San Pablo set to break ground for new library

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View from San Pablo Ave

Rendering of the new San Pablo Library as seen from San Pablo Avenue, from a February presentation to the City Council.

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A groundbreaking ceremony for the new San Pablo Library branch will be held at 4 p.m. Sept. 19 at the corner of Church Lane and San Pablo Avenue. The new library will occupy 22,000 square feet in an LEED certified building at the site of a former Walgreen’s Pharmacy at 13731 San Pablo Ave.

The $6 million project, designed by Group 4 Architecture, will include a full-service cafe and is expected to open next summer. Speakers at the ceremony will include City Manager Matt Rodriguez, Mayor Rich Kinney, county Supervisor John Gioia, interim County Librarian Terry Speiker and San Pablo Library branch Manager Gia Paolini.