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### Larkspur celebrates library groundbreaking

The Commons Foundation, a nonprofit with a charter to raise funds to build, fund and sustain a new library in Larkspur, announced it will officially start the construction of the new Larkspur Library in early 2025. The Commons Foundation held a ceremony to commemorate the official groundbreaking of the Larkspur Library on Oct. 26. The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by special guests and community leaders, including Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice and Larkspur Mayor Scot Candell.

The Commons Foundation launched in 2016 by local citizens to raise money for a new library in Larkspur. The Commons Foundation board, which is made up of local volunteers, has made outreach efforts to build community support, create design ideas and raise funds for the new library. This effort has resulted in private donations from over 400 residents willing to invest in the community asset.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of private donors, and



*The Commons Foundation holds a ceremony to commemorate the official groundbreaking of the Larkspur Library on Oct. 26.*

Photo courtesy of The Commons Foundation

a matching grant from the State of California, The Commons Foundation was able to provide most of the funding for the \$16 million project.

“When I was on the Larkspur City Council in 2018, we thought the fundraising for this project would take over 10 years. What TCF and our generous community have done is truly amazing – it’s one of the largest and most successful public-private fundraising success stories in Marin history,” said Ann Morrison, former Larkspur

mayor, and current Commons Foundation president.

The Larkspur Library will be located at The Commons, a 2.39-acre vacant site owned by the City of Larkspur. The new 8,970-square-foot single-story library will also include landscaping, grading, a 32-vehicle parking lot and new wood fencing on the east property line.

To learn more about the new Larkspur Library, visit [thecommonsatlarkspur.org](https://thecommonsatlarkspur.org).