EL SOBRANTE — Extensive renovations are underway at the El Sobrante Library, including landscape and parking lot improvements. The project began earlier this month and will continue through the spring. The library will remain open during the work, although the parking lot and Reading Garden will be closed to the public.

The project will renovate the existing landscaping along the walkways and paths, improve landscaping around the reading garden and remove the deteriorating parking lot surface and replace it with pervious asphalt (a porous form of pavement). An existing open space at the rear of the library will be converted into a plaza with a raised podium for community events.

The improvements are a collaboration between Contra Costa County Public Works, Contra Costa County Library, East Bay Regional Park District, El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce and several other groups. Funding is provided through East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW, Contra Costa County Park Dedication funds and Contra Costa County Library funds.