



Beaumont Library

is closed Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, and November 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving holidays.



BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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



November 2023

Friends of Beaumont Library District Select New President, Honor Milton Cook

by Luren Dickinson, Director

Friends of Beaumont Library District held their annual meeting on October 17 and elected Debra Roppelt as the new President of the organization.

The Friends group had previously honored their outgoing President, Milton Cook, at a reception co-hosted by the Library on September 26 between the Friends Board meeting and the Library Board meeting.

Mr. Cook, who had served continuously as President since the 1990s, was presented with a framed commendation by the Friends and a special scholarship was named in his honor.

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Likewise, the Library presented him with a book clock that included the inscription, "With grateful appreciation for your three decades of service to the Friends of the Library and 20+ years as President."

In addition, an artistic rendition of Beaumont Library's proposed new public meeting room was unveiled and it will be named in honor of



Mr. Cook and his wife, who has herself served as Treasurer of the Friends for many years, as the "Marilyn & Milton Cook Community Room."



A view of what the "Marilyn & Milton Cook Community Room" might look like as part of Beaumont Library's planned renovation and expansion.

Food Drive @ Library for Carol's Kitchen Continues through Year End and Beyond

With high inflation and soaring food costs, the need is great this year.

To better support the community, Beaumont Library is partnering this holiday season with Carol's Kitchen to collect food for those in need.

The Library began taking part in the Fall Food Drive on October 19 as part of the Silver Jubilee for Carol's Kitchen that started in 1998. The collection of food continues through December 18. A bin will be available just inside the building for easy access and consideration is being given to have it out year-round.

All donated food items must be in sealed containers, whether cans, boxes, bags, or non-glass bottles or jars. They must be non-perishable and they must not be expired. No home prepared, home canned, or home preserved foods will be accepted.

The mission of Carol's Kitchen is "to strengthen the San Geronimo Pass . . . by ensuring the men, women and children of our communities do not go hungry—regardless of their age, religion, cultural background, employment or economic status, and physical and mental abilities."

Jim and Arlene Ragan founded Carol's Kitchen in 1998 in memory of their adult daughter who was tragically killed by a drunk driver. The last words that Carol wrote in her personal journal were: "Ask your heart what is right and follow it."

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Library Hours

Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Tuesday—11 to 11:45 a.m., Noble Creek

Thursday—9 to 10 a.m., Liberty Village

Friday—11 to 11:45 a.m., Chatigny Community Center

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