

426.8 Sahuarita Branch Library

Location: Sahuarita Unified School District site within the Town of Sahuarita, on the northwest corner of Sahuarita Road and Salome.

Scope: A 20,000 square foot full-service branch library to replace the existing 2,000 square foot facility. The new library will include one or more public meeting rooms at 1,000-2,000 square feet each; two or more study rooms at 50 square feet each with flexible design including collaborative, flexible furnishings, and will serve as a community gathering place for neighborhood associations, community groups and clubs.

Benefits: A new state of the art library facility will serve the burgeoning community of Sahuarita, currently served by a temporary facility. The nearly 27,000 residents will have access to library materials for homework support; a cutting edge computer center; lending of wireless devices; programming for education, workforce development, and connected learning including a youth media center. The site is well located on a site that is central to the most densely populated area of the Town.

Total Cost Estimate: \$7,500,000 - Not included is the one time cost of \$1,140,000 to expand the opening day collection with 76,000 additional items and additional computers, which will be funded by the Library District tax levy.

Bond Funding Estimate: \$7,500,000

Other Funding Estimate: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: Planning and design at \$1,100,000, construction at \$6,400,000

Implementation Periods: 4, 5

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 12 to 14 months, construction at 12 to 16 months.

Project Manager: Pima County

Operator: Pima County Library District

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: The current facility is open with a staff of three full time equivalents. The incremental increase in operating and maintenance costs resulting from this project is estimated to be \$972,000. This includes nine additional full time equivalent staff (\$571,000), annual collection costs (\$250,000), and annual utility and maintenance costs (\$151,000). The costs will be funded by the annual Library District property tax levy.

Regional Benefits: The Library would address a lack of community gathering places as well as support for the educational institutions in this region.