

BACKGROUND



The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) consist of 10 branches throughout Santa Cruz County, serving a population of over 200,000 residents. A 2013 Facilities Master Plan revealed pervasive issues of obsolete infrastructure, antiquated, and failing systems, outdated spaces and poor ADA accessibility. Based on that study, voters approved Measure S in June 2016, a \$67 million bond for facility improvements throughout the system. Additional funding to complete the work at all branches is being raised by Friends of the Library campaigns.

The Aptos Branch of the Santa Cruz County Public Library System has outgrown its current facilities. The County has completed a feasibility study, selected a design-build team, and begun the design process. The design concept has been developed based on input gathered from four community meetings during the study.

The original 8,000 sf building, built in 1975, is now closed for demolition. Plans for the new library include an outdoor reading room, garden, patio, ride-share/bike parking, group study rooms, a gallery, community room and terrace, outdoor educational displays, public art and historic features in partnership with the Aptos History Museum.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All proposals must be submitted via email in one combined PDF - the file should not exceed 10 MB. All pages of your application should clearly indicate your name, date, project title, and be in numerical order.

Present your materials in the following order:

- A current resume of no more than two typed pages detailing professional artistic accomplishments and at least two references who can speak to your past work and qualifications. Teams must submit a short resume for each member.
- Up to ten images of recent relevant work, each annotated with the artist's name, title (if applicable) location of work, medium, date of work, and dimensions. Indicate budget where applicable.
- A written proposal, not to exceed two pages, which addresses the artist's specific approach and design concept for this project, and references installation location(s).
- Visual support, including conceptual drawings which reflect the overall design concept.
- Fabrication and installation Explain your proposed schedule, process, and medium. Describe the anticipated fabrication and installation needs. Describe special equipment or other needs which would require approval.

Email proposals to prc039@scparcs.com

CALL TO ARTISTS

Public Art Project Request for Proposals



**Santa Cruz County
Public Library System
Aptos Branch Library
7695 Soquel Drive
Aptos, CA**

An artist will be selected to create a site-specific public art component for the new Aptos Branch Library in Santa Cruz County

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

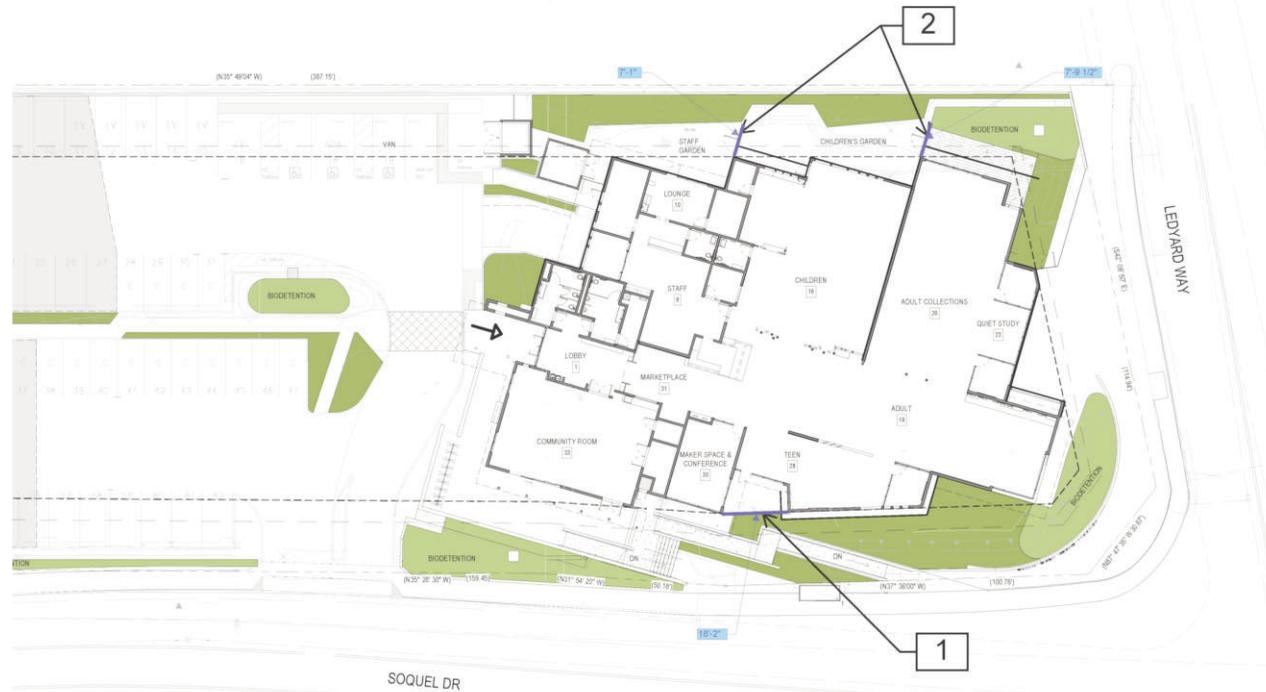


LIBRARY PLANS

Detailed information about potential locations for public artwork, including rough dimensions of fencing and gate features, are available for review here:

<http://www.scparks.com/Home/FindaProgram/ArtsCulturalPrograms/PublicArtPrograms.aspx> then click on the “Aptos Library” link.

Additional renderings can be found here: https://www.santacruzpl.org/measure_s/branch/4/.



IMPORTANT: Proposals for this project must address outdoor fencing and gate needs. Please see diagram above with “1” and “2” indicating potential locations.

The new library’s design will be inspired by the concept of “forest, coastal, and terrace” and other local environmental elements.

BUDGET - \$106,000

The budget includes all costs associated with, but not limited to design, materials, travel, insurance, fabrication, storage, installation, and documentation of the artwork.

ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMELINE

Although every effort will be made to follow the timeline, the schedule is contingent upon meetings with the selection panel and the County Board of Supervisors.

- **January 21, 2022**
Proposals must be received by midnight on the due date. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- **Early February 2022** - Public Art Selection Panel meets and review proposals, select finalists.
- **Late February 2022** - Public Art Selection Panel interviews finalists and selects artist to continue in the process.
- **March 2022** - Arts Commission considers panel’s recommendation of public artist.
- **May 2022** - Board of Supervisors review artist proposal.
- **Fall/Winter 2022** - Installation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Kathy DeWild at Santa Cruz County Parks: prc039@scparcs.com.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The proposed site-specific public artwork should help create an inviting space where people of all ages will gather, learn, connect, and share. Proposals should reflect the community’s identity and values while celebrating the unique culture and natural beauty of Aptos.

In addition to being relevant to the Aptos community, the artwork must satisfy reasonable standards of permanence and safety, meet all relevant codes required for public places, and offer reasonable proof of soundness against theft, vandalism or excessive maintenance and repair.

Selection criteria include submission of requested materials, artistic merit of design sketch, the applicant’s professional qualifications; proven ability to undertake projects of a similar scope; artistic merit as evidenced by the submitted materials; and demonstrated ability to work with a team.

ELIGIBILITY

This project is open to all experienced professional artists. Artists who are new to the field of public art are encouraged to apply.

The selected artist must provide proof of general liability insurance coverage; see the contract example on the parks website (scparcs.com) for an example.