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## Visioning meeting set for Turlock Library expansion

The public is invited to attend a visioning meeting with county officials and Friends of the Turlock Library to give input to help guide the planning of a larger library for the Turlock community. On Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants will discuss community needs and desires for the library facility. The meeting will be held in the Gemperle Room at the Carnegie Arts Center, located at 250 N. Broadway.

County Library Director Diane McDonnell said, "the evolution of the Turlock Library from a well-loved but cramped space to a more spacious, functional and attractive center of the community is a project we are all excited about!"

The visioning process will be facilitated by architects, David Crotty and Alan Bright of HOK, a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm. They will lead participants through the visioning process in small group discussions.

Both architects are experienced in public building projects. Bright specializes in designing public buildings that maximize both space and energy efficiencies. "We always want to guide clients through a process that creates buildings that are striking in their social and environmental responsibility, affordability and beauty," said Bright.

The current Turlock Library was built in 1968, for a population of 30,000. The city's population has more than doubled since that time, now more than 72,000. The current library facility has no dedicated meeting rooms or space for library programming, such as children's Story Times and informational presentations for consumers.

Light morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Participants are asked to RSVP no later than March 17 by calling the Library Administration Office at 209-558-7801 or emailing pboardrow@stanlibrary.org.