



County of Fresno

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Solar Canopies Coming to Woodward Park Regional Library Parking Lot

Fresno County, CA – The Fresno County Public Library is excited to announce that solar canopies are being installed at the Woodward Park Regional Library, providing shaded parking for our patrons while also achieving significant long-term cost savings.

Beginning December 22, 2025, temporary fencing will be installed in the parking lot, blocking off areas where solar canopies will be installed. Construction is expected to commence shortly after and is estimated to be completed by March 2026.

Important things to know before coming to the Library during construction

Parking will be significantly reduced during this project. Please plan extra time if you are attending a scheduled program or have a limited window for your visit. We recognize that this may cause an inconvenience and we appreciate the community's patience as these important upgrades move forward.

Additionally, patrons are asked to observe all safety warnings, respect temporary barriers, and refrain from entering restricted work areas. Your safety is important to us.

Library Services

At this time, we do not anticipate any significant changes to library services. Our hours of operation will remain the same, both entrances will be accessible, and our quiet and study rooms will continue to be available for use.

However, due to limited parking, we are limiting the use of our large meeting room. Please call the Woodward Park Library at 559-600-3135 for further information on booking meeting rooms at our other locations, or use our online booking system at <https://fresnolibrary.libcal.com/allspaces>

Core Library services available at the Woodward Park Regional Library:

- Checking out and returning materials.
- Attending programs and events.
- Picking up and placing holds.
- Using public computers and printing services.
- Accessing study rooms and the quiet reading room.
- Receiving assistance from Library staff.

Funding and Administration

This project is part of a larger countywide effort to expand renewable energy resources at public facilities. The solar canopies and installation costs are funded by the County of Fresno general fund and administered by the County of Fresno General Services Department.

The Fresno County Public Library thanks the County of Fresno and General Services for their support. This initiative will help reduce rising utility costs and allow more voter approved Measure B funds to be directed toward library services.

About Fresno County Public Library

For over 100 years, the Fresno County Public Library has been a place to connect, grow, and be inspired. With 34 branches countywide, the Library offers free access to books, technology, educational programs, and community resources for all ages. To learn more, visit fresnolibrary.org.

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