

# Great Park Library Planning Meeting

April 6, 2026



# Irvine Public Library System – overview

- Irvine Public Library System overview
- Upcoming Library Master Plan



# Great Park Timelines & City Council Action

- **July 26, 2022:** Great Park Framework Plan Adoption
- **March 14, 2023:** Approved Framework plan phasing and implementation approach
- **September 9, 2025:** Great Park Board Update
- **October 28, 2025:** City Council Resolution
  - "Formally incorporate a Central or Main Library into the Northern Sector of the Great Park Framework Plan, to explore funding sources therefor, and, upon identification of funding sources, to expeditiously build said library"
- **January 27, 2026:** Great Park Board Update, including Library pad construction to begin  
April 2026



# Great Park Library General Timelines

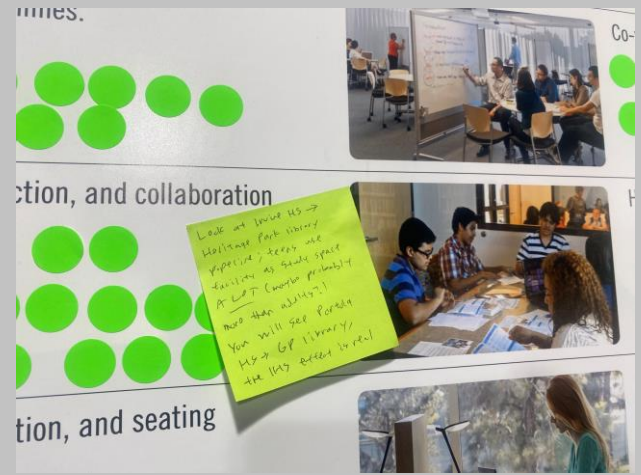
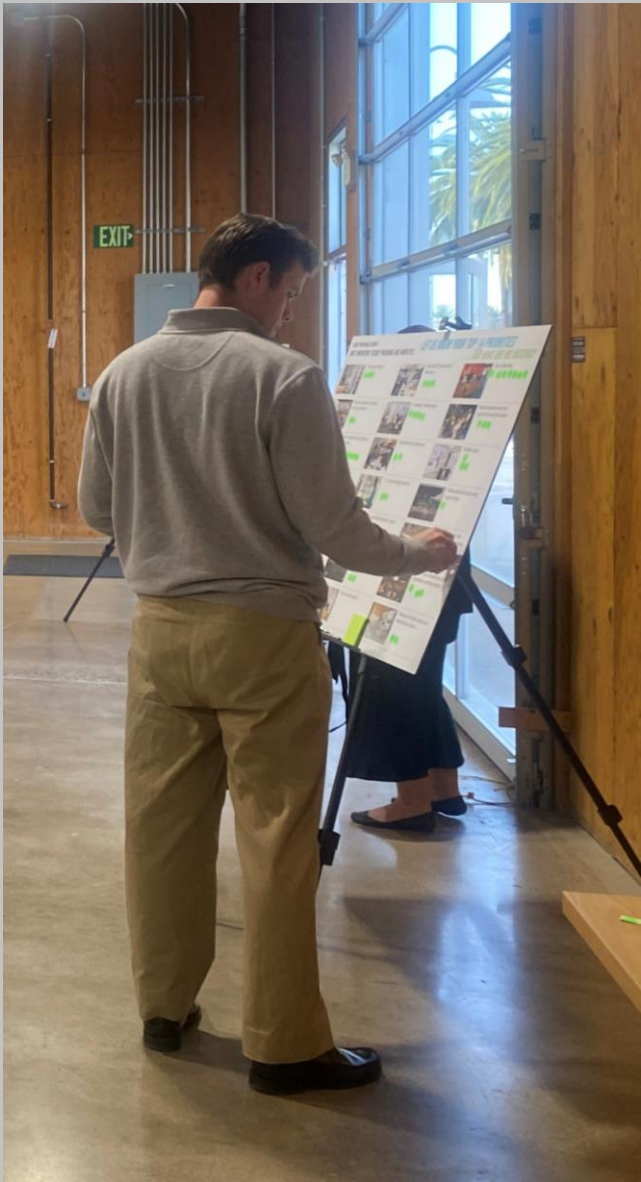


## Great Park Framework Plan CITY OF IRVINE

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Great Meadow                        | 16 Palm Court Arts Complex                    |
| 2 theAmp                              | 17 Administrative Offices                     |
| 3 South Lake                          | 18 Great Park Ice                             |
| 4 North Lake                          | 19 The Canopy                                 |
| 5 Ceremonial Terrace                  | 20 Hangar 10                                  |
| 6 Full Circle Farm                    | 21 Pickleball Courts                          |
| 7 Timeline Bridge                     | 22 Bosque Bridge                              |
| 8 Championship Bridge                 | 23 The Arc                                    |
| 9 Pretend City                        | 24 Pump Track                                 |
| 10 Aviator Hall                       | 25 Playground                                 |
| 11 Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum | 26 Veterans Memorial Park & Gardens           |
| 12 Wild Rivers                        | 27 Botanic Garden                             |
| 13 Operations & Maintenance Facility  | 28 Historic El Toro Air Traffic Control Tower |
| 14 Great Park Balloon                 | 29 Future Library                             |
| 15 Great Park Live                    | 30 Perimeter Park                             |

Updated March 19, 2026





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Programs, collection, and collaboration space for teens.



Homework help and college prep



Exhibition space



Programs, collection, and seating for adults



E - Library and digital materials



Rooftop events room and catering support kitchen



Quiet reading room with comfortable seating



Local history collection / special collections



Auditorium: guest speakers, film screenings, performance, and cultural events



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Community meeting rooms



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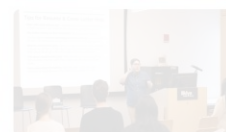
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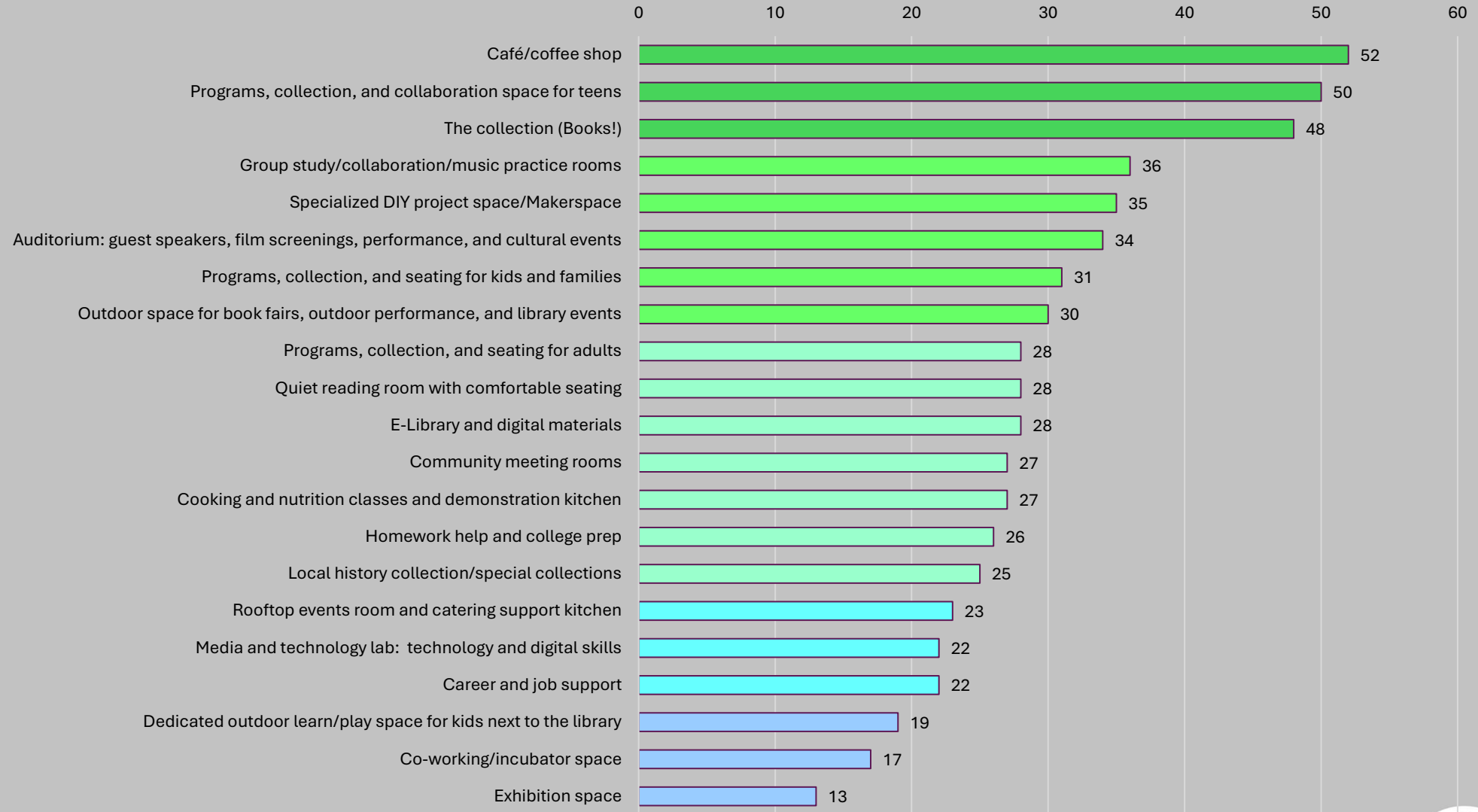
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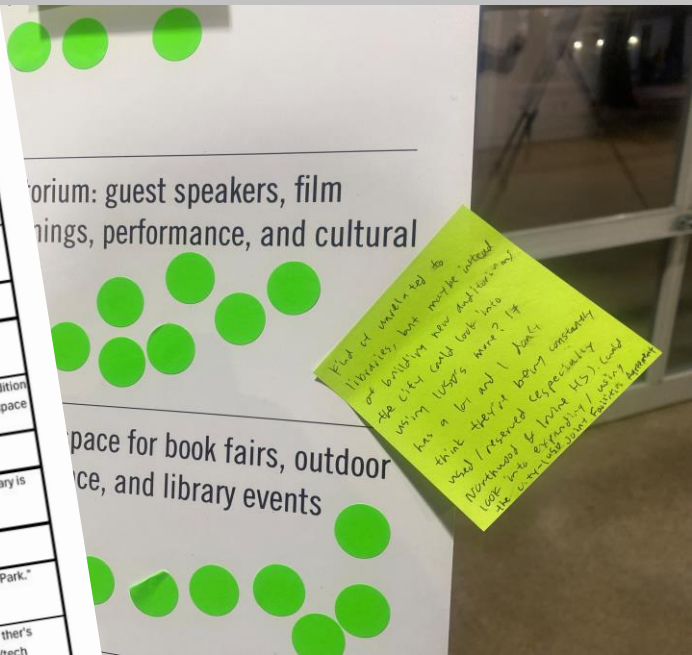


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# Additional Comments

BOARD 1 POST-IT NOTES	
1	<b>Teens &amp; Homework help and college prep:</b> "Look at Irvine HS - Heritage Park Library Pipeline: teens use facility as study space A LOT (maybe probably more than adults?) You will see Portola HS (at) GP Library, the HIS effect is real"
2	<b>Group study/collaboration/music practice rooms and Media and technology lab: technology and digital skills:</b> "Both (music practice room + digital tech lab) work well with Library of Things (instruments, cameras, mics, etc.) Maybe a Library of Things corner with all of these?"
3	<b>E-library and digital materials:</b> (2 comments) 1) "Purchase subscription to CANDID / Foundation Center"; 2) "News subscriptions, i.e. NY Times, OC Register" "1 to 3 day free subscription"
4	<b>Dedicated outdoor learn/play space for kids next to the library:</b> "cool but maybe shouldn't come out of library funding? Would rather have programming, space, catalogue than another playground, just outside the library"
5	<b>Exhibition space:</b> "Irvine Exhibition & History & Research"
6	<b>Cooking and nutrition classes and demonstration kitchen:</b> "Irvine Fine Arts Center has a kitchen I believe? + IUSD at Creekside Education Center and most high schools CCTE. Maybe work with them?"
BOARD 2 POST-IT NOTES	
1	<b>General:</b> "Reservable space for book clubs later in the day"
2	<b>Local history collection/special collections:</b> (3 comments) 1) "HISTORY ROOM"; 2) "Irvine Historical Society has copies of almost EVERY daily edition of Irvine World News from 1971 - 200? Just sitting in their back room. Should be made public! Sounds like a perfect place." 3) "Include archival space for Irvine Master Plan documents unique to Irvine."
BOARD 3 POST-IT NOTES	
1	<b>Quiet reading room with comfortable seating:</b> "library could use separation between quiet/not quiet areas. Big complaint I hear is that the library is too loud now."
BOARD 4 POST-IT NOTES	
1	<b>Cafe/coffee shop:</b> "would love to see this at Heritage Park! Other retail/café options at Great Park but none around Heritage Park/University Park."
2	<b>Exhibition space:</b> (2 comments) 1) "imo just expand the Irvine Fine Arts Center or add to cultural terrace . . . not a priority for libraries (also there's already a proposal for the Laguna Museum of Art at Great Park Cultural Terrace or (smth) right?); 2) Irvine caters itself to many different art/tech studios. There should be a branch in supporting the arts by networking with these studios."
3	<b>Auditorium: guest speakers, film screenings, performance, and cultural events:</b> "kind of unrelated to libraries, but maybe instead of building new auditoriums the city could look into using IUSD's more? It has a lot and I don't think they're being constantly used/reserved especially Northwood and Irvine HS. Could look into expanding/using the City/IUSD Joint Facilities Agreement."



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- “. . . cool, but maybe shouldn’t come out of library funding.” *(Children’s outdoor play space)*
- “. . . kind of related to libraries, but . . .” and “ not a priority of libraries. . . .”
- “Speed at which we raise funds will determine viability and speed of realization and best ensure accountability.”



# Great Park Planning Meeting

## Final Meeting:

- Monday, April 20
- 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm
- The Great Park Studio (Palm Court Arts Complex, 8000 Great Park Blvd.)

