

## Beaumont Library District

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### Hours of Service

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.  
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### LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, September 4  
in the observance of  
Labor Day, a federal  
holiday since 1894 to  
honor the workers of  
America!



# BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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



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## New Video Captures the Iconic History of and Future Plans for Beaumont Library

by Luren Dickinson, Director

"Books and Beyond: Building Our Legacy!" is a new video by the Beaumont Library District that offers a glimpse of improvements planned for Beaumont and Cherry Valley's hometown library.

The 3-minute video's debut on the Library website ([www.bld.lib.ca.us](http://www.bld.lib.ca.us)) comes more than a century after the founding of the district.

"The history of Beaumont Library is woven into the fabric of our community," says Library Board President Sabina Brady. "Libraries

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have always been a place of lifelong learning, where knowledge is freely available to all, including online access from home.”

August 12, 1911, townfolk went to the polls in horse-drawn wagons and Model T’s to decide whether to tax themselves for a public library. When the votes were counted, a new 60-square mile library district with elected Board members was approved by a 2-1 margin.

Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie gave a \$10,000 grant to build a library facility and, in 1914, the new structure with a graceful Neo-classical style opened at Eighth Street and California Avenue.

Though an addition was made to the building in the 1960s, more space is needed to serve a district population that has quadrupled over the last couple of decades.

Current law requires a two-thirds vote by the public to raise funds for library construction. But a proposed state constitutional amendment, State Constitutional Amendment-3, would allow library bonds to be approved by a 55 percent vote of the people. A similar measure for schools, Proposition 39, was approved by voters in 2000.

With public support of a future bond issue, these Beaumont Library improvements are planned:

- A bigger library—three times the size of today’s—built on the lot next door
- A larger collection totaling 150,000 items
- Expanded community rooms holding up to 250 people
- More computer stations, parking and new restrooms
- A revitalized children’s area, separate space for a local history room, and an outdoor reading garden

Check out Beaumont Library District’s website ([www.bld.lib.ca.us](http://www.bld.lib.ca.us)) for all the latest, including the new video, “Books and Beyond: Building Our Legacy!”



**Local Resident, Edwin Romero, is First Graduate of Beaumont Library’s Career Online High School.** Romero connected with the library through the adult literacy program in October 2015 and entered the career online program in August 2016. When he completed the coursework, not only was he awarded an accredited High School Diploma on May 13, 2017, but he also received a Career Certificate in Office Management at the same time. Mr. Romero came to the U.S. as a teenage refugee from El Salvador. Though he did not finish high school, he learned a variety of technical skills and earned a number of Microsoft certifications. The lack of a diploma prevented him, however, from advancing in his career. Married with two daughters, Romero is now a U.S. citizen and looks forward to “moving up” where he works. If you or someone you know are interested in the Career Online High School, which is supported by the California State Library, contact Lucy Sims at 951-845-1357 or visit [careeronlinehs.gale.com/ca](http://careeronlinehs.gale.com/ca) for more info.

## Support Needed in CA Senate to Lower the Approval Threshold for Library Construction

The constitutional amendment proposal (SCA-3) that would lower the approval level for library construction bond issues from 67% to 55% in California is headed for a vote by the full state Senate. A similar measure for schools, Proposition 39, was approved by voters in 2000. Public libraries lost significant funding in the 1990s when the state gave library funding permanently to schools. Beaumont Library District is trying to keep up with population growth, like other public libraries, and needs to update and enlarge its aging infrastructure for better service. The minimum vote for passage is two-thirds or 27 of the 40 Senators. Tell our Senator, Mike Morrell, that every vote counts and Beaumont Library District needs his support on SCA-3 so that we can renovate and expand our facility to provide the public with more space and better services. Write to him at: [Senator.Morrell@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Morrell@sen.ca.gov)

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