



VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM H.P. WRIGHT / E.P. FOSTER LIBRARY FACTSHEET

ABOUT THE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

- The mission of the Ventura County Library System is to meet the general reading, life-long learning and informational needs of the people of Ventura County, with special focus on children, youth and families.
- The Ventura County Library System operates 14 community libraries in six cities and in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County.
- The System currently faces an ongoing budget shortfall of \$650,000 that must be repaired.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR VENTURA

- To repair a portion of the budget shortfall, the Ventura County Library System has proposed a consolidation of the H.P. Wright and E.P. Foster Libraries in the City of Ventura by July 2009. Wright Library would be closed and the book collection, as well as staff, would move to service at Foster Library downtown.
- Future options:
 - Placement of a large print collection at the Ventura Community College Campus
 - A children's library at a site in midtown or East Ventura
 - Bookdrops at several sites throughout the city
 - Extending hours to include Sunday at E.P. Foster

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Ventura City Council is not a primary decision-making body at this time.
- This is a proposal from the Ventura County Library System that must first be approved by the County Library Commission. The proposal must then be vetted and approved by the County Board of Supervisors.
- On Feb. 3, the City Library Advisory Commission will be asked to endorse the proposed consolidation.
- On Feb. 5, the Ventura County Library Commission will formally vote to accept or reject this proposal.

We welcome you to contact the Ventura County Library Commission by sending a letter to Jackie Griffin, Ventura County Library Director, 646 County Square Drive, Suite 150, Ventura, CA 93003-0435.