

FACILITY SUMMARIES



Belle Coolegge Library



Bookmobile Parking

BRANCH SUMMARY

Named for the first female mayor of Sacramento, the Belle Coolegge Library inhabits a well-maintained building in an excellent location. However, the overall lack of space and staff workflow inefficiencies are a problem.

COMMUNITY

The Belle Coolegge Library is located in the southwestern portion of the City of Sacramento, serving the Land Park, Greenhaven, and Pocket areas south of Highway 50 and west of Highway 99. The library serves significant Chinese, Japanese, African American, and Hispanic communities.

SITE

The Belle Coolegge Library is part of a community complex that includes an adjacent park and the Belle Coolegge Community Center across the street. The library is on a corner site with room for expansion on two sides. Parking, which is shared with the park, is usually sufficient to serve library needs. Site circulation and security are good. The bicycle racks can accommodate about 20 bikes.

BUILDING

The building has a similar layout as North Highlands-Antelope and Colonial Heights. Built in the early 1990s, the library building is generally in good condition aside from minor maintenance issues. The building is somewhat inwardly-focused, but provides good natural light in interior areas. Work is in progress to repair damage to drywall and ceiling tiles in the children’s and staff areas. HVAC is a problem due to poor zoning in general, and poor ventilation of staff areas.

Service	Current
Service Area Population	79,544 pop
Year Facility Constructed	1991
Collection Size	79,810 volumes
Reader Seats	86 seats
Public Computers	18 computers
Community Room	85 seats
Group Study Seats	0 seats
Building Size	12,000 sq. ft.

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The open floor plan generally provides good visibility of all public areas, with the exception of the children's area. However, the open floor plan does not provide adequate sound separation, resulting in noise conflicts between quiet seating and other areas. There are some issues with the location of the rest rooms away from easy staff supervision.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Belle Cooleedge Library is well-used by the community. Circulation is more than 400,000 annually, and the Branch Friends has more than 900 members. The community takes good advantage of the opportunity to reserve materials online and pick them up in the self-service holds area.

However, in general, the 12,000 square foot library is too small to accommodate all of the materials and services needed by the community. The space configuration results in a confusing layout of the 90,000 volume collection. The large teen population that uses this branch needs a larger teen area than the current small corner. The community room is used for group study and tutoring/literacy when not used for storytimes and other programs due to the demand for small group work spaces. More computers are needed than the current 18 terminals. Some aisles are very narrow.

Conditions are tight in the staff workroom, which also serves as the home base for the Sacramento Public Library's Bookmobile staff. Adult services and children's library staff are separated from the main staff work area. The book drop deposits returns into a closet, which could be opened up into the main workroom for improved efficiency.



Language Materials



Crowded book stacks

FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS



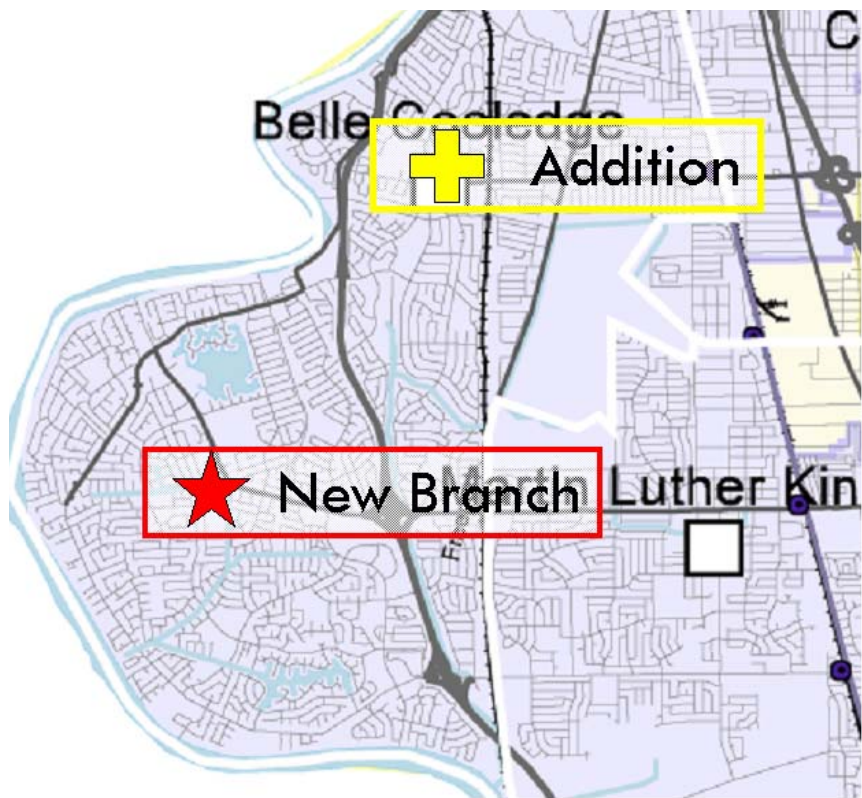
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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Belle Coolegge and Pocket areas are anticipated to experience very slight population growth from infill development over the next 20 years. However, today’s population is sufficient to demand an additional library within this area of the city. A new mid-sized facility located in the Pocket area as well as an expanded Belle Coolegge facility would provide the library space and services needed in the area.

The City has identified a site and funding for the new Pocket Library in Sojourner Truth Park. This will be a joint-use library in cooperation with the Sacramento City Unified School District.

- Renovate / Expand Existing Belle Coolegge Branch
- New Pocket Library



	2005	2015	2025
Population	79,544	76,648	80,380
Belle Coolegge	□ 12,000	12,000	+ 25,000
New Pocket Lib.		★ 15,000	15,000
Sq. Ft. Deficit	27,772	11,324	190

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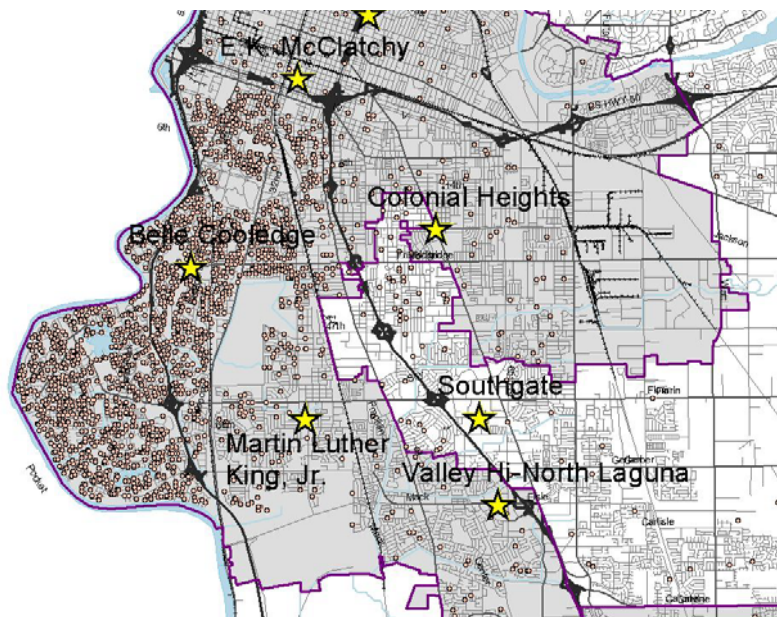
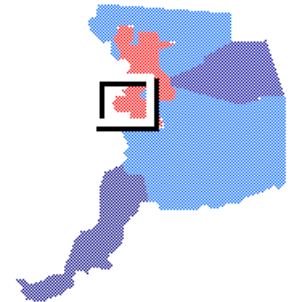
New 15,000 SF Library	2007 Dollars	Expansion to 25,000 SF	2007 Dollars
Construction Hard Costs	\$7,250,000	Construction Hard Costs	\$10,415,000
Technology, Furniture, and Public Art	\$904,000	Technology, Furniture, and Public Art	\$1,611,000
Soft Costs	\$2,927,000	Soft Costs	\$4,313,000
Unescalated Project Budget	\$11,081,000	Unescalated Project Budget	\$16,339,000
<i>Does not include land, cost escalation, or initial purchase of library materials</i>		<i>Does not include land, cost escalation, or initial purchase of library materials</i>	

COST MODEL

The base cost for these library improvements, in January 2007 dollars, are from the 15,000 sf template cost model and the 25,000 sf building expansion template. Other site-specific costs will need to be identified once a specific site is identified. Cost Escalation, Land Costs, and initial purchase of Library Materials are not included.

OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING

Site planning is underway for the Pocket Library, and funding has been identified through the City’s Community Reinvestment Capital Improvement Program. A site capacity analysis and joint-programming confirmation with Parks and Recreation should be done for the Belle Coolegge site to confirm it has the needed site capacity for its recommended expansion.



NEXT STEPS

- Funding Identification for Belle Coolegge expansion
- Planning efforts with City and Parks and Recreation for Pocket and Belle Coolegge Libraries