



## Library Closed

on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



# BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

a California Special District,  
independent of both city and county  
government, providing library services  
to Beaumont and Cherry Valley



May 2025

## Morongo Tribal Council Donates \$250,000 For Beaumont Library Expansion Project

by Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus

At a special ceremony on April 7, Morongo Tribal Council members presented a \$250,000 check to Library Board members and staff in support of Beaumont Library's expansion and renovation project.

Library Board President Margaret Coleman, Director Emeritus Luren Dickinson, and Director Kelly Van Valkenburg had given a presentation to the Council on March 11 in hopes of receiving a contribution.

The presentation covered the history of Beaumont Library from its founding in 1911 to the construction of the Carnegie building in 1914 to the last addition in 1965. It noted that the district's population has

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grown ten times over the past 60 years while the library has remained the same size.

Despite its limited space, Beaumont Library continues to be the busiest library from Calimesa to Cabazon, with nearly three times the number of materials checked out to the public as the other three public library locations in the San Geronio Pass Area.



**Donation Presentation** (left to right) Beaumont Library Director Kelly Van Valkenburg, Beaumont Library Trustee Susan Aguilar-Martinez, Tribal Council Member Theresa Mathews, Tribal Council Member Mary Ann Andreas, Beaumont Director Emeritus Luren Dickinson, Tribal Council Member Ryan Martin, Tribal Council Member Jeanette Burns, and Beaumont Library Trustee Michelle Lillard-Geiser.

Beaumont Library is the only “Family Place Library” between Rancho Cucamonga and the Arizona border with developmental play spaces for children and their caregivers, and training classes for parents.

Beaumont Library is also considered the best library from Redlands to Rancho Mirage because we provide many services that others do not, such as literacy tutors for adults, activities to promote family literacy, and conversation classes for adults who are trying to learn English as a Second Language.

# 2025 Summer Reading Starts Next Month and We Need Teen Volunteers to Help!

Beaumont Library's 2025 summer reading theme is "Level Up at Your Library." If you participate, you will be able to grow your skills at home, at work or school, in the community, or in your favorite game.

Starting June 13, you can use a QR code for our Beanstack app to register and earn awesome prizes as you read during June and July!

- Children (ages 0–12): Pick up a paper reading log at the library starting June 13. Each week, readers who meet their goal will receive a free book and a weekly prize (while supplies last), thanks to our generous local businesses.
- Teens: Play a book-themed game of Bingo on the Beanstack app.
- Adults: Track your reading with a paper bingo card (that will be available at the library) or by using Beanstack.

Every reader can earn one weekly ticket for the Grand Prize Drawing. You might win tickets to see the Coachella Valley Firebirds play at Acrisure Arena or some other great prize!

The summer reading kickoff event will be a Pirate Spectacular Show on June 13 and the finale, featuring our prize giveaways, will be on July 26 with many performances in between.

Due to ongoing construction at the library, all events will take place at offsite locations, including the Chatigny Center.

**NOTE:** We are looking for teen volunteers to assist with event setup, cleanup, and reading log check-ins. You can apply online at [mybld.org](https://mybld.org).

## Sign Up for Library Newsletter or Notices

To receive this newsletter automatically via email, please write to [info@bld.lib.ca.us](mailto:info@bld.lib.ca.us) and you can also request notices on programs for children, or teens and adults, through the same address.

## **Beaumont Library District**

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## **Library Hours During Construction**

Sunday—1 to 5 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday—1 to 5 p.m.

Thursday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday—1 to 5 p.m.

## **Bookmobile Stops**

**Tuesdays**—11 a.m., Noble Creek—Storytime

**Wednesdays**—11 a.m., Chatigny—Storytime

2:30 p.m., Liberty Village

3:30 p.m., Blossom Apartments

**Saturdays**—9 a.m., Mickelson Park

10 a.m. Trevino Park

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