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City Council Authorizes Further Study of Innovative Library Services to Keep Sanchez Library Open and Build New Full Service Library at Sharp Park

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At its September 24, 2018 meeting, the Pacifica City Council directed that further study and community engagement be conducted regarding an innovative approach to expanding library services. In response to community feedback, the City of Pacifica has studied how to maintain access to the Sanchez branch and construct a new, full-service library at the Sharp Park Library location. The proposal includes expanded service at the Sanchez Library via an [Open Access design](#), combined with a new Community Center Annex space to preserve recreation programming and community uses. An Open Access Library is an innovative model that would provide basic services and allow the library to remain open for additional hours even when library staff are not present. Popular programming would continue to be provided at Sanchez such as musical story time, and community input would be sought to establish other priorities. The Sharp Park Library site would be a full-service library and will include a children's area, teen space, and more – in addition to the book collection.

“The City Council and staff are excited about the new and innovative plan for the future of Pacifica’s libraries. The City listened to public input and recognizes the importance of keeping the Sanchez Library branch open. So far we have received very positive feedback from the community about this idea, but are continuing to gather additional input,” said City Manager, Kevin Woodhouse.

City staff will continue to gather community feedback on the proposed service model and report back to the City Council in early 2019. Bonds for construction and renovation of the planned facilities would be determined by voters in a future election.

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