



# 2014 Building and Renovation Plan

## What's included in the plan?

Five new libraries will be built - two new branches in areas of rapid growth and three to replace outdated facilities - plus 13 existing branches will be renovated and support staff in the Main Library will be relocated to open up space for public use. (*See map.*) A major focus includes upgrading technology by adding self check-out kiosks, more public computers and the latest equipment in public meeting rooms. In November, residents can vote whether to support the plan.

## Why do we need to build and update our libraries?

- CCPL's last building plan was on the ballot in 1986, which means our busiest branches opened before the Internet.
- The county's population grew by 80,000 in the past 28 years and is expected to jump an additional 60,000 by 2020.
- Huge new developments provide homes to thousands of residents in areas with no nearby library.
- Branches don't have the technology residents need to keep up with today's lifestyle and communication methods.
- CCPL falls below state service standards, and it's getting further behind as the population grows.
- Prospective businesses look at libraries to measure a community's health, vitality and commitment to education.

## What do libraries provide, and do people use them?

- Libraries are community hubs with free meeting rooms and computer access plus programs and classes for every age group, from infants to retirees. Nearly 210,000 people attended CCPL's 6,000 free programs and classes last year.
- Since the 1986 referendum, CCPL's circulation skyrocketed 278 percent with 3.3 million items checked out last year.
- Nearly 75 percent of county residents have a library card, and an independent survey found 75 percent of local residents visited a CCPL branch in the previous six months.

## How much will it cost?

Construction and renovation totals \$108.5 million, which equals \$11.20 annually, or 93 cents monthly, for a household with a \$100,000 owner-occupied home. Projects will be completed in phases through 2020. Once completed, operating expenses will cost that same household an estimated \$6.80 annually, or 57 cents per month.