

## **426.11 Southeast Branch Library**

**Location:** UA Tech Park at Interstate 10 and Rita Road, on the east side of the Tech Park, near Rita Road.

**Scope:** Design and construct a new 10,000 square foot regional library (either freestanding or as part of a shared use complex), and bike and pedestrian improvements providing site connection to The Loop. The Arizona Board of Regents will provide the County with a no-cost ground lease for a parcel of property on the east side of the UA Tech Park, near Rita Road, for the construction of a library and YMCA community center. The YMCA is a separate bond project to be funded partly by the YMCA, which will also operate the facility. The land for both the library and the YMCA facility will be conveyed to the County after construction of the improvements.

**Benefits:** This programmatically unique facility will be a collaboration between the Pima County Public Library, YMCA of Southern Arizona and the UA Tech Park serving the Vail community and far eastern Pima County. Community members will have access to library materials for homework support; a cutting edge information commons; lending of wireless devices; programming for education and workforce development; and connected learning dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM) programming. Collaborative, flexible furnishings will help to promote the space as a gathering place for the community, a resource to support students and a center of neighborhood living. At such time in the future the area population warrants a larger library, the facility would function for other community service activities. The site is well located at the Tech Park and is on the main travel grid for most residents in this area.

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$6,000,000 - Not included is the one time cost of \$675,000 for the opening day collection of 45,000 items and computers, which will be funded by the Library District tax levy.

**Bond Funding Estimate:** \$6,000,000

**Other Funding Estimate:** None identified at this time.

**Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:** Planning and design at \$1,100,000, construction at \$4,550,000 and bike path and pedestrian improvements at \$350,000

**Implementation Periods:** 1, 2

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

**Project Manager:** Pima County

**Operator:** Pima County Library District

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** Operating and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$850,000 annually. This includes 9 full time equivalent staff (\$585,000), annual collection costs (\$150,000), and annual utility and maintenance costs (\$115,000). The costs will be funded by the annual Library District property tax levy. Additionally, the annual maintenance costs for the bike path and pedestrian improvements are estimated at \$30,000/mile and will be funded through the County's general fund.

**Regional Benefits:** The Library would address a lack of community resources in this area, as well as support for the educational institutions in this region with STEAM programming, and will reduce costs by sharing a multipurpose meeting space and central corridor with the YMCA.