

Shared Facility: 65,000 sq. ft.
Community Center: 41,000 sq. ft.
Library: 19,000 sq. ft.

Building budget: \$26,160,000
Public art budget: \$415,000
Budget source: Nov. 2000
 Library & Parks Bond

Project Started: May 2004
Project Completed: April 2006



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Highlights of the new facility's library wing include a Community Living Room with a fireplace, Technology Lab, Group and Quiet Study Areas, and a Program Room that will accommodate 58 persons, as well as significantly more space for seating, collections and computers. Separate areas for study and quiet reflection were noticeably lacking in the previous facility, so their inclusion will be a welcome addition for many residents. Almaden Library will be the first new library in San José to open with free WiFi access. Taken together with an increase from 6 to 25 Internet-capable computer workstations, the capability for free public access to the Web is virtually limitless.

The community center's two wings feature an Aerobic/Dance Studio, Tiny Town preschool activity rooms, a Gymnasium and Fitness Center, and a Cooking Classroom. It also houses a Computer Lab, Game Room, four classrooms, a Conference Room and an area for Neighborhood Service Providers, such as the Older Adult Resource Program, Senior Adult Legal Assistance, the RSVP Tax Program, and the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program. The shared Community Room with kitchen can accommodate up to 500 persons and is available for rental. There will be 164 parking spaces to serve customers of the joint facility.

Public art at the new library and community center features artwork by artists selected by the community including *Spectral Cloud* by Ray King, comprised of hundreds of dichroic glass prisms suspended from the ceiling in the main lobby; *Almaden Valley*, a pair of WPA-style murals by Evans & Brown depicting imagery from the region's agrarian past, and an additional mural by Evans & Brown entitled *Enchanted Forest* overlooking the children's library area. Two additional works will be installed during the summer: *Ohlone Woman*, a bronze sculpture by Lisa Reinertson will be placed in the courtyard; and an exterior sculptural seating element by art students from the Academy of Art University, created to honor the work of Doris Dillon.

The City of San José acknowledges and appreciates the generosity of numerous individuals and organizations that have supported the opening of the new Almaden Valley Library and Community Center with their contributions.

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