. Library role and impacts

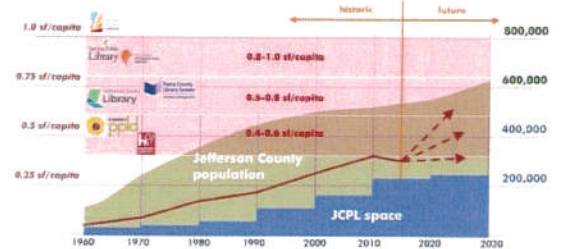


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## 4. What is the right amount and type of library space?

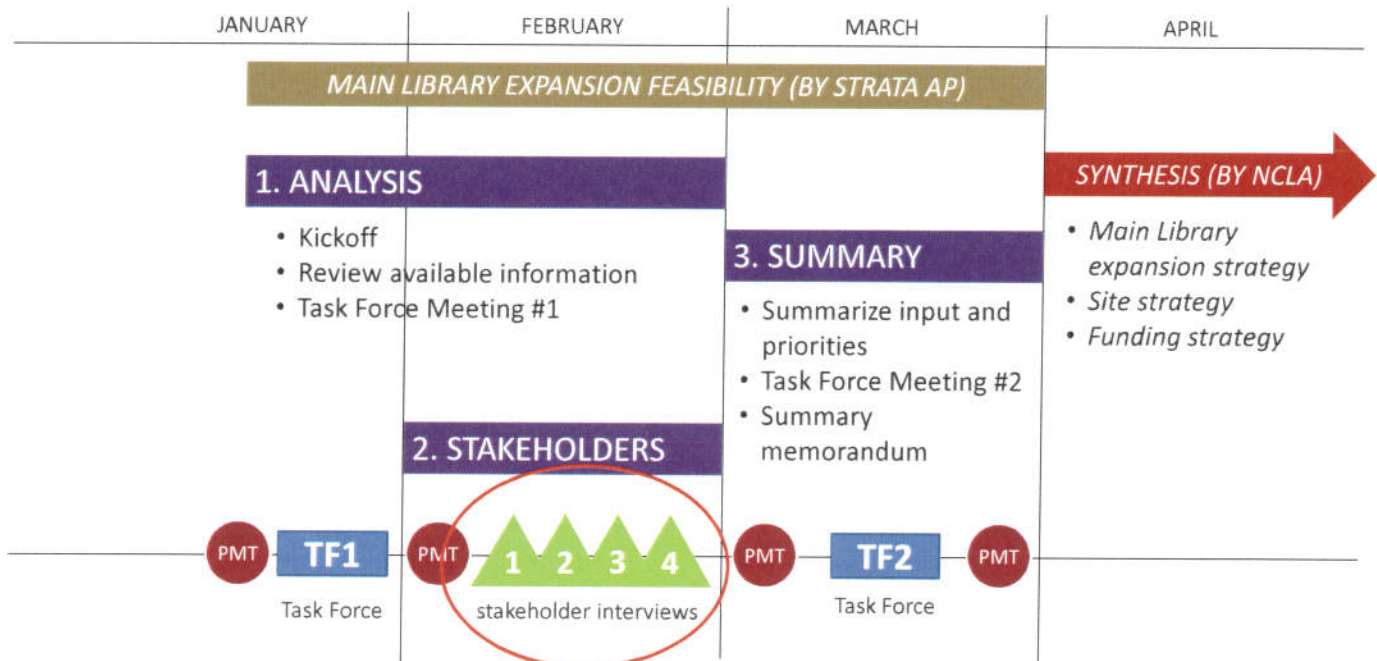
- a. Drivers of space needs
- b. Development/expansion strategy
- c. Responding to new opportunities

No single space planning standard applies



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## Questions and closing thoughts



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**THANK YOU!**

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