

# Brand New Library Campaign

## The New Library is Almost Here!



the inaugural collections.

Staff and supporters are brimming with excitement to see the long sought after new library completed and opened. Of course, all of this could not have been possible if were not for the nearly 1,000 donors who have participated in this effort. Gifts to this campaign are a reflection of what the community values and how much it wants a new library.

In the midst of this excitement and activity, the Foundation Board is working toward expanding its list of supporters to well over the 1,000 mark and securing the remaining \$2 million needed to meet the campaign goal. The Board can only express a heartfelt thank you to all of the families, individuals, companies and foun-



datations who have stepped forward to show their support over the past seven years to make this project a reality.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the many who have shown their support with a donation to the Brand New Library Campaign. The new library will serve the many and distinct groups who comprise the San Marino community.

We ask you to think about the value the library brings to the community and how it will serve for decades to come. Please remember that your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

To make a gift, stop into the temporary library, call 300-0779 or visit us on the web at [www.brandnewlibrary.org](http://www.brandnewlibrary.org).

If you have driven by the corner of Huntington and West Drives lately, you have seen the library building taking shape and rising from behind the green construction fence. At the time of this writing, 50% of the interior painting was completed; over 80% of the raised floor was completed; 80% of the windows were installed; new handicap access ways are being poured and so much more .

Over in the temporary library, there is a fervor of activity, with staff readying for the transition to the new library facility, developing new programming for next year and ordering books for



## Give Tax-Free From Your IRA

It's almost the end of 2007. It is the last year to receive the tax benefits when making a charitable gift from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) under the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The tax benefits which can be applied through 2007 allow for tax-free penalty-free transfers of up to \$100,000 from an IRA to the San Marino Public Library

Foundation's Brand New Library Campaign or any other charity of the donor's choice.

The transfer can be a part of the minimum distribution requirement of the IRA, which will reduce the taxable income for the year. One can not claim a tax deduction for the year, due to the distribution not being dispersed as taxable income. Donors do need to be at least 70.5 years of age. Some other



eligibility restrictions may apply.

To learn more how your tax-free IRA transfer can help you meet charity giving goals this year, contact your financial advisor or contact Foundation Board member Emile Bayle at 626/441-1472.

## Library Staff Adjusts to the Changes

### Working in the old library

Working in an antiquated facility that was meant to provide for a community barely coming out of World War II was an uncomfortable task for some. Reference librarian Irene McDermott noticed the inadequacies of the old library facility, noting that it failed to address a “reality of children studying after school.” Besides the layout of the old library lacking efficiency for patrons and staff, the library had a poor climate control system. Staff recall having to turn on the 1956 era air conditioning unit located upstairs, and comparing it to a Frankenstein laboratory. Another obstacle for handicapped staff and patrons was a lack of an elevator to reach the second floor, which contained the medical books.

Long time library assistant Lynda Lyons, also noticed many of the limitations from the half century old facility. A main concern was the library was unable to accommodate the large number of users. Students ending their day at school would promptly enter the limited space of the library and start their homework. Lynda noticed students could not work efficiently, their backpacks would flood into the book aisles, and students could not work in study groups. As the library nears completion, Lynda is excited about the Crowell Public Library providing meeting and study rooms for city students, and expects them to be heavily used.

### Transition to the Temporary Library

Staff member, Chris Woods feels a sense of excitement during the transition period. It is “fun to watch the new one [library] getting built.”

Fellow staffer, Erma Saldate observes that working in the temporary

library is slightly cramped, but will be worth the wait as she sees the construction of the Crowell Public Library being built just outside the circulation desk’s window.

Reference staff experienced the transition from the old library to the Temporary Library as a smooth undertaking. Careful planning and strategies were brainstormed months before the move for a painless move of furniture, book shelves, equipment, and of course books. A lengthy evaluation process was conducted prior to the move to shift popular books to the temporary library, while moving other resources to storage.

Reference librarian Rex Mayreis has seen visitors have a challenging time finding the Temporary Library. Patrons and visitors find it difficult to locate the



Circulation and processing staff members work diligently while awaiting the new library.

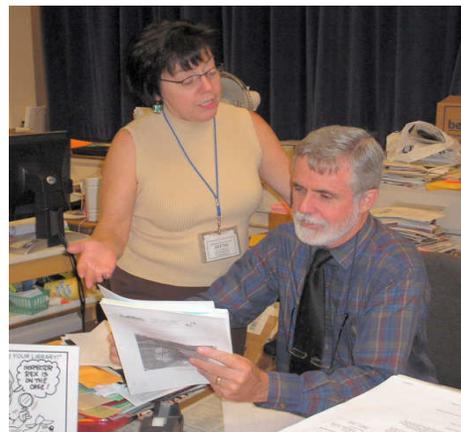
back door entrance, while construction overwhelms the view of the Temporary Library. The secret is to enter on the back side of the building, near the parking lot and Teen-Center.

### Anticipation!

Excitement runs through the library as features of the new library are anticipated. Staff members anticipate a much larger work area, along with new advanced equipment. One such feature is the introduction of the self-checkout

terminal, which is already being used at the Temporary Library. Patrons will be able to scan and checkout their own books, allowing staff to focus on answering phone calls and other circulation duties.

Children’s Librarian Tara Smith looks forward to an additional 36 public access computers, and new programs for



Reference Librarians Irene McDermott (left) and Rex Mayreis (right) discuss the latest answers to a patron’s questions.

children. She also looks forward to the size of the library, allowing for numerous copies of award winning books for checkout. Reference librarian Irene McDermott explains, “The new building is designed for optimum use as a library. The layout resolves issues between library users with differing needs, such as school children and mature readers who want a quiet space to browse.”

The staff has offered much of their time and effort to ensure operations run smoothly for the needs of the community. They continue to look forward to interacting with the community, and are eager to be utilized as professionals in a modern environment.

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## Join the Donor Wall of Honor

In the last newsletter, we mentioned the Donor Wall of Honor, which will recognize the generosity of our donors. The wall is beginning to take shape, with construction to begin shortly to be present at the Grand Opening in January 2008. The wall will honor gifts at the following levels: "Literati" for gifts of \$1,000,000 or greater; "Connoisseur" for gifts of \$500,000 to \$999,999; "Conservator" for gifts of \$100,000 to \$499,999; "Bibliophile" for gifts of \$50,000 to \$99,999; "Collector" for gifts of \$25,000 to \$49,999; "Scholar" for gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999 and "Reader" for gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999.

It is exciting to see how many have exhibited their support for a community institution that serves all ages through donations at one of the above giving levels. It is not too late to join the many individuals, families, neighbors, foundations and businesses already supporting the new library.

For more information, contact Cindy Chan, Development Director at 626/300-0779 or Carolyn Crain at 626/300-0778 or visit our website at [www.brandnewlibrary.org](http://www.brandnewlibrary.org).

"I am happy to report that the library project remains on budget and on schedule to open in January 2008.

However, your support is still needed to meet the campaign goal. Help finish this wonderful new library which will serve our generation and many generations to come."

Dr. Matthew Lin  
Mayor, City of San Marino

## Inside Scoop on Library Interiors

There are only three more months before the public gets a glimpse inside of the new library. Those months will go fast, but for those who are anxious here's an advance peak.

Some familiar elements from the old library have been incorporated into the new library.

For example, the Beatrix Potter stained glass originally gifted by the San Marino Woman's Club is being framed and will hang in the new children's area.

The Kathy Fiscus rose garden and plaque that lined the pathway to the



building entrance will again greet everyone as they enter from the parking lot. The revived rose garden will be in a raised

planter leading into the Schow Patio Garden.

The beautiful carved teak doors of the reading room are being restored by the library's own Jeff Plumley, and will hang as panels outside of the Thornton Conference Room on the second floor.

The sundial which stood alone in the patio of the old library has been restored and will move into the Schow Patio Garden.

It may be a new library but it will feel like a familiar home. Come join us in January when we open the doors.

## Are You a Friend of the Library?

*Book Shoppe  
Annual Book Sale  
November 17  
8 am—12 pm*

The Friends of the San Marino Public Library are working hard before the final move to the new Crowell Public Library. They are preparing for their annual book sale to be held Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 pm. Books will be sold by the bag, \$3 per bag or \$5 for two bags. Don't be afraid to fill your bag to the top.

The Book Shoppe will remain open until November 30 then close for December while the library and Book Shoppe move into the new building. If you are interested, volunteers are needed to staff the new Book Shoppe which will have its storefront at the entrance of the new library.



*Reminder:*

*Join the  
Friends of the Library*

Look for the Friends of the Library annual membership invitation letter in your November mail. Membership benefits range from Book Shoppe discounts to fine free book checkouts. Start 2008 with a membership to the Crowell Public Library.

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*SAVE THE DATE*  
*Library Grand Opening*  
*January 26, 2008*

# *We Need New B'Marks*

We are looking for a few good designers to help create bookmarks for the new Crowell Public Library.

If chosen, your design will be printed on a bookmark to be distributed at the Crowell Public Library throughout 2008.

Entrants need to be 18 or under and have a San Marino Public Library card. There will be six (6) winners chosen from three different age groups. The age groups are ages 8 and under; ages 9-13 and ages 14-18.

Each winning designer will be awarded four (4) admission tickets to their choice of either Disneyland®,

Universal Studios Hollywood® or Six Flags Magic Mountain®.

Stop by the library to pick up your entry form or go to [www.brandnewlibrary.org](http://www.brandnewlibrary.org) to download your entry form. The contest is being held from November 14, 2007—November 28, 2007. Winners will be announced December 17, 2007.

Submit your completed entry form to the reference librarians in the San Marino Public Library.