

Library Naming Policy

LJPB Policy #403

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1. Purpose

This policy establishes the authority and process for philanthropic naming or re-naming of Santa Cruz Public Libraries interior and exterior spaces and features, major programs, and collections associated with specific branches. Philanthropic naming opportunities provide the Library with funds to meet strategic objectives. The Library determines the distribution of all naming funds.

2. Library Names

The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (the Library) name each branch according to their geographic location in the county, in order to identify each branch with either the neighborhood where it is located or the neighborhood that it primarily serves. This practice allows library users to easily determine the general location of a library facility they want to visit. Member jurisdictions may determine it appropriate to allow the Library building to be included in a naming policy.

3. Naming Criteria

Santa Cruz Public Libraries interior and exterior spaces and features, major programs, and a collection associated with a specific branch may be named in honor of an individual, family, or entity. Naming or re-naming rights is the purview of the local jurisdictions (City of Capitola, City of Scotts Valley, City of Santa Cruz, and County of Santa Cruz) subject to review by the Library Joint Powers Authority Board (JPAB) consistent with this policy.

Naming opportunity is provided only to those that exemplify the attributes of integrity, civic leadership, and deep commitment to the Library and community, specifically where:

- a) the proposed honoree reflects the spirit, values, and mission of the Library in support of free and equal access to information for all.
- b) an individual has provided extraordinary service and support to the Library system.
- c) an individual donor has made a significant monetary contribution to the Library.
- d) an entity's financial sponsorship has allowed the Library to significantly advance the provision of programs, services, or collections.

4. Naming Process

Each jurisdiction shall develop, propose, and maintain a list of Naming Opportunities.

The JPAB shall review each jurisdiction's naming plan to ensure that residents have a unified library experience as they visit branches across jurisdictions, and that the plan is consistent with this policy.

The JPAB shall review each jurisdiction's naming policy to ensure the plan:

- a) is appropriately consistent with other approved naming plans.
- b) does not overly commercialize the library space.
- c) includes clear time limits outlined below.
- d) reserves the right to reject any naming proposal or donation from any individual, family, or entity.

Naming rights shall not extend beyond the normal life of any interior or exterior space or feature, major program, or collection associated with a specific branch, or twenty (20) years, whichever is less. In the event that a named Library interior or exterior space or feature, major program, or collection is significantly altered within (a) 75% of the expected lifespan, or (b) if the Branch Library is closed, deconstructed, destroyed, or severely damaged such that the Branch Library is closed to the public for a period of term in excess of 18 months, or (c) in the event the Branch library goes through an end-of-life renovation, and the Branch Library is closed to the public for a period of time in excess of 18 months for that renovation, and a donor campaign is needed to fund the renovation, SCPL shall offer the naming rights to the same or a similar room to Donor, if available, or (d) If Donor materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement and, after receiving written notice from SCPL identifying such materials breach, fails to cure such material breach within 15 days of such notice.

Gift Policy: Naming rights agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the LJPB and reported to the appropriate JPA jurisdiction for final approval..

5. Naming Revocation

Any naming opportunity authorized by a JPAB jurisdiction can be revoked only by a vote of that body.

If an individual, family, or entity for whom a naming commitment has been made violates the standards defined in section three (3. Naming Criteria) of this policy, the JPAB may recommend the removal of the individual, family, or entity's name from the naming opportunity, interior or exterior space or feature, major program, or collection associated with a specific branch.

Before taking such action, the JPAB jurisdiction shall undertake due diligence, including consultation with counsel, as to any legal ramifications that the jurisdiction may expect under any pre-existing agreement(s) related to naming opportunities or in regard to any other matter that may have legal bearing upon a proposed change in name.

Where unforeseen circumstances make it impossible for a donor to complete a monetary donation commitment after associated name placement has occurred, the JPAB shall make reasonable efforts to work with the donor to create a plan for completion of the commitment. However, in certain circumstances it may be necessary and in the best interests of the Library to remove the donor's name choice from the naming opportunity.