

Good Read!

By Library Director Luren Dickinson

Just the Facts ...

Facts abound at Beaumont Library.

They're in the stacks of books, online, at the Reference Desk, and in the Local History Section.

Since the early 1900s, Beaumont Library has been a treasure trove of *facts*, but it is so much more than a repository.

So, let's discover a little more about our hometown Library ...

In this Q & A, we'll spotlight important but little known and fascinating *facts* about the Beaumont Library District.

1. Did you know, just like a business, Beaumont Library has a great Return on Investment for its services?

When you crunch the numbers, the Library services, given freely to everyone, are worth millions. So, with operating costs of a little more than a million dollars a year, the library brings a *hefty* Return on Investment.

More than two dollars, in fact, for every dollar spent by the Library!

2. How many people does the Library serve, and how big are its boundaries?

First, Beaumont Library is a California special district, and is independent of both city and county government.

The Library District's boundaries span about 60 square miles, taking in the City of Beaumont, Cherry Valley, and the surrounding unincorporated areas stretching almost to Calimesa [[see map](#)].

That big swath of territory is home to about 55,000 people.

3. How large is the Library's collection, and could it grow in the future?

Beaumont Library has grown tremendously since it opened in 1911 with a collection of 81 books provided by the Beaumont Woman's Club!

Today, when you come to the Library, you can choose from 75,000 physical items in our wide-ranging collection, including books, magazines, audiobooks and DVD's. A future expansion could double the size of the Library's collection.

And remember, Beaumont Library provides access to thousands of e-books, e-audio, and digital magazines — not to mention databases and other electronic resources.

4. How many people visit the Library every year, and how many items do they check out?

At our public library, everyone is welcome, so residents and visitors come from throughout the region.

They come to check out books, use our public computers, search the internet, enjoy story time with their children, and hear authors discuss their latest books.

Each year, Beaumont Library has more than 100,000 visitors greeted by our professional staff of seven librarians. Our friendly employees answer more than 20,000 reference questions and overall, the public checks out about 150,000 items every year.

5. What technology does the Library have, and what does it offer?

At the moment, we have 10 public computers loaded with the latest software.

Every year, these computers are used more than 10,000 times.

Bill Gates once said, personal computers are the most empowering tool that we've ever created.

If you're searching the web, the Library has a 1-giga wireless connection to power your phone or other device.

You can also print wirelessly within the Library or send documents over the Internet from home to the Library's printer.

So when you consider all the facts, we're truly, *"Your hometown library ... growing with you!"*

Please visit us soon in-person at 125 E. Eighth St., online at bld.lib.ca.us or call us at 951-845-1357.

Library Hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Hours:

Monday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Albert Chatigny Sr. Community Recreation Center, 1310 Oak Valley Parkway, Beaumont

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. at Petco in the Beaumont Marketplace, 1634 E. 2nd St., Beaumont

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Nicklaus Park, 11270 Palmer Ave., Beaumont (northeast corner of Oak Valley Parkway and Palmer Ave.)

*Bookmobile service will be on hiatus for the month of August.