

FACILITY SUMMARIES



Valley Hi-North Laguna Library in leased space in mall

BRANCH SUMMARY

The current Valley Hi-North Laguna Library occupies a small, leased storefront in a shopping center, and simply cannot meet the wide range of collection, service, program, and technology needs of the diverse communities it serves. A recent needs assessment identified a potential site closer to the center of the library service area as well as to Cosumnes River College and a proposed light rail station. The Library and City have begun the design and planning process for an expanded Valley Hi-North Laguna Library at this site.

COMMUNITY

Valley Hi and North Laguna are a pair of vibrant, diverse communities, each with unique characteristics but both facing similar challenges. Children and youth under the age of 18 make up more than one-third of the community. More than 40% of the community speaks a primary language other than English, and many residents lack basic literacy skills. One out of four residents never completed high school. Neither Valley Hi nor North Laguna has a community center or central business district where residents can come together to receive services or participate in programs.

SITE

The Valley Hi-North Laguna Library is currently located in a leased 5,800 square foot unit in a “strip” shopping center on Mack Road just west of Highway 99. Although Mack Road is a busy thoroughfare, the library is not highly visible due to its location away from the road and the small amount of signage allotted at the street. Parking is shared with other shops and is sufficient.

Service	Current
Population Served	36,544 pop
Year Facility Leased	2001
Collection Size	40,035 volumes
Reader Seats	28 seats
Public Computers	19 computers
Community Room	12 seats
Group Study Seats	0 seats
Building Size	5,850 sq. ft.

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BUILDING

The leased library space is well-maintained. Staff visibility is a problem in about half of the public areas, including the small community room. Noise can be a problem because of the small size of the facility and lack of separate spaces.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The 40,000 volume collection includes materials in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The lack of space limits the ability to add more high-demand materials such as Spanish language as well as media and teen collections, all of which are high-circulating materials.

In 2004, the library's former community room was converted into a computer center with 15 computers donated by Sacramento's WNBA team, the Monarchs. The lab generally works well, although noise can be a problem. Although the lab significantly increased customers' access to computers, there is still frequently a wait for computer time.

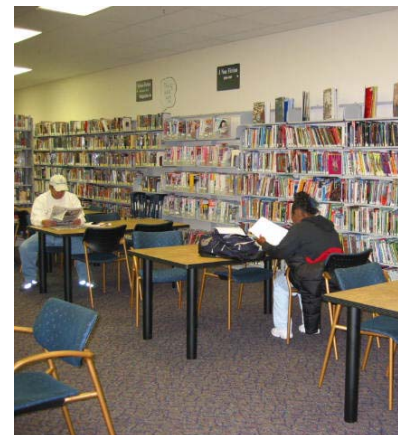
A small, co-located police substation was converted into a small community room after the conversion of the library's former community room into the computer center. The small community room has its own entrance from the exterior as well as direct access to rest rooms, making it usable after library hours. However, it is very small (about 255 square feet) which limits potential uses. For example, because of size limitations, some library programs must be held in the children's area in the library rather than in this space.

The current facility does not support highly efficient operations and the Library's new service model, and cannot reasonably be reconfigured to support an operational model that supports independent customer use of the library, streamlined materials processing, and efficient workflow that would enable staff to provide more personalized service to customers.

The planning and design for a new approximately 20,000 square foot Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, to be located at Bruceville Road and Shasta Ave., is underway. This facility will have a greatly expanded collection, seating spaces for all users, and increased technology resources. The increase in space will better accommodate the different users, including quiet reading, small group study, and casual readers.



Distributed library computers



Limited seating and stacks at capacity

VALLEY HI-NORTH LAGUNA

FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS



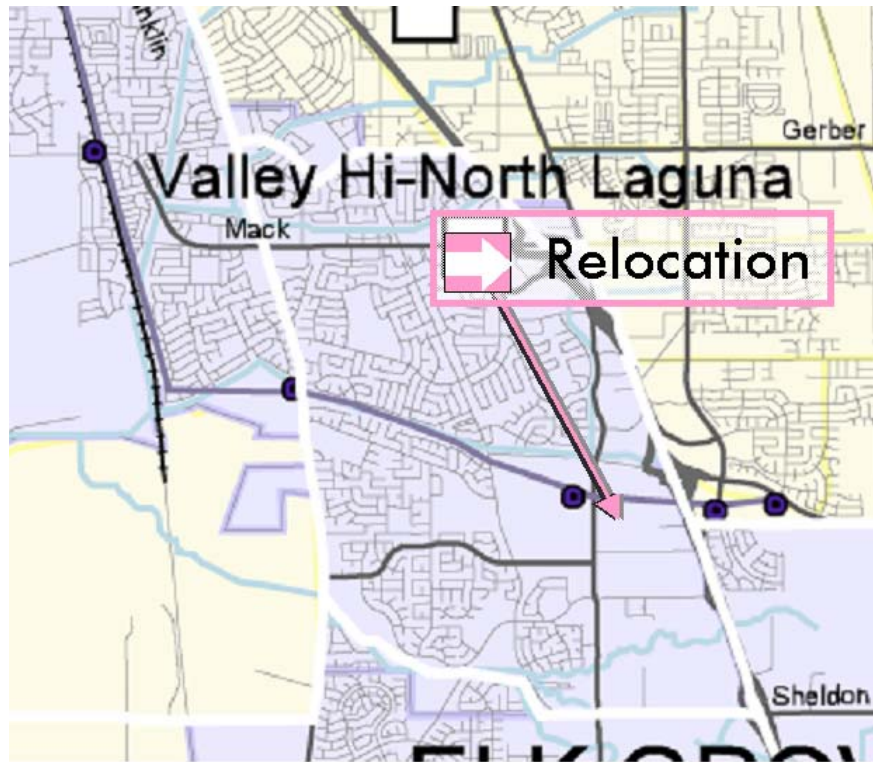
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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Valley Hi-North Laguna Library is currently housed in a leased space in a mall and is much too small to serve the community’s needs. Today’s population is sufficient to demand a much larger library of approximately 20,000 square feet.

A new site for a City-constructed and owned facility has been identified at Shasta Park off of Bruceville Blvd. and near Cosumnes River College. The site will be a joint-use site with Shasta Park, the library, and a future community center.

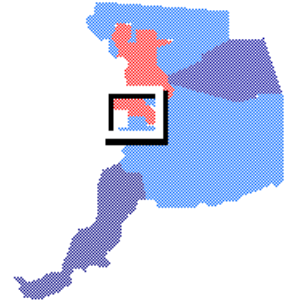
- Relocate and Expand Valley Hi-North Laguna Branch



	2005	2015	2025
Population	36,544	38,228	41,265
VHNL	□ 5,850	➡ 20,000	20,000
Sq. Ft. Deficit	12,422	-886	633

FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

New 20,000 SF Library	2007 Dollars
Construction Hard Costs	\$8,923,000
Technology, Furniture, and Public Art	\$1,443,000
Soft Costs	\$3,717,000
Unescalated Project Budget	\$14,083,000
<i>Does not include land, cost escalation, or initial purchase of library materials</i>	



COST MODEL

The base cost for this library is in January 2007 dollars and is from the 20,000 square foot template cost model, and other site-specific costs will need to be identified. Land costs and Cost Escalation are not included. Updated costs for Valley Hi-North Laguna will be incorporated as they become available through the Site Utilization Study and other work underway.

OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING

Sixteen million dollars of the funding has been identified through the City’s Community Reinvestment Capital Improvement Program. Planning for the site uses is currently underway, with the new library scheduled to open in 2009.

NEXT STEPS

- Site Utilization Study for the Shasta Park site
- Planning and Design of the Library

