



## Critical Needs at the Kensington Library

A few facts:

We have a great Library, which serves the community of all ages. With that in mind it is important that we work together at keeping and supporting it.

### ***Proof that the Kensington Library is still needed in the community:***

- 46% circulation increase in the last 5 years
- 4,224 card holders
- 18 special programs per/month
- Average adults & children attending monthly programs - 150

### ***Did you know that???***

The Kensington Library building,

- built in 1965, NEEDS ATTENTION!!!
- does not have wheelchair accessible bathrooms
- does not have a Fire Alarm or Sprinkler System

### ***How to deal with these issues:***

Each year Contra Costa Library sets aside a small amount of funding each year in a capital improvements fund. This fund is now **1.6 million**, which is not enough for the 'basic repairs.'

The actual cost will be **2 to 2.4 million for the following repairs.**

Basic repairs include:

1. HVAC System – Heating Ventilation, and (possibly) Air Conditioning
2. Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System
3. Accessible Bathrooms
4. New Doors and Windows
5. New Roof
6. New Service Area

**We need \$400,000 to \$800,000 for the basic repairs. It will be necessary for us to raise this much. How can we do that?**

**The Friends of the Library want to hear from you, so look for the FKL Newsletter arriving later this month, and PLEASE submit your input in the enclosed envelope. Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.**