

## Beaumont Library District

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Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.  
Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday—10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Wednesday—CLOSED  
Thursday—10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**LIBRARY CLOSED**  
on Monday, January 1,  
and also on Monday,  
January 16, in  
observance of the  
New Year's Day and  
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Day holidays.



# BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

a California Special District,  
independent of both city and county  
government, providing library services  
to Beaumont and Cherry Valley



January 2018

## Beaumont Library's Cat Chosen For Baker & Taylor 2018 Cat Calendar

by Luren Dickinson, Director

When a stray kitten wandered into Beaumont Library in early 2016, it captured the hearts of library staff. Inquiries in the neighborhood and to the local animal shelter turned up nothing, so the cat was soon adopted by the library.

Reference Librarian Blanca Rodriguez eventually became the primary caretaker of "Emily" who was also called "Butterball" due to her distinctive coloration. Because Emily was such a unique looking

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cat, it was decided to enter her into the 2018 Cat Calendar Contest, sponsored by Baker & Taylor, one of the largest and most well known suppliers of books and other materials to libraries across the country.

It was learned just a few weeks ago that Emily had actually been chosen as one

of only a dozen cats from throughout the United States to appear in B&T's 2018 calendar, which will be distributed to librarians at various state and national conventions beginning this month! Pictured above is her May 2018 calendar photo!

Beaumont Library District's cat—"Emily"/"Butterball"—in a recent photo showing that she has gotten even fluffier and cuter with age! She is being held by Dan Rodriguez, husband of Blanca, and is being admired by former Beaumont Library Director, Clara J. DiFelice, who was honored November 30 with a reception on the occasion of her retirement in April 2017 after 27 years as the longest serving Director in the history of the library.



## Ten Reasons Libraries Are Better Than Internet

[Condensed from an *American Libraries* article by Marcus Banks]

- 1) Libraries are safe spaces.** Unlike the Internet, they bring people together, often in welcoming, enjoyable, and productive ways.
- 2) Libraries respect history.** The content of library collections is much more stable, unlike Internet pages that come and go.
- 3) Librarians digitize influential primary sources.** This furthers the timeless mission of providing better access to information.
- 4) Librarians are leaders in increasing online access to scholarly information.** This makes the latest medical research available.
- 5) Librarians are publishers.** Institutional repositories collect and preserve a broad range of online research, information, and data.
- 6) Libraries host makerspaces.** This provides venues for creativity, learning, and community that are free and open to the public.
- 7) Librarians can help you sort the real news from the fake.** This means providing objective, accurate, and engaging information.
- 8) Librarians guide you to exactly what you need.** Google is an impressive search engine, but its results can be overwhelming!
- 9) Librarians do not track your reading or search history to sell you things.** What happens in the Library stays in the Library!
- 10) Librarians do not censor.** One of the core values of librarianship is to promote the free and full exchange of ideas.

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