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Fort Worth City Council to consider approval for new downtown Library site at June 23 meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The first major step in building a new downtown Fort Worth Public Library is slated for Tuesday, June 23, when the City Council votes on the purchase of the property in the 900 block of Summit Avenue, situated between 10th and Texas streets.

The property is approximately 1.38 acres and comprises three separate parcels that would be combined to accommodate a library and adjacent parking. Existing structures on the land would be removed. If approved, the measure will authorize up to \$5.95 million to buy the land.

“We are excited that an ideal site for a new downtown library has been found so quickly, a step that will keep the project moving forward,” said Library Director Midori Clark. “We are committed to making this new library one that Fort Worth residents will be proud of for years to come.”

As the project progresses, the public will have opportunities to provide input on what should be incorporated into the new downtown library.

“The Fort Worth Public Library will celebrate its 125th anniversary later this year,” Clark said. “From its beginnings in 1901 to the recent past, all three previous downtown libraries were the epicenter of library operations. Working together, I’m confident we can create an incredible community hub for the future.”

Recent project history

The former Central Library building at 500 W. 3rd St. was sold in May 2023 and closed permanently to the public in June of that year. After several attempts to find an appropriate space to house a downtown library, the City purchased the historic building at 512 4th St. Previously home to the Center for Transforming Lives, a thorough assessment of the building suggested that the required renovations and remodeling would still not meet the desires of the community for a downtown library.

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Earlier this month, the City announced that the building on 4th Street will now be renovated as a community arts incubator. A downtown library will now be new construction on property that had not been identified at the time.

A temporary satellite library, [Downtown Express](#), remains open to offer limited library services at Old City Hall, 200 Texas St. That location opened in March 2024.

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About the Fort Worth Public Library – The Fort Worth Public Library is committed to building a community of learners, dreamers and doers. The Library strives to provide spaces for learning, self-discovery, shared experiences and personal growth. The Library operates as a department of the City of Fort Worth serving residents and visitors at 20 different locations around Fort Worth, Texas, and through numerous community partnerships. www.FortWorthLibrary.org