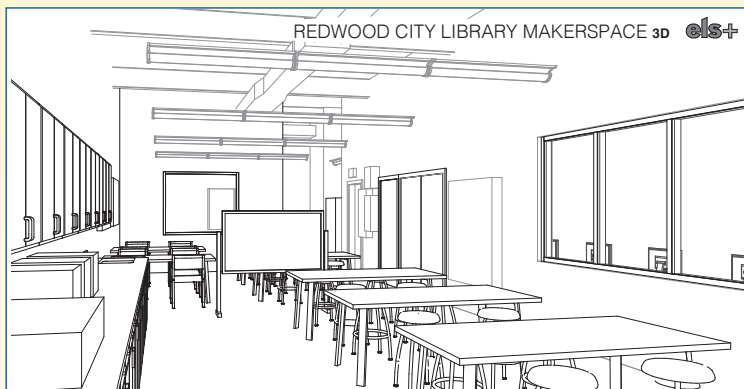




Our mission is to support the Redwood City Public Library in cultivating literacy, life-long learning, and community connections.

Progress on the Redwood City Library's Makerspace Project



Although the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed its start, the Redwood City Library Makerspace project is moving forward! A makerspace is a collaborative workspace designed for making, learning, exploring, and sharing.

Investing in a range of strategies for building STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) opportunities and support for deeper learning complements the Library's equity initiatives. Makerspace programs and tools enable people to learn skills, build self and agency, and create positive change in the community. A makerspace is a powerful addition to the community that provides universal access to free tools and programming for entrepreneurs, tinkerers, artists, small business owners, and more.

Approximately 1000 sq. feet in the Downtown Library has been dedicated for the project. The Makerspace will feature a combination of high-tech tools (such as a 3D printer) and handcraft equipment (such as sewing machines), and will provide a wide spectrum of activities, including digital crafts, traditional crafts, and various media. Usage will combine drop-in and structured programs led by library staff and volunteers. A coworking space for small local business or startup workers will include whiteboards, a lounge area, and large screen monitors for collaboration and videoconferencing. We expect the makerspace area to get more weekend and evening use, and the coworking area to be busier during weekdays.

Mark Schatz of ELS, the architect for the project, has led design teams for more than 30 new and renovated library facilities in the Bay Area, and knows Redwood City well. He designed the Red Morton Community Center, and ELS is the architecture firm for the Veterans Memorial Senior Center project currently underway. The final Makerspace conceptual plan and construction drawings were completed in May along with a revised cost estimate. A written scope of work was developed and the project will go to bid once the fundraising target is met. Once bid, construction can start and

the Library can begin planning for a grand opening, hopefully by summer 2021.

The City of Redwood City has committed \$150,000 toward site development and the Redwood City Library Foundation (RCLF) has a \$354,000 fundraising goal for the Makerspace project. RCLF has already raised \$154,000, so we have \$200,000 left to raise in order to stay on track for construction to begin in 2021. **Please help us meet this goal! Donate today and move us closer to a breaking ground date.**

Hotspot Update

When COVID-19 isolation began, we asked for donations to support the Bridging the Digital Divide program, providing WiFi hotspots to students and families without internet access at home. And, as always, our amazing community responded!

In addition to the original 135 WiFi hotspots, the Library was able to purchase 100 new devices and distribute them to families over the summer in response to requests from community partners, including Project READ, Familias Unidas, Peninsula College Fund, Cañada College Upward Scholars, and Casa Circulo Cultural. Chromebooks and iPads have also been loaned to Familias Unidas and Project READ families. Many thanks to those who stepped up, helping families stay engaged during these difficult times.

Hotspots are currently available for three-week checkouts from the Downtown Library's curbside pickup service. Call (650) 780-7018 (extension 4), or email rcplcurbside@redwoodcity.org to reserve a device for curbside checkout.



WiFi Hotspot Device and Carrying Case

The Building is Closed, but the Library is Here for You

During the COVID-19 shutdown, your Library has not been idle; we are still providing services to the community, including:

- **Return books** to Downtown Library book drops. There are no fines for overdue items.
- **Reserve a book** and **schedule curbside pickup** to get your book.
- **Reserve and pick up hotspots.**
- Participate in one of the many **online library events** for kids, teens, and adults.
- **Borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks**; use streaming TV, movie, and music services; and access digital subscriptions to newspapers and magazines.

- Use **Zip Books** service to have books that the library does not own shipped directly to you via Amazon Prime.
- Get help with **library customer service** and online resources.

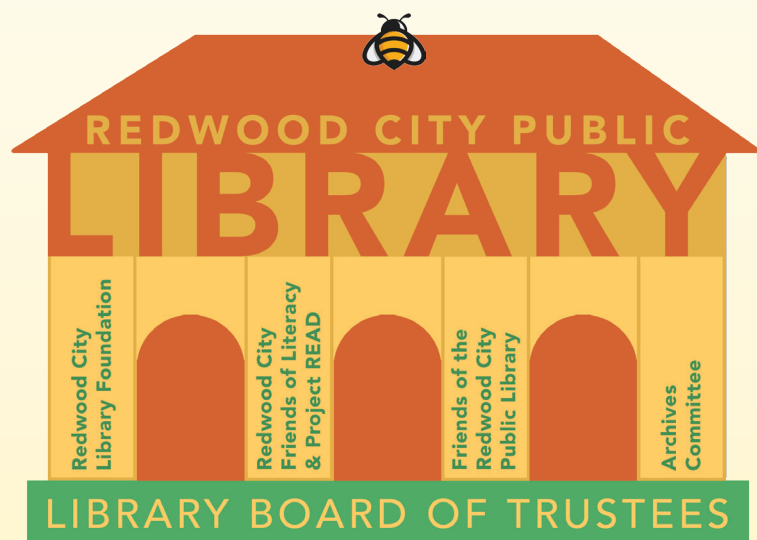
Visit the RCPL webpage for details on events and programs at www.redwoodcity.org/departments/library.



The Pillars of Library Support

Libraries have always been more than just books on shelves. The pandemic has shown the importance of delivering materials in a variety of ways to reach as many people as possible by using expanded electronic services and innovative programming. This takes more funds than the library is budgeted through the city of Redwood City. That's why the **RCLF** was formed in 1998—to provide financial support for library services, improvements, and programs to help the library remain responsive to diverse, low-income communities. Currently the RCLF is supporting the **Bridging the Digital Divide program**, the construction of a **Makerspace in the Downtown Library**, **Career Online High School** and the renovation of the **Interpretive Center at the Redwood Shores Library**. We've had to pivot due to the pandemic, but you can support these efforts by donating to the RCLF.

As shown in the graphic below, the library is supported by several organizations sustaining many library programs. Most are their own 501(c)(3) organizations, have their own governing boards, and fundraise independently on behalf of the library. This gives them more flexibility to fulfill their missions to support the library.



Redwood City Friends of Literacy & Project READ

Redwood City Friends of Literacy promotes awareness, raises financial support, and advocates for the intergenerational literacy services of Redwood City's Project READ. Project READ's programs are designed to break the cycle of illiteracy by providing literacy services to academically at-risk students and adults in the community and in correctional facilities. Other services to families in the program include distributing books and backpacks to students, as well as providing early literacy activities for pre-school children. During COVID-19, Project READ continues to provide services virtually. For more info, please contact rclead@redwoodcity.org or visit www.projectreadredwoodcity.org.

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

The Friends of the Redwood City Public Library operates a resale bookstore in the lobby of the Downtown Library. Proceeds from donations and the sale of books, music, and movies at the store and at community events around the city fund a wide array of children, teen, and adult library programs. They also support programs for the Fair Oaks Library and traveling storytime, participate in community events, and sell honey from the library rooftop bee hives. During COVID-19, Friends of the Library schedules drop-off events to receive donated books for online sales at www.amazon.com/shops/friendsofrwclibrary. For more info, visit friendsofrwclibrary.org.

Archives Committee

The Archives Committee is a group of volunteers who runs the local history room on the mezzanine of the Downtown Library. The Library's large Local History Collection includes primary-source materials and private papers that allow you to learn about Redwood City's history. The collection covers all aspects of Redwood City's development, from the 1850's to the present day, with emphasis on businesses, public schools, civic organizations, city agencies, and early family histories. Materials do not circulate, but most items can be photocopied upon request. Microfilm of local newspapers is also available. The local history room is closed to the public during COVID-19. For more info, email localhistory@redwoodcity.org, or visit www.rwc-localhistory.com.

Meet RCLF Executive Director Lisa Hicks-Dumanske

In April of this year, Redwood City Library Foundation welcomed our new Executive Director, Lisa Hicks-Dumanske. She then had the challenging tasks of meeting all board members, managing board meetings, and coming up to speed on the Foundation itself, all in the virtual world of telephone calls, Zoom meetings, and a closed Library!

Lisa was born and raised in Redwood City. After graduating from Sequoia High School, she volunteered with an international service organization abroad for one year, and then returned home and attended Cañada College. She transferred to San Francisco State University, where she graduated with a BA in Psychology. Lisa was the first in her family to graduate from college.

Lisa was married to John Dumanske for 26 years. They settled in Redwood City and had two children, now aged 21 and 25. John was a high school math and computer science teacher at Menlo Atherton High School for 20+ years before he died of cancer in 2017. Before becoming RCLF executive director, Lisa served two four-year terms on the Redwood City Library Board. Her prior work experience includes director positions at CuriOdyssey and Peninsula Interfaith Action (now Faith in Action).

Lisa lives in Redwood City and is sheltering-in-place with son Liam, mother Ann, sister Laura, dog Batman, and cat Bagheera (who sometimes makes appearances in Zoom meetings). In her spare time, she enjoys reading, knitting, and travel. She plans a photo safari in South Africa as soon as travel is allowed again.



Lisa is passionate about literacy, science fluency, and advocacy with a focus on leadership development. She is dedicated to the values of equity, inclusion, innovation, and sustainability, and is currently a candidate for elected office as Trustee for the San Mateo County Community College District for Redwood City, East Palo Alto, and east Menlo Park.

Lisa's vision for the RCLF is to initially explore its infrastructure, purpose, vision, capacity, and everyone's role to prepare for rigorous strategic planning. We've mapped out the next year of training and capacity-building and will begin a board recruitment process in 2021.

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RCLF Donor Spotlight: The Noon Family

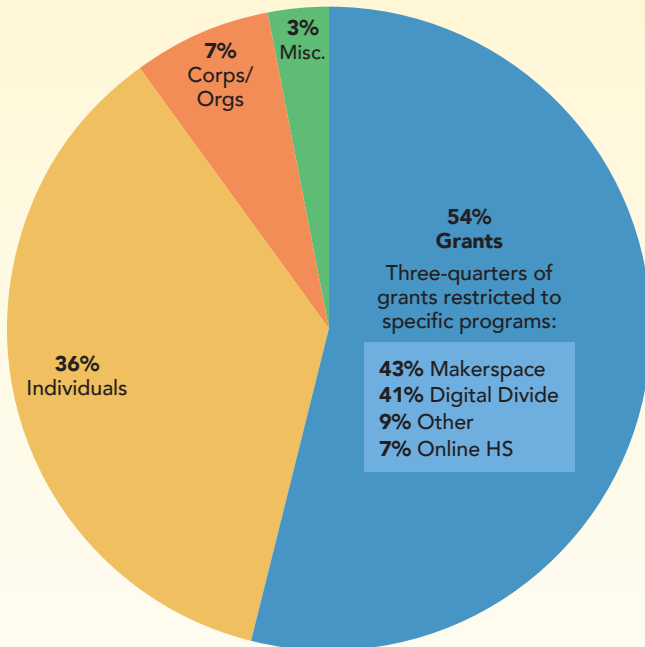


The Noon family moved to Redwood City in 2013 and have been regular users of the Redwood City Public Library, often attending library events. Some of their favorite events were the magic shows, coding classes, Santa's visit, and all the animal programs. Not having these library resources during the pandemic has been really challenging to the family, especially when trying to reduce screen time. Their kids, ages 7 and 10, really miss the quality programs at the Schaberg branch and are just beginning to explore all the online resources now available. The Noon family gives monthly to the Foundation through our recurring gift program and said *"Donating feels a lot better than paying a fine! And getting an email notification each month that you gave makes you feel good."*

We are grateful to the Noon family for leveraging their giving through a monthly donation! A study in *The Science of Giving* found that giving in smaller amounts more often made people happier than giving larger amounts less frequently. Recurring donations are especially valuable because they are a reliable source of income for the Foundation. Please join the library's most loyal supporters by considering the option of monthly giving to the RCLF: www.rclfdn.org.

RCLF Revenue

Fiscal Year 2019-20



TOTAL REVENUE = \$351,000

Donate

Send in your donation envelope, or visit the RCLF website where you can click the "DONATE" button and see other ways to donate. To see if your employer offers a matching gift program, check with your company's HR department or visit Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org.

Future Events

Watch for information regarding how you can support the Library's **Resilience Fund** this fall.

Don't forget: **Giving Tuesday** is December 1 this year!

More Info

For more information about the Redwood City Library Foundation, ways to donate, and past newsletters, please visit our website: www.rclfdn.org

You can also follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RedwoodCityLibraryFoundation

Current Programs We Support

Bridging the Digital Divide

Funds digital literacy projects for the Downtown & Fair Oaks Libraries, including computers, data and annual software licenses, and hotspot devices.

Makerspace in the Downtown Library

Help us fund a space in the Downtown Library for patrons to "make things" using computers, printers, audio/video, and traditional arts & crafts supplies.

Career Online High School in the Library

Allows adult learners to earn a high school diploma and career certificate in Redwood City's Downtown Library.

Interpretive Center Upgrades - Redwood Shores Library

Funds updates & improvements to the decade-old educational center, which allows children to learn about the SF Bay and its wetlands through interactive displays & games.

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