

Library Input Needed From Residents With Special Needs

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Construction site on Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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As Lafayette residents watch the new Library and Learning Center take shape, planners are asking for input regarding the “construction” of special services the facility will offer. Identifying and providing appropriate services for patrons with disabilities and special

needs is the goal. They are seeking input from residents willing to take a few minutes to complete a survey to determine these service priorities.

The wish list will be addressed as funding becomes available.

“When you increase access to people with disabilities you in-

crease access for everyone. Think of curb cuts originally designed for people in wheelchairs, but they have made using sidewalks easier for people with strollers, wheeled luggage, and bike riders,” said Susan Weaver, Senior Community Library Manager.

The six page survey includes questions about visual, physical, learning and speech and hearing assistance needs. It asks for suggestions of useful tools and specific books or periodicals that would be helpful, for example large type books, TTY or the Phonic Ear along with preferences in adaptive technology.

Paper copies of the survey are available at the Lafayette Library and at the Senior Services Office at 500 St. Mary’s Road or online at ccc.lib.org/locations/Lafayette.html