

BACKGROUND



The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) consist of 10 branches throughout Santa Cruz County, serving a population of over 200,000 residents. A 2013 Facilities Master Plan revealed pervasive issues of obsolete infrastructure, antiquated, and failing systems, outdated spaces and poor ADA accessibility. Based on that study, voters approved Measure S in June 2016, a \$67 million bond for facility improvements throughout the system. Additional funding to complete the work at all branches is being raised by Friends of the Library campaigns.

The Live Oak Library Annex at Simpkins Swim and Community Center offers the opportunity to expand access to library programming and life-long learning in the heart of Live Oak, co-located at the Simpkins Swim and Community Center. The vision for the Live Oak Library Annex is to create a community gathering and learning hub, and a new plaza integrated into Simpkins Swim and Community Center.

A series of community meetings have helped shape the plans for the Annex. These improvements will support a wide range of library and enrichment programs for the benefit of the community for years to come.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All proposals must be submitted via email in one combined PDF - the file should not exceed 10 MB. All pages of your application should clearly indicate your name, date, project title, and be in numerical order.

Present your materials in the following order:

- A current resume of no more than two typed pages detailing professional artistic accomplishments and at least two references who can speak to your past work and qualifications. Teams must submit a short resume for each member.
- Up to ten images of recent relevant work, each annotated with the artist's name, title (if applicable) location of work, medium, date of work, and dimensions. Indicate budget where applicable.
- A written proposal, not to exceed two pages, which addresses the artist's specific approach and design concept for this project, and references installation location(s).
- Visual support, including conceptual drawings which reflect the overall design concept.
- Fabrication and installation Explain your proposed schedule, process, and medium. Describe the anticipated fabrication and installation needs. Describe special equipment or other needs which would require approval.

Email proposals to prc039@scparks.com

CALL TO ARTISTS

Public Art Project Request for Proposals



Santa Cruz County Public Library System Live Oak Library Annex

An artist will be selected to create a site-specific public art component for the new Live Oak Library Annex in Santa Cruz County

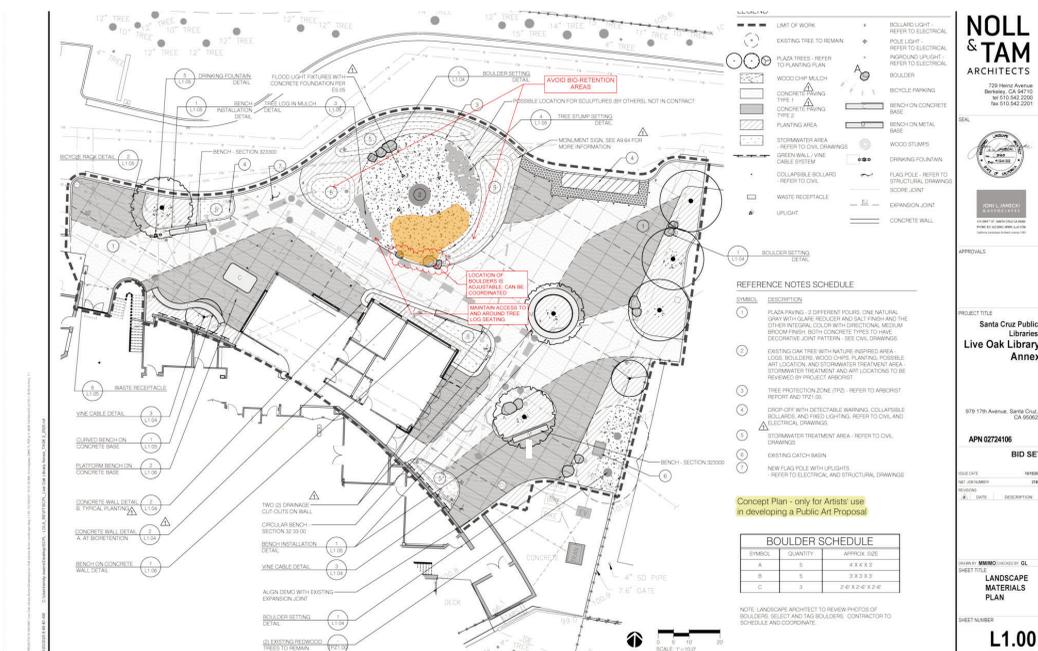
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Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services
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LIBRARY PLANS

An annotated plan showing desired locations for public art placement, as well as information about the history of the Live Oak and the library annex site, are available for review here: <http://www.scparks.com/Home/FindaProgram/ArtsCulturalPrograms/PublicArtPrograms.aspx> then click on the “Live Oak Library Annex” link.

Additional renderings can be found here: https://www.santacruzpl.org/files/docs/measure_s/Live_Oak_2018_1204_Community-Meeting-3_FINAL.pdf



IMPORTANT: Only proposals which address outdoor spaces, including the plaza and surrounding areas, will be considered for this project. Proposals should consider the history of Live Oak, and may incorporate a literary element and/or community participation component. Prior to crafting a proposal, artists are encouraged to visit the Parks website to review Live Oak history information.



BUDGET - \$85,500

The budget includes all costs associated with, but not limited to design, materials, travel, insurance, fabrication, storage, installation, and documentation of the artwork.

ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMELINE

Although every effort will be made to follow the timeline, the schedule is contingent upon meetings with the selection panel and the County Board of Supervisors.

- **January 21, 2022**
Proposals must be received by midnight on the due date. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- **Early February 2022** - Public Art Selection Panel meets and review proposals, select finalists.
- **Late February 2022** - Public Art Selection Panel interviews finalists and selects artist to continue in the process.
- **March 2022** - Arts Commission considers panel's recommendation of public artist.
- **May 2022** - Board of Supervisors review artist proposal.
- **Fall/Winter 2022** - Installation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Kathy DeWild at Santa Cruz County Parks: prc039@scparcs.com.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The proposed site-specific public artwork should help create an inviting outdoor space where people of all ages will gather, learn, connect, and share. Only proposals which address outdoor spaces, including the plaza and surrounding areas, will be considered for this project. In addition, proposals should reflect the Live Oak community's identity and history, and may incorporate a literary element and/or community participation component.

In addition to being relevant to the Live Oak community and the site's history, the artwork must satisfy reasonable standards of permanence and safety, meet all relevant codes required for public places, and offer reasonable proof of soundness against theft, vandalism or excessive maintenance and repair.

Selection criteria include submission of requested materials, artistic merit of design sketch, the applicant's professional qualifications; proven ability to undertake projects of a similar scope; artistic merit as evidenced by the submitted materials; and demonstrated ability to work with a team.

ELIGIBILITY

The project is open to all experienced professional artists. Artists who are new to the field of public art are encouraged to apply.

The selected artist must provide proof of general liability insurance coverage; see the contract example on the parks website (scparcs.com) for an example.