

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.
Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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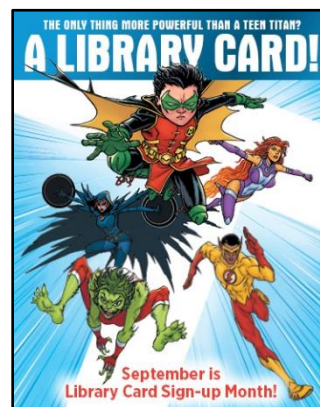
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Get a Library Card!**
It is "National Library
Card Sign-Up Month"
at Beaumont Library!



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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Where Are You Getting Your Information? Trust Beaumont Library to Get the Facts!

by Luren Dickinson, Director

More and more Americans are getting their information online—through their computer devices and smartphones. Newspapers and weekly magazines have become a thing of the past almost overnight!

In just six years, smartphone ownership has gone from 35% of the U.S. population to 77% according to a Pew Research study earlier this year. And 88% of adults are using the Internet.

A 2016 Pew survey also showed that 62% of Americans are getting their news through social media sources, and a staggering 44% depend

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upon Facebook alone to find out what is going on in the world! But how do people know whether what they are reading is real or not?

2017 is the year of “fake news”—on both sides of the aisle. Wikipedia says “Fake news is written and published with the intent to mislead in order to gain financially or politically, often with sensationalist, exaggerated, or patently false headlines that grab attention.”

What drives this type of “journalism” and propaganda is both political motivation and the chance to make money. Virtually every single commercial site on the Internet is driven by monetary profit and it has become extremely easy to generate ad revenue by getting as many unsuspecting individuals as possible to “click” on a story.

The American Library Association and the International Federation of Library Associations have developed the following steps to help people recognize fake news:

1. Consider the source (to understand its mission and purpose)
2. Read beyond the headline (to understand the whole story)
3. Check the authors (to see if they are real and credible)
4. Assess the supporting sources (to ensure they support the claims)
5. Check the date of publication (to see if the story is relevant and up to date)
6. Ask if it is a joke (to determine if it is meant to be satire)
7. Review your own biases (to see if they are affecting your judgement)
8. Ask experts (to get confirmation from independent people with knowledge).

And when it comes to “Information Experts” there is no better place to find them than at the public library! Professional librarians will be glad to assist you in finding accurate material you can trust whether related to a news story, your health, the law, or whatever you might be researching! You can trust Beaumont Library.



Beaumont Library District Receives \$7500 State Library Bilingual Grant.

Last month, hundreds of new bilingual materials for children from preschool to sixth grade were added to the collection. The majority of the items will be English/Spanish, but nine other languages will be covered in some way, including Chinese, Korean, Russian, Hindi, Farsi, Khmer, Arabic, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. The grant more than doubles the current bilingual collection which is available to anyone interested in teaching languages to children.

K-FROG Radio Highlights Beaumont Library and Proposed Senate Constitutional Amendment 3

KFRG FM 95.1, known affectionately as K-FROG, played its interview of Beaumont Library Director Luren Dickinson on Sunday, August 20, and posted a story about the library and the podcast of the interview at kfrog.cbslocal.com/2017/08/22/riverside-countys-last-carnegie-library as a part of their “Eye on the Community” series. The program highlighted Beaumont Library’s need for an expanded building due to rapid population growth and the hope that the state senate’s proposed constitutional amendment (SCA-3) would be an important step toward lowering the approval level for library construction bonds from 67% to 55%. 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

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