



More and more Castro Valley residents are discovering the library and the tremendous value it offers in terms of learning and entertainment. For ten years now, The Alameda County Library Foundation has provided financial support for library programs to benefit the community. In Castro Valley, the Foundation supports the Summer Reading Game for children, the Teen Summer Reading Program, Neighborhood Toddler Story Time, family cultural presentations, the homework center and the addition of library materials in more than 30 languages to support our culturally diverse community. Foundation funding has also provided a wide variety of adult and senior programs that include: meeting and hearing from best selling authors, a senior reading program, books in large print, and speakers on topics ranging from the Civil War to self-improvement.

The Castro Valley Library Capital Campaign is about more than dollars for books and computers. The materials and equipment the campaign will fund, together with the beautiful new library facility, will complete the vision of a world-class community toward which Castro Valley has been striving.

As one of the largest unincorporated suburban communities in Northern California, Castro Valley suffers from the lack of a strong, identifiable civic center. The new Castro Valley Library will fill that need as a gathering place for the community to come together, with a Multi-purpose Education Center, local history collection and community meeting room that will hold up to 170 people.

The Alameda County Library Foundation Board of Directors and Advisory Board, as well as the Alameda County Library Advisory Commission and the Castro Valley Library Advisory Committee support the \$26.7 million dollar project. The facility is well designed to meet the needs of the community by local architectural firm Noll & Tam, known for environmentally responsible work that integrates the principles of sustainable architecture, energy conservation and maximum use of natural light, air and materials.

Why do we need a new library?

Libraries promote literacy and learning for adults and children and encourage cultural diversity through their programs, services and collections. Research shows that children who read better often write better, and can concentrate better. They have an easier time processing new