



Art, Culture & Science Center

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Salt Lake City Voters Say “Yes” to The Leonardo

On Nov. 4, 2003, Salt Lake City residents passed Proposition 2, a general obligation bond that that will fund \$10.2 million in renovations to the former main library building, the future home of The Leonardo at Library Square (www.theleonardo.org).

The renovations will include seismic, electrical, heating and plumbing upgrades, and remodeling. The Leonardo will raise the remaining funds to build exhibits and operate the facility. This “private/public partnership” will bring an ideal tenant into a city-owned building and complete Library Square with a facility that complements the magnificent new City Library – all at no ongoing cost to the city budget.

In order to receive the \$10.2 million from the bond, The Leonardo must raise – dollar-for-dollar – matching funds. The Leonardo leadership team has been and will continue to aggressively seek the matching funding from private foundations, businesses and individuals – both locally and nationally – and from federal and other appropriate sources.

“The people of Salt Lake City are willing to invest in the cultural and educational infrastructure of their community,” said Mary Tull, development manager for The Leonardo. “By voting “yes” on Proposition 2, they proved this commitment and became partners in bringing a world-class art, culture and science center into the heart of our city. The Leonardo team is absolutely committed to raising the matching funds quickly so that we can open the doors and begin offering this wonderful new facility to the people of Salt Lake City and Utah as soon as possible.”

About The Leonardo

Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci – one of history’s most versatile visionaries – The Leonardo at Library Square will be a one-of-a-kind Art, Culture and Science center that encourages visitors to explore subjects from new perspectives.

The Leonardo will open in 2005 in the former Salt Lake City main library building. From this Library Square location, The Leonardo and the magnificent new City Library will create a dynamic public square for research and learning. The Leonardo, with its innovative art-culture-science approach, is destined to become a national model for exploration, discovery and invention.

Three organizations representing Art, Culture and Science have come together to create and develop The Leonardo: Global Artways (www.globalartways.org), Salt Lake City’s arts education program; the Center for Documentary Arts (www.cdautah.org), and; the Utah Science Center (www.utahsciencecenter.org).