



## **Library Vision for Ventura**

The residents and businesses of the City of San Buenaventura envision the public library as a "symbol of civic pride," serving as both central information resource and community center, and offering the following amenities and/or services:

### **Improved Access to Library Services**

- \* Service hours would compare favorably with the average of other similarly sized California communities
- \* A strong central facility would be provided, along with satellite branches (including the Avenue Library)
- \* Enhanced Library Services
  - \* Current collections in all formats and media
  - \* Consumer, business and educational resources
  - \* New technology, and assistance in the use of such technology
  - \* Programming for all ages (literacy programs, homework centers, film reviews, public readings, etc.)
  - \* Special place for children and youth
  - \* Business and copy center
  - \* Volunteer opportunities
  - \* Stable Resources
  - \* A reasonable likelihood that adequate revenue could be generated for operations
  - \* A reasonable likelihood that one-time funding for capital costs could be identified
  - \* Cost-effective delivery of services would be tracked and maintained

### **Responsive to Community Needs**

- \* Library staff and administration would be readily accessible to users
- \* Changes could be made in hours, services, facilities and programs
  - \* as community needs change
- \* Knowledgeable and customer service-oriented staffing and administration
  - \* would be provided

### **Accountable**

- \* Increased City input would be provided into decisions about allocation of resources
- \* Increased community input would be provided into hours, facilities, programs, services and materials

### **Flexible**

\* The library would incorporate flexible, creative approaches into its governing and administrative systems, to ensure the continuous improvement of access to and/or delivery of services

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