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on Monday, May 27, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



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May 2024

Friends Receive a \$5,000 Morongo Grant For Beaumont Library Summer Programs

by Luren Dickinson, Director

Debra Roppelt, President of the Friends of Beaumont Library District, applied for a grant through the Morongo Band of Mission Indians' Annual Community Outreach Awards Program and was notified early last month that the submission was successful.

On April 18, Ms. Roppelt (at the left in the photo) and Mabel Zanforlin, the Secretary of the Friends, attended a



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special luncheon hosted at Morongo where the \$5,000 grant award was officially announced, and a Certificate of Congressional Recognition was presented. The funds received will be used by the Friends to underwrite Beaumont Library's summer reading programs.

The theme this year will be "Read, Renew, Repeat" which is all about conservation of the environment for our community, the oceans, the air and the planet. Things kick off on Monday, June 10, and will conclude with a Grand Finale on Saturday, July 20.

Activities will include the Western Science Center's Mobile Museum, Wildlife Wendy's Exotic Bird Show, Rusty Heart's Horse Rescue, Best Bubble Parties, Safari Park Reptile Rescue, a Rock n' Roll Circus, and New Age Gaming's Video Game Truck!

Look for more information on event times and how to win prizes in next month's newsletter and the library's forthcoming program schedule.

Longtime Beaumont Library Employee Recognized for 30 Years of Service

Facilities Associate John Uribes was honored for his thirty years of service with Beaumont Library District at a Staff Appreciation Breakfast, which is expected to be an annual event, on April 9.

John started at the library on March 17, 1994, as a part-time employee and has worked continuously in the same position ever since.

Library Director Luren Dickinson noted that John's family history included one ancestor born in Texas during the Civil War and others born in California in 1803 and in Baja California pre-1776! One of his 4-great grandfathers was born in what is now southern Arizona in 1721 and was killed by Apache Indians in 1770.

A native of San Bernardino, Uribes worked with his family harvesting fruit as a youth. After graduating from San Bernardino High School, he took a variety of jobs, the longest stint with the San Bernardino Sun as a

delivery driver and later as district manager when he won contest prizes that took him on all-expense paid trips to Hawaii and Guadalajara, Mexico. After joining Beaumont Library, John also worked at the Morongo Casino for over a dozen years, mostly as a money counter.

In 1994, when Mr. Uribes began working at Beaumont Library, Bill Clinton was President and Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Bush the elder were all still living. Four current library employees were two years old or younger and five others had yet to be born! The City of Beaumont was comprised of only 10,000 residents, gas was selling for \$1.15 a gallon, the average new car cost \$17,000, ground beef went for \$1.97 a pound, and a single can of soup cost just 30 cents!



Director Dickinson (on the left in the photo above) presented Uribes with a special commendation, approved by the Library Board of Trustees, that noted his steady work through a variety of upgrades and tremendous population growth.

The certificate also highlighted his outstanding attendance record with very little work time lost over three decades. In addition to the commendation, Mr. Dickinson presented him with a bonus check for reaching the 30-year milestone.

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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—1 to 6 p.m.

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

Monday—10 to 10:45 a.m., Chatigny Community Center

Tuesday—10 to 10:45 a.m., Noble Creek

Wednesday—1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Blossom (644 Allegheny Street)

Wednesday—3 to 4 p.m., Liberty Village (735 Illinois Avenue)

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