

New Eastside Vancouver Library FAQs

1. What are you doing about parking for the new library?

As part of our planning for the new library, we included funds for construction of additional parking spaces. There will be an additional parking lot constructed at the north side of Firstenburg Community Center that will accommodate about 60 vehicles. The city, library district, and patrons of both the Community Center and the Cascade Park library recognize that the number of parking spaces is a major concern for this site.

The location of library parking spaces is also a concern. Over the coming months, FCC and library staff will develop a mutually acceptable parking plan that serves all visitors. We will also design drop-off zones and designate some short-term parking spots to help manage the parking situation.

2. What is the timeline for this project?

There are multiple phases in the process of designing and building the new library, including 1) pre-design, 2) schematic design, and 3) construction. We have completed the pre-design phase and are moving into the schematic design phase. Groundbreaking for the new library is scheduled for summer of 2008. The new library will open in the fall of 2009.

3. What's going to happen to the Cascade Park building and land?

The Cascade Park Community Library building and land are owned by the library district. FVRL plans to sell the land and improvements once the building is vacated. Proceeds from the sale, and the elimination of the debt service, will be used to help fund additional staffing for the new, larger Eastside library.

4. What will happen to staff who now work at the Cascade Park library?

Cascade Park staff members will transfer to the new library when it opens. Additional staffing will be added as needed.

Do you have other questions about the Eastside library project that aren't answered here? you can send an email to newlibraries@fvrl.org, or fill out a comment form at Cascade Park Community Library. You also can call (360) 695-1566, or send written comments or questions to FVRL, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver WA 98663.