

Belmont Library Improvement Project – Updates/FAQs

What is happening at the Belmont Library?

The Belmont Library will undergo a renovation project that will require it to close for a few months beginning **Wednesday, March 19**.

Renovation activities for the facility will include new exterior and interior paint, new flooring, enhancements to create an updated makerspace and new meeting room technology. The library will also receive new furniture and shelving.

In partnership with the City of Belmont, and with generous funding from the Friends of the Belmont Library, San Mateo County Libraries is excited to bring these improvements to its community.

How did this project come about?

The Belmont Library opened in April 2006 and is owned and maintained by the City of Belmont. Since then, it has been a popular community destination. Normal wear and tear have taken a toll on this well-used facility, and funding has been approved to replace the carpet and repaint its interior and exterior.

What library services will be available in Belmont?

During the closure, popular weekly and monthly programs including storytimes, Paws for Tales, Tai Chi, Zumba and others will be offered in pop-up locations throughout the City of Belmont.

After-school homework and hangout space (Study Hall) for middle and high school students will take place most weekdays, Monday through Friday.

- March 19-20 from 3:45-5:30 PM: [Carlmont High School Student Union](#) (1400 Alameda de las Pulgas)
- March 21: No Study Hall
- March 24-28 from 3:45-5:30 PM: [Carlmont High School Student Union](#)
- March 31: No Study Hall, César Chávez Day Observed Holiday
- April 1 from 3:30-5:30 PM: [Carlmont High School Student Union](#)
- April 2-June 6, Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30 PM: [Barrett Community Center](#)
- May 26: No Study Hall, Memorial Day Observed Holiday

Our online resources, including eBooks & eAudiobooks, streaming music and movies and research databases are available 24/7 from the comfort of your home. Visit smcl.org for all this and much more!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact [Customer Care](#) at **1-833-YES-SMCL** (1-833-937-7625) or [text us](#) at **650-851-0147**.

Which other libraries can I visit?

The nearest neighboring library is [San Carlos Library](#), located at 610 Elm Street in San Carlos. It is open Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM and Friday-Sunday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. You are also welcome to visit, borrow and return materials to any public library in the County. A full listing of library locations, hours and programs is available at [smcl.org](#).

When will my materials be due?

Belmont Library items with due dates falling after the closure will be extended until the library reopens. However, you are welcome to return materials to any other library in San Mateo County prior to reopening.

Can I still place and pick up holds?

Holds will be available for pick-up until the Belmont Library closes. After closure, any holds still at the library will be mailed to the address on record. Shortly before closing in March, Belmont Library will no longer be offered as a pick-up location for new holds.

During the closure, Belmont residents can choose to have their holds mailed to them. Patrons can also choose to pick up their holds at another convenient library location. You can change your pick-up location in your account online or ask a staff member for assistance.

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Will the parking lot remain open?

Yes, the parking lot will remain open; however, some spaces may be reserved for construction materials and equipment. Wi-Fi access will continue to be available in and around the library's parking lot.

May I donate books for the Friends of the Belmont Library book sale?

Book donations will not be accepted during the closure. The Friends of the Belmont Library are not planning to hold a book sale during the closure.