

## Detailed proposal of the needs for the new Artesia Library

A LA County library has existed in Artesia since 1937. The current 5150 sq. ft. library has served the public since 1963, and is currently one of the busiest county libraries. Now, with funding from LA County, the city of Artesia will have a brand new county library set to open in October 2017. This \$10 million facility will double in size to 10,850 sq. ft.

To mark this celebratory occasion for the city, we, as the Rotary Club of Cerritos-Artesia would like to make the new library the focus of our grant.

There are several opportunities for us to contribute to the brand new library. Here is a sample list, but is not exhaustive:



- New books --- the library always needs new books, particularly hard cover children's books, especially of animals. Books in different languages are also in demand. Our club will be recognized with a permanent donors label on the inside cover of each new book.
- Sponsoring children's programs --- the library regularly hosts events for the general public such as Ruff Ruff Reading Club (children read with therapy dogs), Tuesday Evening Art, Toddler Storytime, etc. Some of the workshops involve STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) subjects that require funding beyond the base budget of the library. In conjunction with the children's programs, there is always a need for art supplies, writing utensils, etc.
- The library is always looking for volunteers from the community to read to children. With advance planning, regular time schedules can be set up.
- A brand new library will need new equipment. The list may include but is not limited to furniture, desks, cooking equipment for the kitchenette, projector, screen, computers, etc. With further notice, the library may be able to supply donors with a wish list in the near future before the library opens in October 2017

Our budget for this New Library Project will be:

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| • New hardcover children's books | \$1000        |
| • Workshops/art supplies         | \$1000        |
| • New equipment                  | <u>\$1000</u> |

Total \$3000

This is a proposed budget but the allocation may change slightly depending on the needs of the new library. We do not exactly know yet, but will have a clearer picture once the library opens in October.

There will be ample opportunities for the club to be involved with the new library in reading sessions, participation in workshops, scheduled Rotary meetings at the new conference room, etc. Minimally, we will work with the library and be involved once every other month for the entire Rotary year as we make children's literacy the primary focus of our club this year.