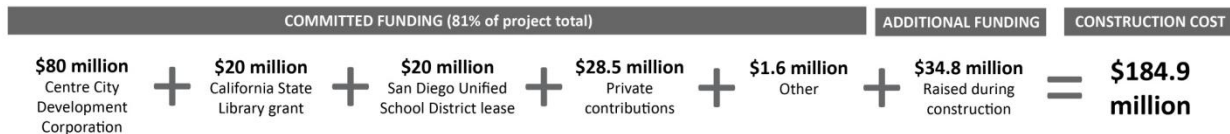


SAN DIEGO NEEDS A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

Libraries change lives by building literacy, education and broad technology access in San Diego's communities.

1. Branch libraries are the heart of each community, and the Central Library is the heart of the branch system, providing resources, collections, expertise and reference support. With each passing year, the current facility becomes less able to fulfill this essential role. A healthy new Central Library is essential to a healthy branch system.
2. Significant private donations coupled with designated funding that can only be used for this project make building and operating the new Central Library within reach, without using one cent from the City of San Diego's General Fund.
3. Now is the time to build this shovel-ready project because the land, the majority of the funding, the design and even the permits are all in place to build the New Central Library. By moving forward now, San Diego can take advantage of more than \$68 million already designated specifically for building a New Central Library and \$10 million contributed for operating the facility.



**Another \$10 million in private funds have been contributed to cover the first five years of additional operating costs

4. The New Central Library is a technology center, offering San Diegans equal, free access. The New Central Library helps close the 'digital divide' with more than 400 workstations, available laptops, spaces for teaching the use of new technology and free WiFi access.
5. A quality Central Library is a necessity for a literate and educated San Diego. San Diego's libraries deliver high quality education, information and resources to everyone, regardless of age, background or means and recent records in circulation reinforce that those resources are more needed than ever.

6. The New Central Library is a community space where San Diegans will gather to celebrate culture, hear great music, appreciate art work, and discuss critical issues. Downtown San Diego, the region's fastest growing area, is the logical spot for a civic space of this scope and versatility.

7. Technology, books, library professionals and the community each play an important role in building literacy and learning with the Central Library at the center of this interaction.