

SHARED VISION:

THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES IN WEBER COUNTY

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The Weber County Commission, in cooperation with the Library Board of Trustees, would like to take this opportunity to announce our shared vision for the future of libraries in our County.

Working cooperatively and transparently, we will not only complete the four Library capital improvement projects as promised to the public during the 2013 bond election, but we will also address the need for an additional branch to serve the people living in the northwestern portion of the County. It is not our intent to take away from the quality of what was proposed during the bond capital campaign, it is rather to demonstrate leadership and a spirit of cooperation that exemplifies what government can accomplish for the people when we work together to build our community.

To accomplish this challenging goal of adding a sixth branch to the County Library System, we will issue the complete \$45M bond package as presented and approved by the voters, while also inviting the support of mayors and city councils, foundations and friends, and all County residents to enhance the general obligation bonds by providing the resources necessary to complete this improved capital plan. The County Commission, Library Board of Trustees, and Library Management Team will provide strong fiscal oversight of the approved projects, ensuring every dollar is wisely spent, leveraging future value and return on investment for all of our residents.

The new Southwest Branch/Headquarters Library will soon be a beacon on the densely populated southwest side of our County, signaling what will follow in rapid succession on the east side with the renovation of the flagship Main Library and in North Ogden by expansion and upgrading of public service space at the North Branch. A sixth library to serve the people living in the northwestern area of the County will complete the plan. Together, these new and renovated libraries will infuse our communities with opportunities for people to come together to teach and learn, to attend and participate, to gather and enjoy.