



City of Ventura Library Strategic Planning Project **FAQs**

1. What is the Library Strategic Planning Project timeline?

The timeline will be approximately 6 months. Our focus in May is to gather feedback from the community. June we will share the survey results. In July we will host a community program to highlight ways to deliver service priorities. August and September will be a final information gathering (from the community, organizations and agencies) for the October presentation to the City Council. Our goal is to provide many opportunities for you to provide input and to learn more about public library services.

2. Are there going to be any public meetings to learn more about the project?

The second Wednesday of each month will be the Library Steering Committee meeting night. The meetings are open to the public. They begin at 5 pm in the Topping Room of E.P Foster Library. Check the city website for the latest information: www.cityofventura.net/libraries

3. Who is sponsoring this project?

The City of Ventura is leading the strategic planning process. There is a 20-member steering committee serving as a sub-committee to the Library Advisory Commission. Denise Sindelar, Community Partnerships Manager, is the city staff liaison.

4. How can I help?

Spread the word on the survey, encourage everyone to complete.

5. Why doesn't the survey ask about library locations?

Right now, our priority is learning from the community what services they want from the library. In the next few months, we will take a look at how to deliver the services the community wants and survey the public about these options.

6. Can more than one person from our home respond to the survey?

Yes, we encourage all to complete a survey.

7. Why ask me what I want? Won't the city just say "NO"?

The city leaders are actively interested in finding out what the citizens want. They are vested in the process and look forward to have a library master plan at the end of the project.

8. If I fill out the survey will my taxes go up?

NO, your taxes will not go up because of the survey. The costs of services are yet to be determined and are not in any way tied to completing the survey.

9. Who is making the decision on library services?

It is a team effort including citizen input, steering committee feedback, library expertise, and city leaders each will have an impact on the final decision concerning delivering library service to the City of Ventura.

10. What are the options for delivering library service the city is looking at?

(1) Stay in the County Library system, (2) Operate a city run library, (3) Contract with an outside private firm to run a city library or (4) A potential partnership with other library systems or agencies.