

LIBRARY BUDGET UPDATE

Library and Education Commission
April 15, 2026

CITYWIDE BUDGET DIRECTION



Citywide
General Fund Shortfall:

**\$56 million in
Fiscal Year
2026-27**




Budget Balancing Strategies:

- Ongoing reductions/eliminations/restructuring to underperforming or lower priority services and programs
- Identify alternative delivery methods and funding sources
- Increase cost recovery for fee-supported services and identify new SJC revenue streams
- Preserve limited resources to support key outcomes related to City Council-approved Focus areas, critical City Service Area (CSA) services and programs, and the City Manager's Foundational & Strategic Support Focus Areas
- Reallocating resources to continue one-time funded services/programs
- Limited consideration of priority, urgent new investments

DEPARTMENT ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



LIBRARY PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET- FY26-27

Key Dates	Deliverables
December 19	 Received Memo Direction from City Manager
January 30	 Department Submitted Budget Proposals
Early May	 Anticipated FY26-27 Budget Release

**Library General
Fund Reduction
Target:**

\$5.46 million

Budget Proposals review is ongoing.

LIBRARY PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET – FY26-27

Key Issues



Continued deferral of critical repairs and maintenance due to decreased Construction and Conveyance Tax revenues in the current year



Limited funding for new projects and unanticipated repairs



Building Forward Grant Round One: Timeline extensions for select branch projects



Building Forward Grant Round Two (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library): Expected to begin in FY 26, with substantial progress in FY 27

MAYOR'S MARCH BUDGET MESSAGE

Secure Additional Library Funding



Consideration for additional funding source stream



Direction to explore polling potential ballot measure language that would renew and expand our existing Library Parcel Tax



ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS + NEXT STEPS



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

Fiahna Cabana, Administrative Officer
fiahna.cabana@sjlibrary.org