

**San Rafael City Council**  
**New Library Adhoc Subcommittee**  
**Updated January 2015**

**Members:** Councilmember Bushey (Subcommittee Chair) and Councilmember McCullough

**Purpose:** This subcommittee will address the public library's capital needs and planning. The subcommittee will coordinate with both the Library staff and the San Rafael Public Library Foundation on work related to exploring the needs and possibilities for building a new library for San Rafael.

**Background:** The Downtown San Rafael Public Library was opened in 1909 with approximately 10,000 square feet for a population of 5,000. The Library was expanded in the 1960s to 15,000 square feet and serves a population of 60,000. In short, the Library is far too small to adequately serve our community. In addition, the deteriorated state of the facility results in regular costly repairs and inefficiencies. With library use increasing every year on all fronts, the Downtown San Rafael Public Library is currently unable to provide most of the services a modern library can due to an inadequate facility that cannot support the size of our community's needs and the 21st century changing information landscape.

**Schedule/Meetings:** Meetings will be ad hoc, as needed.

**Community Participation:** Meeting and communicating with the San Rafael Public Library Foundation, conducting community meetings as needed, holding a City Council study session as needed

**Objectives:** Build a new library for San Rafael

**Timeline:** To be determined.

**Staff:** City Manager and Library Director