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Renovation/Expansion Moves Forward As Library Board Selects Design Build Firm

by Luren Dickinson, Director

Beaumont Library’s plans for renovation and expansion moved forward recently with the selection of a design-build construction firm to handle the design development and contracting of the project.

The process started when prequalification documents were issued and distributed on July 11 by Engberg Anderson architect, Alex Ramsey, representing the Library.

The two pre-qualified companies accepted by the Library Board of Trustees on July 27 were Bogh Engineering, Inc. in Beaumont, CA and C.W. Driver in Irvine, CA.

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Ms. Ramsey issued “bridging documents” to both of the qualifiers that estimated the potential cost of construction, and a pre-bid meeting was held on August 15 at Beaumont Library, with the architect present, to answer questions from the bidders.

The deadline for bids to be received was August 30. At its regular meeting on August 31, the Library Board reviewed the bids and awarded the project to C. W. Driver due to the quality of their proposal.

Library Card Sign-Up and New Programs Happening This Fall at Beaumont Library

by Kelly Van Valkenburg, Assistant Director

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, when you can get your FREE library card or renew your old one. If you had a card and lost it, September 8 and 9 will be **Library Card Amnesty Days** when you can get a FREE replacement card. Make sure to bring your photo ID.

September is also National Preparedness Month, so be sure to attend our **Preparing for Disaster** program Monday, September 25, at 5 p.m., featuring Kyle Simpson, who will discuss ways to plan for earthquakes, heat waves, power outages and other unexpected emergencies!

For our “seasoned” patrons (18 and older) we will be hosting the **Fighting Parkinson’s Through Exercise** program with special guest Christine Guevara, from the Starting Line Strength and Stability Center, on Tuesday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m.

This Fall, the Library is also pleased to offer several new programs for all ages. We are introducing the **“What Are You Reading?” Book Club**, the easiest book club to join. You only have to discuss whatever it is you are currently reading. This club will meet monthly and kicks off Thursday, September 14, at 6:15 p.m.

For youngsters, we are excited to launch **Kids Book Circle**, on Tuesday, September 12, at 4 p.m. to inspire a love of books among new readers. Kids ages 6 to 9 can bring a book they love to share with others. **Adult, Graphic Novel, Short Fiction**, and **Kids Book Clubs** will also continue.

For teens, there will be a **Light Box** program on Friday, September 29, at 4 p.m. during which they can build their own intricate light enclosure to add a warm glow to their bedroom, coffee table, or breakfast table. Registration will be required.

We have noticed a recent Beaumont baby boom and are excited to offer **Babies Love Books! Lap-sit Storytime** for ages 0-18 months on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Babies will love bouncing along to new and familiar movement songs, thumbing through board books and engaging in other fun sensory experiences.

Bring children ages 18 months – 5 years to **Little Learners Storytime**, which will feature a different letter theme each week with singing, dancing, fun crafts and, of course, awesome stories. This program will take place TWICE every Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pajama Storytime with Miss Sydney and **Community Storytimes** with Miss B. at Chatigny Center and Noble Creek Community Center will be returning, as well as our **Time with Tots** and **Open Play** programs. **Bilingual Storytime** is moving to Sundays at 2 p.m.

For a complete listing of all programs and services offered September through November, pick up a Fall Program brochure at the Library, Chatigny Center, the Noble Creek Community Center, or the Fairway Canyon Clubhouse.

You can also find out more information and register for programs at bld.libcal.com. Beaumont Library District staff members are eager to see you and your families, your friends, and your neighbors at *your* local library this Fall!

Sign Up for Library Newsletter or Notices

To receive the 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

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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