



**Agenda Item A.2  
PRESENTATION  
Meeting Date: April 6, 2026**

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**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:**

Receive a presentation from the City Librarian about the status of the Goleta Valley Library Americans with Disabilities Act, Safety, and Building Improvement Project and the Interior Design Capital Campaign.

**BACKGROUND:**

In October 2023, the City received a Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program grant (\$4.2 million) from the California State Library to make several infrastructural improvements to Goleta Valley Library. The Goleta Valley Library (Library) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Safety, and Building Improvements Project (Project) will result in the following improvements: ADA path of travel and restrooms upgrades; modernization and replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; life safety and security installation and upgrades; light-emitting diode (LED) lighting retrofits; doors/windows replacements and upgrades; and fascia repair and exterior paint.

The Project must be fully completed by June 30, 2027 per grant requirements. Given the age of the facility and the Project's complexity, it was determined that the Library would need to close to the public and to staff and be completely vacated while the work was performed. In July 2025, the Library established a temporary location for service during construction, GVL Express, the service profile of which will be detailed in a separate agenda item during this Commission meeting.

A rare opportunity was identified to update the interior design of the Library while the facility was closed and vacant during construction. Furnishings are not a qualifying use of the grant funds. In September 2025, staff received City Council authorization to pursue the launch of a capital campaign to raise funds to purchase accessible and modern interior furnishings to create an updated and welcoming space for all.

This report and the attached PowerPoint Presentation (Attachment 1) will provide a status update on both the Project and the capital campaign.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### *Project Status*

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Library on February 12, 2026 to officially mark the start of construction. The ceremony was attended by the Goleta City Council, those associated with the project, dignitary representatives, members of the California State Library, donors to the capital campaign, longtime volunteers, supporters from the Friends of the Goleta Valley Library, the Goleta Union School District, the Library Advisory Commission, and the County Library Advisory Committee.

The Project Manager provided the following updates as of March 2026:

- The project is on track for completion by June 30, 2027.
- The contractor has mobilized on site and performed most of the demolition work, with the majority of the activity currently taking place inside the building.
- This phase marks an important milestone as the project moves from planning into active construction. Initial work includes the removal of existing interior elements and building components, such as interior walls, which will be reconfigured to accommodate renovated restrooms and other improvements.
- These early demolition activities are preparing the space for upgraded building systems, an improved floor plan, and other planned enhancements.

### *Campaign Status*

The Library Capital Campaign (“Writing the Next Chapter”) launched on February 11, 2026. The City of Goleta and Goleta Valley Library have become fiscally sponsored by the Santa Barbara Foundation as they seek to raise the remaining funds needed for modern, accessible furnishings. The campaign will run through December 2026.

The following campaign updates are available as of March 2026:

- The campaign launched with almost 45% of its \$1,700,000 goal committed by generous community members as well as two milestone donations from the John C. Mithun Foundation (\$550,000) and the Friends of the Goleta Valley Library (\$175,000).
- Since its launch, the campaign has received over \$113,000 in additional donations, bringing its progress to almost 52% complete with a total balance raised of \$878,795.
- The improvements to the entire children’s side of the library have been generously funded by the John C. Mithun Foundation gift. The additional funds raised will allow for improvements in the adult portion of the Library, the Community Room, lobby, common spaces, service desk area, and staff work spaces.
- Community members have four convenient options to support the campaign, by donating to the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Friends of the Goleta Valley Library,

the City of Goleta, or in person at GVL Express. There is no minimum or maximum donation amount.

- Staff are actively meeting with additional foundations and community members who are interested in supporting the campaign, and are ready to arrange group presentations highlighting the Library areas that remain in need of funding.
- The Library's donation recognition program will be finalized and announced this Spring, which will include a series of tiered giving options and special recognition opportunities.

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

April 6, 2025

Presented by:

Elizabeth Saucedo, City Librarian



# Presentation Overview

## ➤ The Goleta Valley Library ADA, Safety, and Building

### Improvements Project

- Scope of Improvements
- Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Progress Report: March 2026

## ➤ Interior Design Capital Campaign

- Scope of Improvements
- Opportunities to Support
- Progress Report: March 2026



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

# Scope of Improvements

- **Goal:** Bring the building up to current code standards and improve accessibility, safety, and sustainability measures within the facility, including:
  - ADA path of travel and restrooms upgrades
  - Modernization and replacement of HVAC systems
  - Life safety and security installation and upgrades
  - LED lighting retrofits
  - Doors/windows replacements and upgrades
  - Fascia repair and exterior paint



*Goleta Valley Library, 1974*

# Groundbreaking Ceremony

*February 12, 2026*



# Progress Report: March 2026

- Status: On track for June 2027 completion
- Current Phase: Demolition
  - Important milestone - project has moved from planning into active construction
  - This phase will prepare the space for upgraded building systems, improved floor plan, and other enhancements



*Getting ready for demolition at the Library*

# 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 Exterior*



*Library Lobby &  
Friends' Used Book Sale Area*

# Scope of Improvements

## *Renderings*



*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](https://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](https://sbfoundation.org/gvlibrary)



### FRIENDS OF THE GOLETA VALLEY LIBRARY

The Friends will accept donations for the campaign on behalf of the Library.  
[friendsofthegoletavalleylibrary.org](https://friendsofthegoletavalleylibrary.org)



### CITY OF GOLETA

Campaign gifts can be made to the City of Goleta. Contact us for more information.  
[esaucedo@cityofgoleta.gov](mailto:esaucedo@cityofgoleta.gov)



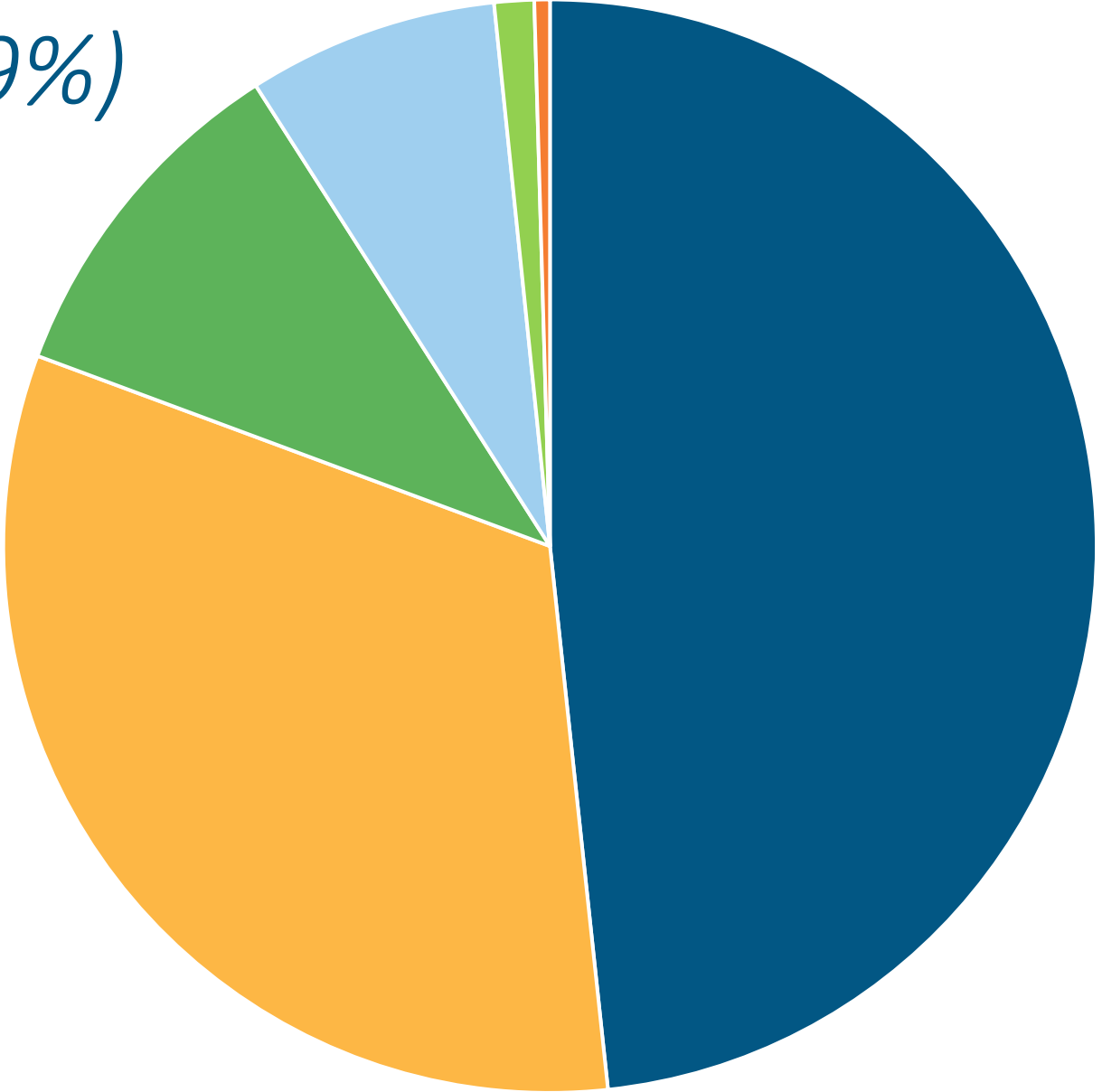
### GVL EXPRESS

Donations can be accepted at the register at GVL Express via cash, card, and check.  
[goletavalleylibrary.org/gvlexpress](https://goletavalleylibrary.org/gvlexpress)

# Progress Report: March 2026

*Campaign Goal: \$1,700,000*

*Raised: \$878,795 (51.69%)*



- Goal Remaining: \$821,205
- John C. Mithun Foundation: \$550,000
- Friends of the Goleta Valley Library: \$175,000
- Organizations to be Announced: \$126,000
- Patricia Bragg Foundation: \$20,000
- Community Members: \$7,795

# Questions