

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Library DSM

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-3

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE February 10, 2015

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Closure of the Ceres Library for Remodeling Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the closure of the Ceres Library from March 14, 2015, through May 2, 2015, for interior remodeling and to update technology.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Closure of the Ceres Library facility during this period will not have a direct impact to this budget.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-52

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman Withrow

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

## DISCUSSION:

In order to provide our customers with desired services, we plan to refurbish the Ceres Branch Library. This will further the goal of bringing the Stanislaus County Library System in-line with modern library practices.

To inform the community of the pending closure, the library will prepare press releases for the Ceres Courier and the Modesto Bee upon board approval. Notices will be posted in each of the 13 libraries, on the Library website, and on the library's monthly calendars.

Wireless Internet access is expected to remain in service at this site during the closure and customers can access full library service by visiting the Modesto, Keyes, or Hughson Libraries, all of which are within 5 miles.

The completed project will provide value added services that incorporate innovative customer service models and state-of-the-art technologies that meet customer needs. The interior redesign will place greater emphasis on the library as a community learning center by providing collaborative spaces that focus on education, creativity, technology training, and children's programming.

The current furnishings, floor plan, and technologies are outdated and inadequate for the needs of modern library users. The refurbishments will include fresh paint, new carpeting, attractive furnishings, and a state-of-the-art technology infrastructure. The updated Ceres Library will serve as a model as we move forward with modernization of the other libraries in Stanislaus County. Technological upgrades will enable the library to expand customer service options with self-checkout stations, scanning and copying stations, and improved wireless access. We will also install an audio system for programming and electronic signage that will promote library and community events. New shelving and materials processing spaces will enable us to offer a more relevant customer driven circulating collection.

Updated technology will enable the Ceres Library to be used as a technology training center, offering classes for Library staff as well as the public.

The redesigned floor plan includes an early-learning "stay and play" center. Funds from a California State Library grant were used to purchase children's furniture and early-learning materials. These materials will be incorporated into programs that support early literacy development, increasing a child's likelihood of success in school.

## POLICY ISSUE:

Approval of this item to temporarily close and remodel the Ceres Library supports the Board's priorities of supporting "A Strong Local Economy and Efficient Delivery of

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Public Service” by providing additional training opportunities and better access to information.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Staff who work at the Ceres Library will work at other libraries during the closure.

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