

SURF TALK

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THE HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERNATIONAL SURFING MUSEUM HAS HUGE NEWS:



**THE "CULTURAL HUB" OF SURF CITY IS OFFICIALLY COMING!
A LANDMARK VICTORY FOR OUR HERITAGE AND OUR OCEAN**



We are thrilled to share incredible news:

The Huntington Beach City Council has officially voted to approve a visionary partnership that will move the Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum (HBISM) into the Main Street Library!

By cohabitating with the Library and working with the Art Center, we are creating a unified Cultural Hub of education and surf culture. This isn't just a move; it's a transformation that will allow us to educate future generations on history, art, and science through the lens of surfing and our oceans.

What this means for the surfing community:

A Premier Surf Culture Destination: While the 2028 surfing competition moves elsewhere, Huntington Beach will be the most accessible Surf Culture venue near the LA games over other venues. We are positioning ourselves as the essential cultural stop for millions of global visitors.

A World-Class Research Facility:

We finally have the space to catalog the extensive "Peter Townend Research Collection," turning our museum and library into a global destination for surfing scholars.

Science & Sustainability:

Our new home allows us to launch expanded educational programs focusing on STEAM curriculum through the lens of a sport born from the ocean.

Solving Infrastructure Needs:

We are moving our priceless artifacts — including historic 1930s longboards that were too tall for our current ceilings — into a facility that can properly preserve and display them.

We Need Your Support!

While we have the green light from the City Council, this transition requires a substantial investment in our new space and management infrastructure. This project is a commitment to our identity as a serious public benefit and a promise to future generations.

[Donate & Support the International Surfing Museum](#)

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are showing that surfing is more than just a sport — it's a transformative global movement.

See you at the library!

The Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum Board of Directors

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