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Fresno County Public Library



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FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW REEDLEY LIBRARY

Reedley, CA – Fresno County Public Library will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Reedley Library on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. The event will take place at 1813 11th Street, along the Reedley Rail-Trail.

The program will include remarks from local elected officials, library representatives, and community leaders highlighting the project's importance to the Reedley community. A ceremonial turning of the soil will follow.

"The people of Reedley have been waiting a long time for this," said Fresno County Supervisor Buddy Mendes. "The library has always been part of this town's story, and now we're opening a new chapter with a building that will serve families for many years to come."

A New Space for the Reedley Community

At nearly 14,000 square feet, the new Reedley Library will be more than double the size of the current building, which has served the community since 1973. The existing 5,000-square-foot branch can no longer keep up with the growing needs of Reedley residents, and the new facility is designed to provide the space and resources the community deserves.

The new library will feature an engaging children's area, a multi-use community room, and a reservable study room for students and small groups. Comfortable seating and inviting reading spaces will create a welcoming environment for residents to relax, learn, and connect. Its location along the Reedley Rail-Trail will make the library a natural destination for residents of all ages.

"The new Reedley Library reflects the community's vision and generosity," said Sally Gomez, County Librarian and Director of Fresno County Public Library. "From the donated land to the design shaped by local input, this project honors Reedley's deep commitment to its library."

Generations of Service

Library service in Reedley began in 1907, when residents first organized to create a community library. By 1910, Reedley had officially joined the Fresno County Library system, and the branch

quickly became a gathering place for residents. Over the years, the library moved several times to accommodate growth, with the current E Street building serving the community since 1973. This groundbreaking marks the next chapter in more than a century of service.

Funding

Funding for the new Reedley Library comes from voter-approved Measure B, which makes projects like this possible across Fresno County. The project is also supported by the Friends of the Reedley Library and the generosity of the Reedley community, including the donation of land made possible through a memorial gift.

Event Details

Reedley Library Groundbreaking Ceremony

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: 1813 11th Street, Reedley, CA (along the Reedley Rail-Trail)

The public and media are encouraged to attend and witness this historic moment for the Reedley community.

About the Fresno County Public Library

Established in 1909, the Fresno County Public Library has served its residents for over 100 years. With 34 locations throughout the County, the Library offers ever-evolving programs and services for residents of all ages. For more information, visit www.fresnolibrary.org.

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