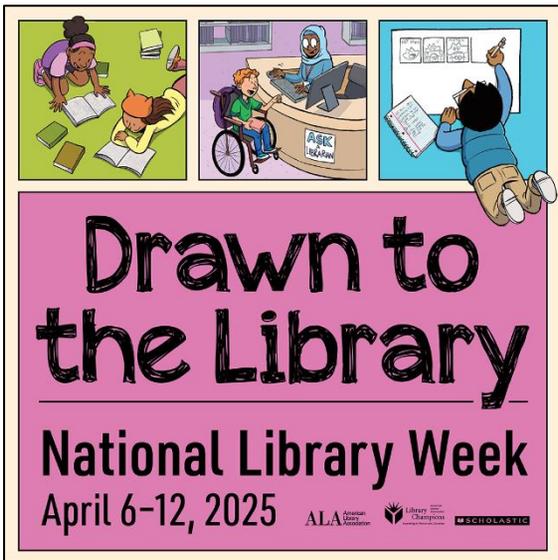




Beaumont Library is Closed on Easter

Sunday, April 20, in
recognition of the
religious holiday.



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April 2025

Library Construction Project Begins While We Celebrate National Library Week!

by Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus

It has been a long time in coming, but Beaumont Library's expansion and renovation project gets underway this month at the same time as we are celebrating National Library Week!

This year's NLW theme is "Drawn to the Library" because millions of people across the country are "drawn" to visit their libraries every week. Or, in Spanish, it is "Cautivados por la Biblioteca" because we are all "captivated" by the many things the Library offers.

From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us

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connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, outline your big business idea at an entrepreneur workshop, or trace your history with your library's genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word.

Meanwhile, Beaumont Library District is building a better library for the residents of Beaumont and Cherry Valley, and it will be a two-phased project that starts this month.

Phase I will almost double the library's space and feature an all-new children's room, teen area, conference room, state-of-the-art public restrooms and a large community room that can host up to 100 people! A garage will be added to house our brand-new Bookmobile.

Phase I is expected to be completed at the end of December, after which library staff will move into the newly completed addition and vacate the portion of the 1965 addition that is currently open, along with the entire Carnegie portion of the building, in preparation for Phase II.

Phase II will update and preserve our historical Carnegie Library and provide additional space for adult shelving, study rooms for tutors and students, a quiet reading lounge, and our local history collection.

The second phase of construction is expected to be completed, per the schedule below, in June 2026, which marks the 112th anniversary of the Carnegie Library that was opened to the public in June 1914!

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023			PREPARE BRIDGING DOCUMENTS				D-B BIDDING		AWARD	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (5 MONTHS)		
2024			CONTRACT DOCS (4 MONTHS)				PLAN CHECK (8 MONTHS)					
2025				CONSTRUCTION (15 MONTHS)								END OF PHASE I
2026						END OF PHASE II	MOVE IN					

Library Honors Another 30-Year Employee

Beaumont Library is honoring another 30-year employee this month at the annual Staff Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, April 10, during National Library Week, which includes National Library Workers Day.

Last year, the Library recognized John Uribes, now retired, for his 30 years of service. This year, the recipient is Laura Cook.

Laura was still in high school when she began working as a part-time Library Shelver on May 10, 1995. She became a part-time Circulation staff member in mid-1999.

She was promoted to full-time on June 16, 2005, as the Administrative Assistant, and became the Administrative Associate in 2019.



Laura is recognized as the “institutional memory” of Beaumont Library, and she has handled key roles, including the oversight of technical and circulation services, as well as library accounting.

During her 30-year tenure, she has worked under three different library directors and has seen the district service area population grow from around 12,000 to more than 67,000 residents. During that time the library added a website, public computers, self-checkout, DVDs, ebooks, wi-fi, remote access databases, and streaming.

And no duty has been beneath her dignity, and she has been seen tackling issues related to fixing mechanical sorting and self-check equipment, IT matters, electrical situations, and even plumbing problems. She has truly been a valuable employee!

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

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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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