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SPECIALREPORT



Celebrating the opening of the new San Lucas library are (l-r) County Library Director Jayanti Addleman, donors Bud and Pam Sarmiento, Supervisor Simón Salinas.

County Notes

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Library Serves Community, Honors the Past in San Lucas

San Lucas has what can aptly be called the 'little library that could.' The library project has overcome one hurdle after another to finally open its doors this last weekend.

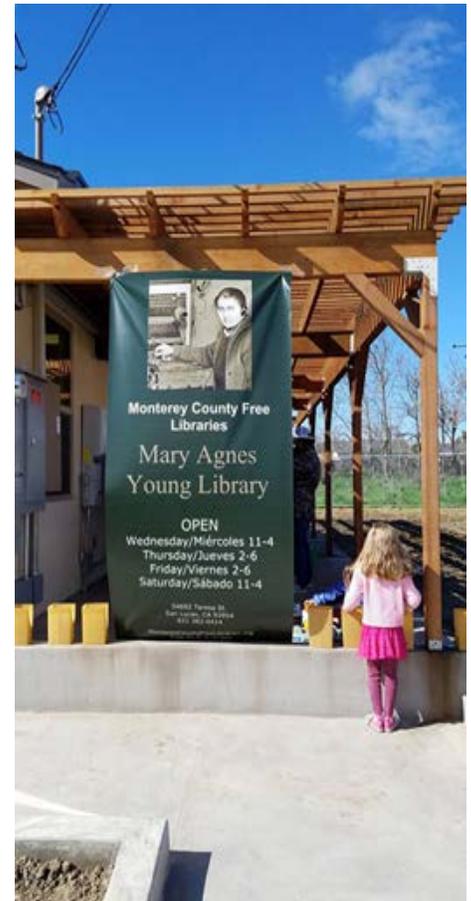
It really was a day to celebrate this past Saturday, as county leaders, benefactors and locals gathered for the grand opening of the beautiful new library. Stormy weather gave way to sunny skies, shining down on this project that was seven years in the making and experienced so many bumps along the way.

The library today is nothing like the one that had to be closed in 2010 and ultimately demolished. It is 1,200 square feet, boasts a larger selection of materials, computers and internet access for students and families and a creative maker space area. Key design features include two outdoor trellis patio covers for shaded outdoor programming during hot south county days, a solar photovoltaic electrical system to offset electricity use, water efficient fixtures and energy efficient HVAC units. The construction included using recycled building materials and drought resistant landscaping complete the project.

Judging by the crowd that turned out for the opening and then packed into the new building, the new library is a big hit.



The library was full on opening day, with young and old alike checking out the books as well as all the new computers (above). A young patron plays next to the banner announcing the library's new name and hours (right).



The first San Lucas library was built in 1916 and moved to its current location in 1990. The library was an important social hub for this small community of 400 located 8 miles southeast of King City, so when deterioration and ground contamination forced demolition of the building, library leaders scrambled for a solution.

“Because of our limited budget and with the economy still in a state of recession, we did not have all the funds needed to rebuild the library, so we reached out to the community for help,” explains Library Director Jayanti Addleman. “Help came in many forms and from many partners, but it took our angel donors to get the ball rolling.”

Those angels were the Sarmiento family, Bud and Paula and their daughters Sarah and Mary. The Sarmientos have strong ties to San Lucas and the county library. Bud’s mother, Mary Agnes Young, was born in San Lucas, spent her early years there and had also served as the first librarian at the Gonzales branch. The Sarmientos donated \$350,000 to the project in honor of Mary Agnes and the library now bears her name.



Meet Robert Donahue, the new San Lucas library manager.

Thanks also go to the San Lucas School Board which sold the property to the County for a \$1 so the building could go forward and to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation for an additional grant of \$373,000.

Addleman also has high praise for county staff which helped secure block grants to fund ground decontamination at the site and oversee the project.

The library building also includes a Sheriff's field office, which will help bring emergency response more quickly to remote areas of the county.



County Earns Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

You have heard the phrase 'three peat,' but what do you say when the win is seven times in a row?

Congratulations to the Budget and Analysis Division of the CAO's Office for its 'seven-peat.' For the seventh consecutive year, the people behind the County's budget preparation have earned national recognition for excellence in budget presentation, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award is for the 2016-17 budget.

In order to receive the award, the County's budget submission must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines which assess how well the budget served as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories listed as well as meet 14 mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award.

Budget Director Paul Lewis says the award is truly a group effort.

"The award reflects the commitment of the County's Board of Supervisors and staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," says Lewis. "This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and it represents a significant achievement."

Assistant CAO Dewayne Woods says the submission process is valuable for county budget staff because those who submit entries also receive comments and suggestions from reviewers, which brings with it new ideas and best practices for the county's budget preparation and presentation.