

The New Portola Valley Library

is part of the Portola Valley Town Center. This 6,450 square foot library fulfills the promise of a state of the art "green project" that will inspire generations to come. Amongst Redwood trees and a flowing creek, the library facility will feature an innovative service model utilizing the latest technologies for checkout, a "single point of service" information desk, and computer and wireless computing including laptops for checkout. The improved collection will delight and engage the community, welcoming connections with books, music and videos. The building is perfectly set to take advantage of open space views from the large picture windows, inviting natural light in and blending the outdoors with the indoors. The new Library holds the promise of a community destination place to look to with pride.

Library Spaces:

- Community Heritage Center
- East and West Porches
- Marketplace
- Town Living Room
- Kids & Family Space
- Teen Area
- Learning Center

Special Features:

- Furniture that was handcrafted by Green Design, using sustainably harvested solid wood
- Tree trunk columns from trees that were felled on the current site
- Radiant floor heating
- Seismograph constructed by a local committee of volunteers
- Small tree trunks and branches in the cabinetry details from cleared vegetation on the site
- Laptop computers for checkout
- Early literacy workstations
- Friends of the Portola Valley Library Collection & Booksale

Green Building Elements:

- Solar panels on the roof provide nearly all of the Library's electrical power needs
- Recycled materials – many of the walls and counters in the library are made of wood recycled from the old buildings
- Climate responsive building that integrates natural light and ventilation, thermal massing, external shading, and insulation
- Bookshelves, chairs, and tables are made from certified sustainably harvested wood

Library Facts:

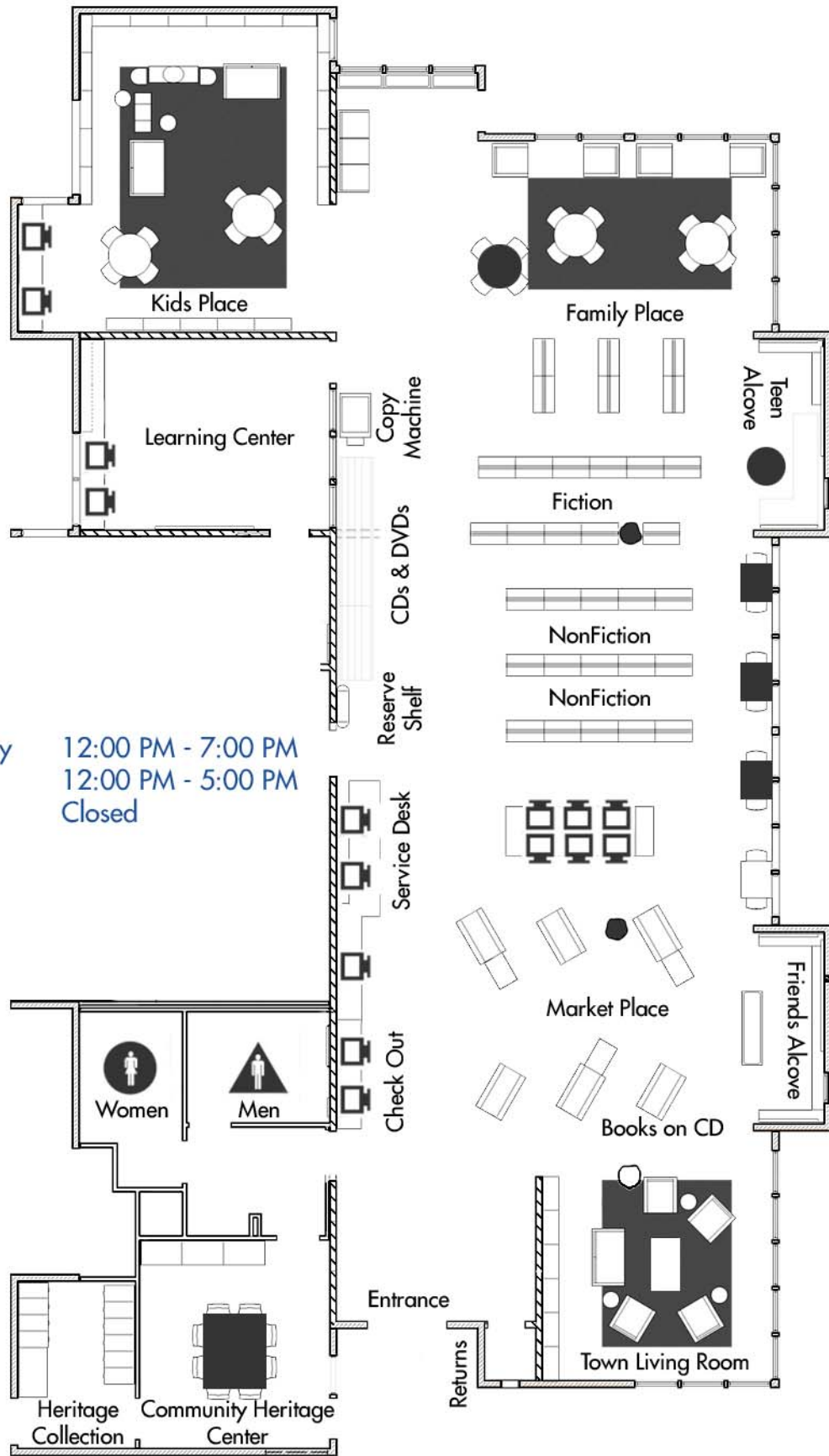
- Architect: Siegel & Strain Architects, partnering with Goring & Straja Architects
- Interior Design: Staprans Design
- San Mateo County Library, Interim Director of Library Services: Anne-Marie Despain
- San Mateo County Library, Portola Valley Library Branch Manager: Alan Couch
- Friends of the Portola Valley Library, Campaign Honorary Co-Chairs: Bunny Dawson and Jean Lane
- Community Heritage Center: Portola Valley Historic Resources Committee
- Library opened on September 14, 2008



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Portola Valley Library Map

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
 Friday - Saturday
 Sunday

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 Closed