San Diego Public Library
Master Plan Framework Outline

The San Diego Public Library and Library Foundation SD are developing a new master plan. The plan is being built in collaboration with the Mayor and City Council, the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, and the Library Commission and will provide a long-range strategy for San Diego Public Library facility, technology, and program investments. The first phase of the plan was completed in late 2021 with a vision and guiding principles for future development and improvement of San Diego’s library network.

Vision Framework

The Plan outlines an aspirational vision for the San Diego Public Library. High-performing libraries and library services should be equitable, engaging, and experiential, geographically accessible everywhere, and empowered with the resources necessary to thrive.

Vision for SDPL
Equitable
- The Library serves all of San Diego’s diverse community members.
- Library space is provided equitably across San Diego.
- Libraries are tailored to local needs + interests.

Experiential
- The San Diego Public Library provides inviting, attractive, and appealing places for people in safe, well maintained, and accessible facilities. Its spaces and buildings are flexible, adaptable, resilient, and ready for the future.

Everywhere
- The San Diego Public Library uses a data-driven planning zone approach to ensure that all major library services and spaces are accessible to communities throughout San Diego.
- Even outside the walls of library buildings, the community can access library services through robust digital channels, outreach, and partnerships.

Effective
- Revenue and resources are stable and sufficient to provide robust and responsive service, maximize community access, and maintain welcoming and well-maintained facilities. Buildings support efficient and effective service, and staff is empowered with training and resources to provide high-quality, personalized service to patrons and the community. The San Diego Public Library manages all its services and operations with a high degree of efficiency and effectiveness.

Background

Community participation:
The preliminary findings and framework incorporate input from:
- Nearly 7,500 San Diegans who completed the community survey, either online or printed. The survey was available in seven languages.
- Fifteen focus groups with marginalized and underrepresented communities. The University of San Diego’s Nonprofit Institute conducted these focus groups to ensure input from diverse voices.
- A survey of hundreds of Library staff members.

Information from past public meetings and community presentations:
- June 2, 2021, Presentation of Library Master Plan Preliminary Framework to Board of Library Commissioners
  - [Visit here](#) to view that presentation.
  - [Visit here](#) for the document presented at the June 2nd Library Commissioners meeting.

- March 23, 2021, Presentation to the Community Planners Committee

- December 19, 2019, Presentation of the Library Master Plan to the Board of Library Commissioners
  - [Visit here](#) to view that presentation.

**Master Plan Framework Final Report:**