

**California 2050: What Might it Look Like?** Envision California in 42 years, a place where economic growth actually heals and nurtures the environment. How might we build our cities? How can we address conservation, water issues, energy and food? Take a peek into the future and learn from futurists, planners and visionaries who are bringing this dream into reality. What we're doing now can set the stage for a brilliant 2050 if we avoid the pitfalls and make the right choices.

## **Vision and Opportunity For Our Present & Future:**

### **A LIVING LIBRARY® (A.L.L.®)**

**A LOCAL & GLOBAL NETWORK OF DIVERSITY, COMMONALITY, & LINKED RESOURCES**

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**The vision and opportunity for now, and for the future of our communities, is to begin creating site and culturally-sensitive, place-based, ecological and sustainable, life-long, community learning and growing environments for all ages, each – *A Living Library & Think Park* - in diverse places - locally and globally.**

**Each *Branch Living Library & Think Park* systemically links and incorporates local resources sustainably: human, ecological, economic, historic, technological, and aesthetic – seen through the lens of time – past, present, and future – resulting in a unique, transformed, indoor/outdoor landscape that *Cultivates the Human and Ecological Garden*, nourishing our bodies, hearts, and minds, while reconnecting our urban fragments.**

**Local resources are researched, planned, and designed, into content-rich, ecological places by all sectors of the community - including children, youth, adults, seniors, and the disabled – who are also involved in their implementation, ongoing use, maintenance, management, and communications. These processes also link to standards-based school curricula (PreK-12), promoting hands-on learning that also improves the public realm, cost-effectively.**

***A Living Library* transforms sunken meadows and brownfields, urban sprawl and desolation, public parks and plazas, concrete and asphalt schoolyards, civic centers, undeveloped areas or communities, forgotten lands, or whole watersheds including transportation corridors, into vibrant community learning environments and highly visible public magnets offering innovative, practical, community and economic development.**

**When linked together around the world, though live, interactive broadcast, viewed through *Green-Powered Digital Gateways*, each place-based *Branch Living Library & Think Park* will showcase and celebrate the local environment and its assets, while sharing and learning about resources from other locales. This provides community inspiration and stimulates development and growth for each local place, while creating profound opportunities to appreciate and understand distant cultures and ecologies, creating significant cross-cultural, educational and economic opportunities, globally.**

***When we learn all that we can about our local place and incorporate it sustainably, we can then extrapolate and learn about the world.***

***A Living Library* is also a metaphor: Everyone and everything on Earth and in Space is part of *A Living Library* – people, birds, trees, air, water – and all the things we create, such as: parks, gardens, schools, curricula, artworks, networks, communities, celebrations. *A.L.L.*, for short, provides a powerful framework for understanding that culture and technology are part of nature – a fundamentally important systemic idea. *A Life Frame* provides a way to frame life, so we can see it and experience it more profoundly. *A Think Park* helps us to think, feel, and be more empathetic.**

**Imagining Our Future:  
Understanding, Visualizing, & Communicating  
Will Help Realize This Opportunity**

**Discovering, understanding, communicating, sharing, and celebrating our diversity and commonality by interconnecting ourselves and our environments through a *Live, Green, Interactive, Global Network of Branch Living Library & Think Parks* will bring us closer together, simultaneously, at Home and on the Planet, helping us to create and sustain world peace and prosperity for all species on Earth.**

**And, locally, each of our communities will become healthier, happier, and safer places for us to live, grow, learn, and play, where we use all of our resources in more conscious, healing, and ecological ways.**