

Pleasant Hill/Central Library Chronology

- ❖ Representatives of church, civic, and fraternal organizations in Pleasant Hill organize the Pleasant Hill Library Committee (June 1953).
- ❖ Committee incorporates as the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library (December 1953).
- ❖ Friends of the Library organize weeklong fundraising drive for funds to renovate abandoned Pleasant Hill Elementary School for use as a library (February 14-21, 1954).
- ❖ Pleasant Hill Branch Library opens (November 29, 1954).
- ❖ County Library acquires land on which the current library is located and announces plans for construction of a warehouse and administrative offices (mid 1950s).
- ❖ Groundbreaking (March 9, 1960).
- ❖ Dedication of the Contra Costa County Office and Library Building and Pleasant Hill Branch (September 9, 1961).
- ❖ Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library coordinate countywide participation in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Contra Costa County Library (July 21, 1963).
- ❖ County Board of Supervisors appoints a committee to recommend a suitable memorial to the late, highly regarded Congressman John F. Baldwin (1966).
- ❖ Board of Supervisors adopts Committee's recommendation and resolves to create a special area in the Contra Costa County Central Library as a memorial to Congressman Baldwin (March 28, 1967).
- ❖ Dedication of the John F. Baldwin Reference Room (September 18, 1971).
- ❖ Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library host a reception in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Central Library (July 23, 1986).
- ❖ Pleasant Hill City Council unanimously votes to proceed with planning a new community library for the City of Pleasant Hill (June 2, 2003).
- ❖ The Pleasant Hill Library transitions from the County's Central Library to a Community Library for Pleasant Hill (July 2009).
- ❖ The Pleasant Hill Library partners with the City of Pleasant Hill to create the Green Zone to increase recycling and help the city reach its goals for diverting solid waste from landfills (2009).
- ❖ The Pleasant Hill Library Fund forms with the mission to build a new library in Pleasant Hill (2010).
- ❖ The Pleasant Hill Library celebrates its 50th anniversary with *Pleasant Hill Reads*, a city-wide reading event. (October 2011).