



SPECIAL REPORT

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To: Hayward Library Commission
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Subject: **21st Century Library Construction Updates**

The 21st Century Library construction continues on schedule. Expect to see robust construction activity continue for the next several months. Here are the latest developments:

- The reinforced concrete foundation and supporting walls are nearly complete. Construction of the steel framing has begun. The steelwork is expected to be complete by early November.
- A “topping out” ceremony is being planned in early November on a date to be determined soon. The ceremony will mark the placement of the final, topmost steel beam. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign their names on the beam before it is raised into place at the top of the building. Library Commissioners will receive invitations to this special event as soon as the exact date is finalized.
- After the steel framing is complete, the installation of pipes and ducts will commence.
- The projected opening of the new library is January 2018, however there is a possibility that the project will be completed early depending on weather conditions this winter and other factors.
- When construction of the new library building is complete, main library services will close for a period of two to four weeks to allow for staff, materials, and operations to move into the new facility.
- Immediately upon the old main library building becoming vacant, the old building will be safely deconstructed and the debris recycled or safely disposed. The deconstruction will be immediately followed by the complete restoration and renovation of Heritage Plaza, including the installation of an underground rainwater storage tank capable of saving up to 400,000 gallons of water annually.
- All the heritage trees in the Plaza will be preserved. The current project schedule calls for the Heritage Plaza construction to be completed as early as May, 2018.
- **During construction, the safety of pedestrians, motorists, bicyclists and construction workers is our #1 priority. Please use caution and observe all signs when walking, bicycling, or driving in the area.**

All the latest 21st Century Library construction updates and 24/7 webcam video of the construction site are available on the project website, www.HaywardLibrary.org

The webcam has taken a photo every hour since the groundbreaking ceremony on October 3, 2015. A comparison of the following two photos shows how much the construction has progressed in just the past three months.

This photo was taken by the “24/7 construction cam” on June 1, 2016:



This photo was taken on September 16, 2016:

