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APTOS LIBRARY PROJECT AWARDED

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce the award of a contract for the new Aptos Public Library to a local contractor with strong community roots and extensive experience on public projects locally and throughout the region.

Funded by Measure S, the \$14 million project will rebuild the existing branch into a 21st-century library serving a range of community needs. Chosen by a selection committee, Santa Cruz-based Bogard Construction, along with Anderson Brule Architects, will lead the design and construction of a new library that includes 12,000 plus square feet of floor space, new features and improved circulation and driveway access, including a safer passenger drop-off area. In addition to Measure S funding, the project has received a generous donation from community member Betty Leonard.

"This community-based effort will help transform Aptos Library into the crown jewel of the library system. This project will provide current and future generations a modern gathering place, resource, and community hub they deserve," Supervisor Zach Friend said.

"The Santa Cruz Public Library system is dear to our hearts, and the Bogard/ABA Team is excited to partner with the County of Santa Cruz to design and build such a vital community project. Our team has a history of successfully delivering projects together, and the Aptos Library will be one for the ages," Bogard Construct President Jared Bogaard said.

Plans 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.

To learn more and share comments about the project, sign up for a virtual Zoom community meeting to be held Sept. 28, 2020 between 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/newaptosbranchlibrary>.

Santa Cruz-based Bogard Construction and Anderson Brule Architects were chosen for the design-build contract. Bogard's prior projects include the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Center and the Center for Ocean Health at Long Marine Laboratory, among others. Anderson Brule Architects' portfolio includes El Gabilan Library in Salinas and San Jose's Cambrian and Pearl Avenue Branch Libraries.