

Beaumont Library District

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Library Hours

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.

Bookmobile Stops

Monday—11 to 1, Chatigny Community Center
Tuesday—11 to 1, Noble Creek Community Center
Friday—8:30 to 10, Petco
Saturday—9 to Noon, Nicklaus Park

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**Beaumont Library
Will Be Closed on
Monday, May 28,** in
observance of the
Memorial Day holiday.



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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Libraries Use the Latest Technology While Tech Passes Other Things By

by Luren Dickinson, Director

There are many things that most of us do not use anymore—starting with the rotary dial telephone! In fact, the majority of people do not even have land line telephones any longer. That tipping point was passed a year ago. And cable TV is going downhill fast!

There is a long list of common, everyday things that we hardly, if ever, use or do today because of technology. Libraries are not on this list:

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Once Common Things Hardly Used or Done Today Due to Technology

- **Directory Assistance** (do you remember 411?)
- **Road Maps** (you know, on folded-up paper)
- **The Yellow Pages** (let your fingers do the walking!)
- **Address Books** (the small books you write in)
- **Answering Machines** (you could screen your calls)
- **Pay Phones** (have you seen any of them lately?)
- **Newspapers** (many have gone out of business)
- **Check Books** (over 50% of payments are done online)
- **Letter Writing** (is now becoming a lost art!)
- **Disposable Cameras** (who prints photos anymore?)

Like other libraries, Beaumont Library has remained relevant with ebooks, a 1-GB wireless connection, the latest computers and software, ability to print from home to the library, etc. And we still have a great collection of printed books most people want!

“MacGyver” Grant Gives Library New Look

Last fall, Beaumont Library District received a “Maximizing Library Spaces” grant, nicknamed the “MacGyver” grant (based upon the TV character from the 1990s who made use of whatever he had to solve problems). The funding, which was provided through the California State Library, amounted to \$5,000 and the award also included the services of an interior design consultant.

The first statewide meeting of grant recipients took place on November 1 in Riverside as part of the California Library Association annual conference. It was at this event that Beaumont Library was paired with Adrian-Gaus Architects of Redlands.

The initial meeting with the architects took place at the Library on November 14 when the major issues identified were the poor arrangement of the Computer Area and the lack of lounge and study seating in the Adult Area.

After a second meeting on January 22, at which various dramatic “makeover” designs of the Library were presented, it was decided that fund limitations would require focus on key sections only. As a result, work was concentrated on clearing space in the Adult area with weeding of the Reference collection already underway.

In March, the consultants identified an inexpensive supplier, which allowed the Library to not only fund the items for the Computer and Adult areas, but also to add new tables and chairs for the Teen and Children’s areas with just \$500 additional from the regular operational budget.

The following were ordered in April and should be in place during the coming weeks:

- 2 study tables and 8 chairs for the Adult area
- 4 individual study carrels for the Adult area
- 4 lounge chairs with tablet arms for the Adult area
- 5 computer tables for the Computer area
- 2 study tables and 8 chairs for the Teen area
- 2 round tables and 4 chairs for the Children’s area



In Memoriam

Barbara Bush (1925-2018)

A longtime literacy advocate who founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy in 1989 and donated the proceeds of her NY Times bestseller, *Millie’s Book*, to fund its work.

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