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## Temporary Storage in Old Library

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The Town Hall Theatre Company is bursting at the seams with props and costumes from productions old and new. As a tenant, it can't change its charming, yet aging facility. Now with roughly 150 students per week in classes, and performances all year long, artistic director Joel Roster calls the building "stuffed" and explains that there are racks of beautiful donated costumes and existing inventory - and nowhere to put it.

Just a few blocks down Moraga Road, the old library building sits empty. Although it's been vacant for five years, Town Hall Theatre board member Mike Gilson asked the city manager if they could use 400 feet of the space for temporary storage on a month to month basis. The final fate of the building and necessary renovations for whomever may inhabit it will surely not happen overnight. It was suggested that \$1 per square foot per month for rent would be appropriate. The lease was approved by the Lafayette City Council on Oct. 27. The new tenants are aware that the space is strictly "as is."

The deal generates a bit of revenue for city coffers and will open up an entire classroom for Town Hall Theatre to use while it figures out a long-term solution.

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