

SJCPL Main Library Expansion Team

Top Priorities for the Main Public Service Departments (Determined by staff for their own spaces and for the building as a whole)

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Children's Services:

For Children's Services:

1. Expanded Workroom space
2. More room for CS collections, esp. Picture Books; Spanish; Audio; Series; Magazines; Fiction; Parent Teacher; Movie/TV (includes improved use of space, allowing for more display space as well)
3. CHILD/FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT – lower shelving, child-sized/comfortable furniture, safety/sightlines, 1 public entry/exit w/ adequate space to enter room & maneuver with strollers, wheelchairs, etc.

For the Library as a whole:

1. Re-work entrance/have covered entrance for drive-up
2. Public restrooms on every floor
3. Outdoor space (green space that could possibly be used as performance space)
4. Study spaces - private and small group spaces, allowing for quiet interaction)

*Please note--we also mentioned the roof (leaks!) & clear, consistent signage as so obvious that we figured these issues would be addressed, whether we mentioned them or not.

Circulation Services:

For Circulation Services:

1. Workroom, preferably with sink.
2. Consolidate Department to single area.
3. Automate ^ self-check, materials handling, etc.

For the Library as a whole:

1. More intuitive floor design.
 2. More open design ^ get rid of huge service desks.
 3. Printer/copiers near computer usage.
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Local History & Genealogy Services:

For Local History & Genealogy Services:

1. Historically appropriate look suitable to a destination for historical research
2. More space for collections, computers, and microfilm machines
3. Climate-controlled areas & UV filters for collection preservation. Private office for department head to allow for private personnel meetings) (Local History, continued)

For the Library as a whole:

1. Restrooms on each floor!
 2. Garage and vehicle storage NOT in main building
 3. Private study spaces with computer hookups and comfortable seating
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Magazines, Newspapers & Fiction Services:

For Magazines, Newspapers & Fiction Services:

1. Fiction located on the first floor.
2. Larger workroom space.
3. Larger reference desk so there is enough room for the computer and still have enough space to work.

For the Library as a whole:

1. Dynamic teen area, and would be accessible by and for teens only each adult would need to be accompanied by a teen. Would need to be at least 12 to enter.
 2. One separate computer lab for the entire library (except children and teens).
 3. Bathrooms on every floor.
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Reference & Information Services:

For Reference & Information Services:

1. Making different spaces for different noise levels: enclosed conference rooms, quiet areas, gathering space
2. Reference off of the first floor
3. Reference desk that allows for co-browsing and working through a longer question with input from the patron. Honorable mention - Staff room on same level as the department.

For the Library as a whole:

1. Computer lab with technicians (and content creation- Photoshop, multimedia, etc.) (This was the most requested item)
 2. Better lighting! Ability to see call numbers after dark.
 3. Fabulous flexible display areas to best show off our collections. Perhaps it could be multimedia?
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Sights & Sounds:

For Sights & Sounds:

1. Computer lab separate from department (pretty unanimous for the whole S&S team!) with trained staff on multiple applications BUT REPLACE WITH:
 1. Listening stations/music downloading/content creation (iMovie & Garage Band, for example)
 2. Dynamic programming area (mini-stage) could also use for gaming tournaments (possibly??)
 3. Art print gallery or more visible way to highlight and display the art prints

For the Library as a whole:

1. Café or coffee shop
 2. Teen department (either on its own or adjacent/part of Sights & Sounds)
 3. Restrooms on each floor
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Special Services:

For Special Services:

1. More square footage for the collection and patron seating.
2. An accessible covered drive-up door so that volunteers can pick up bags of library materials for delivery to homebound patrons. The drive-up door would be monitored (buzzer) by homebound staff from the inside. This logistical enhancement would serve to expedite deliveries, streamline the operation, and solve a host of access problems from volunteers.
3. A Readmobile office that is in closer proximity to the rest of the Special Services department. Readmobile should feel as though it is an integral part of the parent department. Because it is logistically removed, sometimes Special Services staff doesn't know that the RDM staff is in the building. Ancillary to this is also the issue of more space for Readmobile shelving, and transfer of books from shelves to bus, and the problem of fumes coming into the work area.

For the Library as a whole:

1. More variety and volume of seating for patrons.
 2. More restrooms building wide.
 3. Well defined teen area.
 4. More light.
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