



TO: Chair and Members of the Library Advisory Commission

SUBMITTED BY: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: Goleta Valley Library Construction and Capital Campaign Update

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive an update from the City Librarian on the status of the Goleta Valley Library Americans with Disabilities Act, Safety, and Building Improvement Project and the Interior Design Capital Campaign; and
- B. Receive an update on the Donor Recognition Program for the Interior Design Capital Campaign.

BACKGROUND:

In April and June 2026, the Commission received a report on the Goleta Valley Library (Library) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Safety, and Building Improvements Project (Project) detailing the background of its grant and local funding sources, the infrastructure-specific scope of improvements allowed within the terms of the grant, and an update on its on-track status to meet the grant deadline of June 30, 2027.

These reports also included an overview of the origin of the capital campaign (“Writing the Next Chapter”) to fund interior design updates, which are not a qualifying use of grant funds, and shared the progress of the campaign since its launch in February 2026.

This report and the presentation (Attachment 1) will provide the Commission with a status update on the Project and the capital campaign as of July 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Project Status

Since the Library’s groundbreaking ceremony in February 2026, the project has remained on track to meet its deadline for completion.

The Project Team provided the following updates as of July 2026:

- The demolition phase is complete, and the focus has turned to the “unseen infrastructure” that is critical to the long-term success of this project. For example, worn-out galvanized piping is being replaced with modern polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
- Details are being finalized for the electrical system, data ports, and technology infrastructure that will ensure the Library is well equipped for tomorrow’s needs.
- On the exterior of the building, new walkways are taking shape, and Southern California Edison recently installed a new, higher capacity transformer to serve the Library’s upgraded electrical system.
- As the unseen infrastructure phase finishes in the coming months, the more visible parts of the project will begin to take shape.

Campaign Status

The Library Capital Campaign is running from February to December 2026. The City of Goleta and the Library are fiscally sponsored by the Santa Barbara Foundation as they seek to raise the remaining funds needed for modern, accessible furnishings.

As of July 2026, the campaign has raised \$1,131,122.95, which is 66.54% of its \$1,700,000 goal. Since the last Commission meeting, numerous significant donations have been committed, including \$130,000 from an anonymous local foundation to fund the creation of a vibrant center hub space immediately following entry into the library through the lobby doors. Featuring browsable bookshelves, engaging displays, and short-term tables and seating, this special zone will foster community at the heart of the library.

In addition, Sarah Miller McCune contributed a generous pledge of \$50,000 to fund the Community Room upgrades. A meeting space, programming area, and art gallery, this key room facilitates patron engagement, lifelong learning, and meaningful connections.

Further, a significant gift from Geof and Laura Wyatt (\$10,000) and an anonymous donation of stocks (totaling almost \$50,000), as well as ongoing individual and organizational contributions, have continued to demonstrate the exceptional generosity and support of our community for their neighborhood library.

Meanwhile, the Friends of the Goleta Valley Library have continued to provide consistent and reliable partnership for the Library’s fundraising efforts. Providing donors with the opportunity to select gift options from a variety of local channels has resulted in reported high satisfaction levels.

This considerable momentum has positioned the campaign ahead of schedule. Although the February - December 2026 campaign timeline recently passed its midpoint, fiscal support has already reached nearly two-thirds of the total goal.

Staff are prepared for a strong second half of the capital campaign. Since the campaign was first discussed, there has been sustained community interest in the Donor Recognition Program associated with the interior design fundraising efforts. At the July 21, 2026 City Council meeting, staff presented the final concept from the artist team and received enthusiastic support to move forward.

Staff anticipate that this visually compelling composition, reflecting the heritage, natural beauty, and literary character of Goleta, will further energize donor engagement, particularly as the community plans its end-of-year giving around this unique and impactful opportunity to support the future of the Library.

Donor Recognition Program

The project team collaborated with a team of artists to develop a design concept for a Donor Recognition Program that aligns with the aesthetic vision of both the Project and the broader Goleta community. This concept will be used publicly to support continued fundraising, though final colors, shapes, and tile configurations may be adjusted based on donor participation levels and total funds raised.

The donor wall is proposed to be approximately five feet tall and eight feet wide and composed of hand-painted eight-inch porcelain tiles installed on an exterior wall of the library. The tiles will be glazed, double-fired, and professionally installed, providing durability and resistance to fading and vandalism.

Several locations were evaluated for the donor wall, including interior and lobby spaces and exterior areas near the library entry doors. The project team selected the Fairview Avenue entrance ramp, near the sidewalk, to maximize visibility.

The design incorporates elements that reflect Goleta's identity and the Library's mission, including eucalyptus leaves, monarch butterflies, and books. Recognition opportunities are available for donors who have already contributed to the campaign. Additional opportunities to make a gift at one of the tiers specified in the Donor Recognition Program will be available in early August.

The Library team will continue to provide the Commission with Project and capital campaign updates during regular meetings.

Review By:



Elizabeth Saucedo
City Librarian

Approved By:



JoAnne Plummer
Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENT:

1. Goleta Valley Library Construction and Capital Campaign Update PowerPoint Presentation

Attachment 1

Goleta Valley Library Construction and Capital Campaign Update
PowerPoint Presentation

Goleta Valley Library Construction & Capital Campaign Update

Library Advisory Commission

June 1, 2026

Presented by:

Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian



The Goleta Valley Library ADA, Safety, and Building Improvements Project

- **Goal:** Bring the building up to current code standards and improve accessibility, safety, and sustainability measures within the facility.



Goleta Valley Library, 1974

Progress Report: July 2026

- Status: On track for June 2027 completion
- **Current Phase: “Unseen Infrastructure”**
 - The demolition phase is now complete
 - Critical infrastructure improvements are underway, including piping replacements, electrical system improvements, and an upgraded transformer installation
 - More visible elements of the project will be coming in the phases ahead

Interior Design Capital Campaign

Scope of Improvements

- **Goal:** Raise funds for new library furnishings to support community aspirations, including:
 - Updated seating for all ages
 - Private study pods for reservable use
 - Upgraded shelving to support the library's broad collection
 - Enhanced children's area with interactive and flexible spaces
 - A designated teen zone
 - Technology upgrades, refreshed common spaces, and more



Scope of Improvements

Renderings



Library Lobby & Friends' Used Book Sale Area



Adult Side of Library



Children's Side of Library

Opportunities to Support



Display at GVL Express

Goleta Valley Library Capital Campaign

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Writing the Next Chapter

Goleta Valley Library opened its doors on Fairview Avenue in 1972, and has been a beloved community treasure for more than 50 years. During this time, the facility has not undergone significant infrastructure upgrade renovations. In October 2023, the City of Goleta received a Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program grant (\$4.2 million) from the California State Library to make several infrastructural improvements to the Goleta Valley Library. The project is focused on bringing the building up to the current code standards and improving accessibility, safety, and sustainability measures within the facility. Construction will be completed by June 2027.



Webpage:

goletavalleylibrary.org/writingthenextchapter

Four Ways to Support the Goleta Valley Library Interior Design Capital Campaign: Writing the Next Chapter



SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION

The Santa Barbara Foundation is the fiscal sponsor of the capital campaign.
sbfoundation.org/gvlibrary



FRIENDS OF THE GOLETA VALLEY LIBRARY

The Friends will accept donations for the campaign on behalf of the Library.
friendsofthegoletavalleylibrary.org



CITY OF GOLETA

Campaign gifts can be made to the City of Goleta. Contact us for more information.
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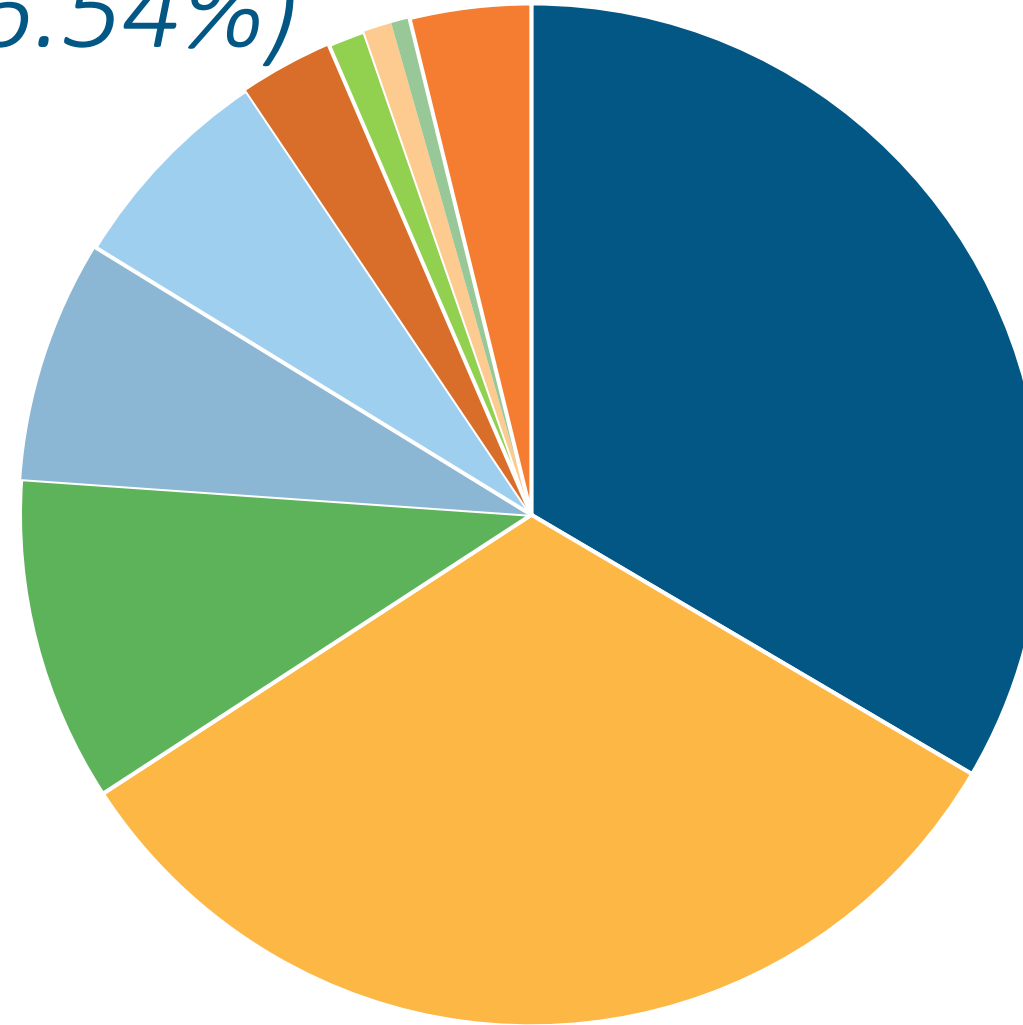
GVL EXPRESS

Donations can be accepted at the register at GVL Express via cash, card, and check.
goletavalleylibrary.org/gvlexpress

Progress Report: May 2026

Campaign Goal: \$1,700,000

Raised: \$1,131,122.95 (66.54%)



■ Goal Remaining: \$568,877

■ Friends of the Goleta Valley Library: \$175,000

■ Local Organizations: \$116,000

■ Patricia Bragg Foundation: \$20,000

■ Geof and Laura Wyatt: \$10,000

■ John C. Mithun Foundation: \$550,000

■ Anonymous Foundation: \$130,000

■ Sara Miller McCune: \$50,000

■ Deckers: \$15,000

■ Community Members: \$65,113

Donor Recognition Program

- Donor wall features artwork highlighting local Goleta heritage and value of literacy
- Visible exterior placement showcases library support and includes accessible viewing spaces
- Durable, hand-painted, double-fired and professionally installed tiles will be resistant to fading and vandalism
- Details on gift options, name placement, and donor tiers to be announced the second week of August

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Questions