

REPORT

Date: August 21, 2017
To: Library Commission

From: Sean Reinhart, Director of Library and Community Services

Subject: 21st Century Library Furnishing Package

On May 26, 2015, the <u>City Council authorized the Plans and Specifications for the 21st Century Library and Heritage Plaza project</u>. The approved Plans and Specifications include schematic drawings showing the intended locations and types of furnishings to be installed in every area throughout the new building.

In the months and years that followed, a process to identify specific furnishings to fulfill the intent of the schematic design was undertaken by the project design team in consultation with City staff, the Library Commission, and the Hayward Youth Commission, among other stakeholders.

The design process included <u>visual renderings and presentations</u>, tours of new library spaces in other Bay Area jurisdictions, visits to furnishing showrooms, tours of the new library facility under construction, hands-on tests of sample furnishings, and dozens of design meetings throughout 2016 and 2017.

The final furnishing package is the result of several months of intensive design work and stakeholder input. It will be presented to the Library Commission for a final review at the August 21, 2017 meeting.

