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Library addition funding is OK'd

Huntington annex to cost \$8.5 million

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HUNTINGTON BEACH — The city library will be growing soon, thanks to some creative financing.

"A month and a half ago, we didn't have a project," Library Director Ron Hayden said. "(Now) all the pieces of the puzzle are in place."

The City Council on March 25 unanimously approved a plan to add about 42,000 square feet to the library's 70,000-square-foot, two-story main branch. The addition alone will be more than twice the size of the 27 county libraries and will be used in part for children's programs, expanded book storage, study rooms, meeting rooms and a community theater, according to the plan.

Hayden said about 3,000 people use the main library each day. Nearby housing developments are expected to add 15,000 homes, further stretching the capabilities of the 16-year-old building, he said.

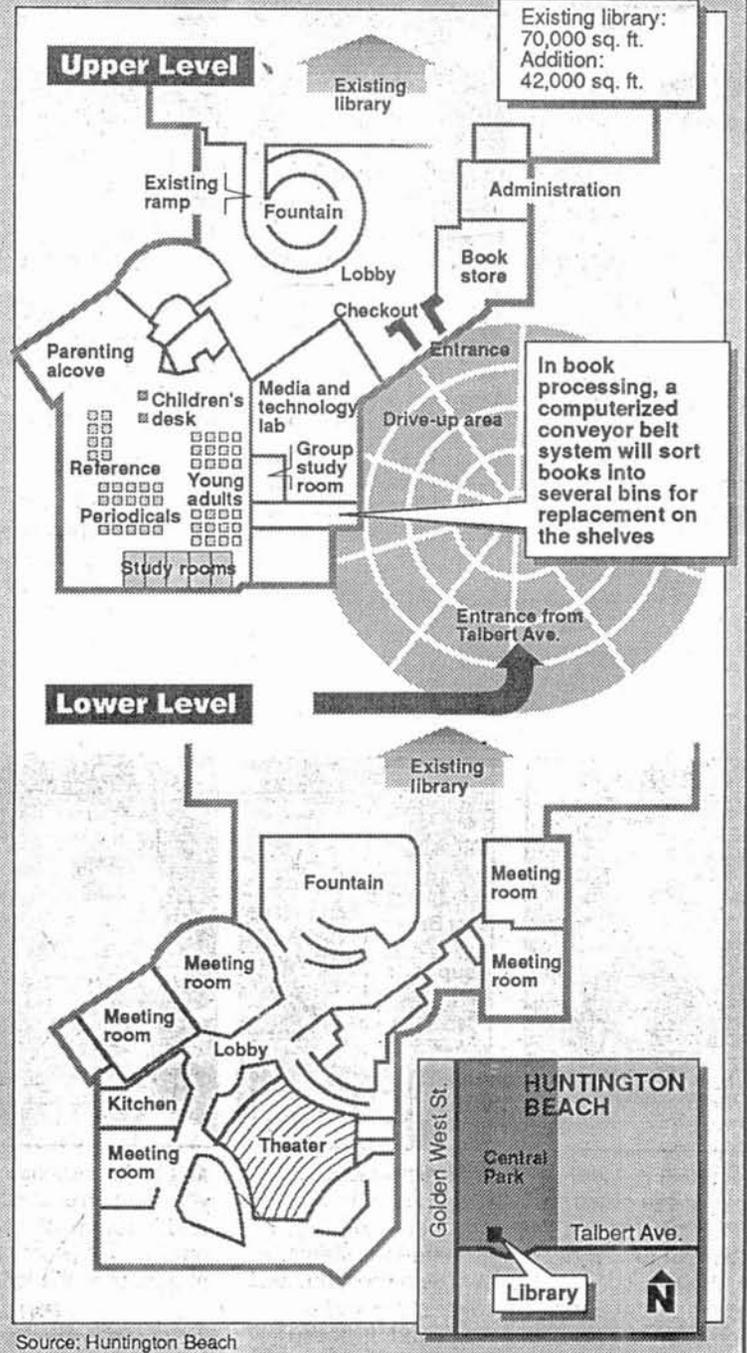
In February, the council postponed funding a three-phase version of the \$8.5 million project that would have been built over five years to target capital-improvement funds for the \$11.7 million reconstruction of the municipal pier.

But a plan to refinance 1972 Library Mortgage Lease Revenue Bonds allowed the expansion to proceed immediately without drawing money from projects such as the pier.

Mayor Peter Green said city

Library grows

An \$8.5 million expansion of the Huntington Beach Library's main branch will add a circulation area, a lobby, a book and gift shop, a storytime theater, a media, computer and technology center, five meeting rooms, additional space for books and study space, a kitchen and a 320-seat auditorium/theater to house the Huntington Beach Community Playhouse. The project also will include redesign of the library parking lot to hold 714 cars.



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residents and officials want the expansion, studied and planned since 1988.

terested in the children of this community and a quality library," he said. "It's going to be one of the best in the county."