

**PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SERVE THE GREATER VAIL AREA**

It hasn't come easily, but the current plan is for a public library to open in mid 2020. Very soon a sign for the new library off Mary Ann Cleveland Way will go up on the site.

The effort to have a public library began ten years ago with the Pima County Bond Commission and the approval of a comprehensive bond, which appeared on the ballot in 2015. The bond included a library, but unfortunately the voters did not approve the bond. It was back to square one, but thanks to Pima County Manager Chuck Huckelberry and Pima County Library Executive Director Amber Mathewson a plan for a library in the greater Vail area was set in motion. Construction will begin in November of 2019.

**THE SITE ON MAC WAY**

The site for the library is on land purchased by Pima County for Esmond Station Regional Park.

The site is sufficient for a 9,000 square foot library, parking, landscape, and some room for future expansion.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors approved the architectural panels selection of Burns Wald-Hopkins Shambach Architects, Inc. to design the library. The site is located On Mary Ann

Cleveland Way allowing easy access to a main road. The location is close to Empire High School, the Vail Innovation Center, and Esmond Station K-8 School.

**LIBRARY BUILDING FUNDING**

There are currently 26 public libraries in Pima County. Ours will bring the number to 27.

The cost of the building of the library will be totally from a library secondary tax. It is these library funds that pay for the daily operation of the libraries in Pima County.

Donations are eagerly currently being accepted for interior furnishings, computers and books. See at the bottom of the sheet how to donate.

**YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTICE OF A COMMUNITY MEETING IN APRIL OR MAY!!**

**OUR LIBRARY IS OURS IN ALL ASPECTS.**

Our library is a community project. Ed Buster of Corona de Tucson chairs the Pima County Library Advisory Board, Together with Ethan Hurley, the two co-chair the Steering Committee for the Southeast Library. Anne Gibson and Pam Kelty serve as co-chairs of the Friends for our library.

Locals Ed Buster, Ethan Hurley, J J Lamb served on the panel for pubic art selecting artist Troy Neiman to proceed with the artwork design phase for the library.

**TO DONATE:** If you wish to make a donation, checks may be made out to: Pima County Public Library and in the subject line write Donation for Southeast Library Project and mailed to 101 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.  
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