

# A New Day for San Diego



The Central Library will be a new civic icon embodying San Diego's commitment to the future. It is the heart of San Diego's 35-branch library system and will serve as a new regional center for learning and literacy.

The Library has space to accommodate 1.2 million items and will feature 407 public computers, 22 WiFi enabled study rooms and several large public meeting areas. The Library will be a community gathering place where San Diegans

will celebrate reading and culture, hear great music, appreciate art work and discuss critical issues.

The structure reflects San Diego's commitment to the environment with photovoltaic cells and other "green" attributes. Inspired by the classic architecture of Balboa Park, the 9-story landmark building will serve the community's need for information, literacy and knowledge in the 21st century.

## Garden Courtyard.

An intimate, outdoor area between the Auditorium and the Main Entrance. Large, folding glass doors open to the Library and Auditorium, connecting the three areas and creating a unique, fluid space. The shaded courtyard will serve as a town square—a large, adaptable space to host large brown-bag concerts, author talks, civic events or more intimate gatherings. The Courtyard features an Outdoor Cafe—a relaxing space where visitors can enjoy a good book, a cup of coffee and a bite to eat.



## Penthouse Special Events Room.

With open terraces looking down to the Reading Room and floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the Bay, Coronado Bridge and Petco Park, this is a stunning space for public and private events. The flexible room can seat 250 people for sit down meals or 500 for classroom events.



## The Reading Room.

The airy, three-story crystalline Reading Room soars above the ninth floor. This inviting public penthouse is nestled in a three-story glass enclosure and covered by the Library's iconic sun-screening protective Dome. Here Library users can read, relax and enjoy panoramic views of the Bay and City skyline.



**Auditorium.** This state-of-the-art theater, performance space and classroom can host 350 for author talks, concerts, films, dance performances, lectures or special City meetings.



**Parking.** 250 underground parking spaces; additional parking nearby.

# The New Central Library

**Construction Begins:** July 2010

**Construction Scheduled to be Complete:** July 2013

**Facility Cost:** \$184.9 million

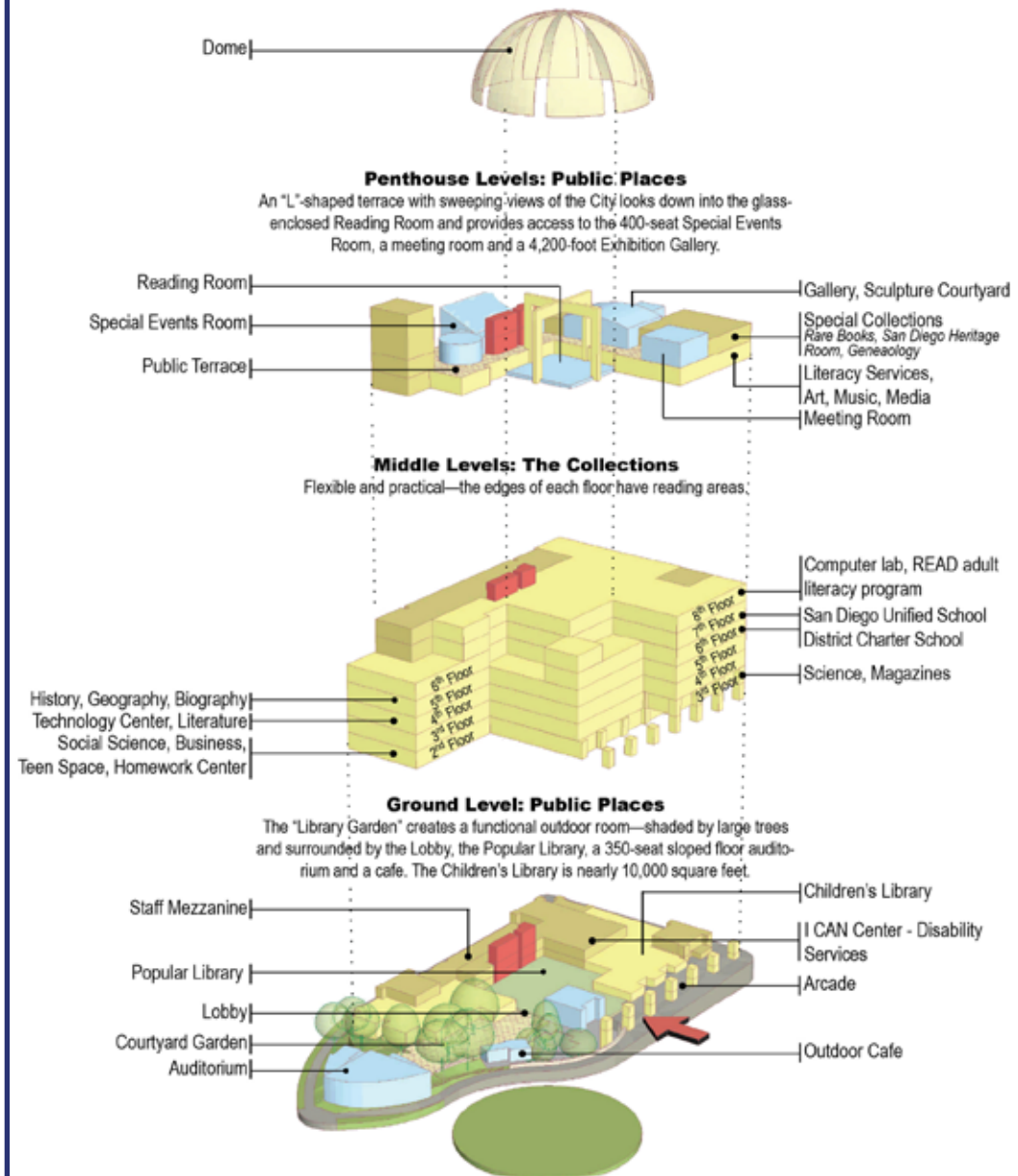
| Features and Services           | Current Central Library | New Central Library                           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Library Space</b>            | 114,524 sq. ft.         | 294,673 sq. ft.                               |
| <b>Site</b>                     | 30,000 sq. ft.          | 69,820 sq. ft.                                |
| <b>Parking</b>                  | None                    | 250 on-site spaces<br>(250 across the street) |
| <b>Collection Size</b>          |                         |   |
| <i>Total (volumes)</i>          | 780,000                 | Space for 1,250,598 items                     |
| <i>Children's (volumes)</i>     | 42,749                  | 71,965  |
| <b>Public Computers</b>         | 84                      | 407   |
| <b>Special Areas</b>            |                         |   |
| <i>Children's Library</i>       | 3,200 sq. ft.           | 9,141 sq. ft.                                 |
| <i>Teen Center</i>              | 1,240 sq. ft.           | 3,797 sq. ft.                                 |
| <i>Homework Center</i>          | None                    | 926 sq. ft.                                   |
| <b>Reader Seats</b>             | 409                     | 1,200   |
| <b>Meeting Spaces</b>           |                         |   |
| <i>Auditorium Capacity</i>      | 180                     | 350   |
| <i># of Meeting Rooms</i>       | 2                       | 6   |
| <i># of Study Rooms</i>         | None                    | 22*   |
| <b>Special Services</b>         |                         |   |
| <i>Literacy Services</i>        | Off site at branch      | 4,907 sq. ft.                                 |
| <i>Gallery/exhibition space</i> | Minimal hallway space   | 3,010 sq. ft.                                 |
| <i>Special Event Space</i>      | None                    | 3,605 sq. ft.                                 |

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