

Fact Sheet

El Gabilan Library

1. Construction began with the ground-breaking ceremony in September, 2018, and construction proceeded on schedule with no significant delays. The building was turned over to the library staff in late December, 2019, and will open with a regular schedule after the Grand Opening on Saturday, February 22nd.
2. The completed building measures – 20,800 square feet. The original El Gabilan Library was 4000 square feet, and built in the early 1960's.
3. Completed spaces include:
 - Makerspace
 - Digital classroom
 - Group meeting spaces
 - Flexible, multi-functional community room
 - Outdoor reading deck
 - Dedicated children, teen, and adult areas
4. Service area includes over 20 public and private schools within a 2-mile radius, including Laurel Wood, Boranda Meadows, El Gabilan, Natividad, New Republic, McKinnon and Santa Rita elementary schools; as well as Gavilan View and Harden Middle School, and Mount Toro and North Salinas High schools.
5. The new library is envisioned as an enduring community place that will anchor the northern Salinas neighborhood and meet the needs of the growing community.
6. Outdoor exterior space maximized limited acreage, small lot and footprint; includes a children's zone, community amphitheater, community room deck that was financed largely through multiple grants from local and regional foundations including the Harden Foundation, Community Foundation of Monterey County, Tanimura Family Foundation, Sunlight Giving and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation.
7. The new El Gabilan Branch Library will be a safe, accessible and inclusive community space for all ages. It will promote curiosity and provide limitless possibilities with an innovative approach to life-long learning.
8. The building was designed by architect Anderson Brule Architects; the general contractor was Swinerton; the developer of the project was Griffin-Swinerton. The owner of the building is the Public Facilities Group in a Public-Private partnership with the City of Salinas.
9. Sustainability features include high performance insulated glazing on windows to maximize daylight and minimize heat gain; special clerestory glazing to bring natural light deep into the space, as well as deep roof overhangs to shade the surfaces of glass and help with heat gain, and custom, laser cut vertical shading fins. Building includes all LED lighting with lighting control system and daylight sensors, as well as highly efficient heating, ventilation and cooling systems. Lastly, the outdoor space includes native planting and efficient biotreatment basis for stormwater management.