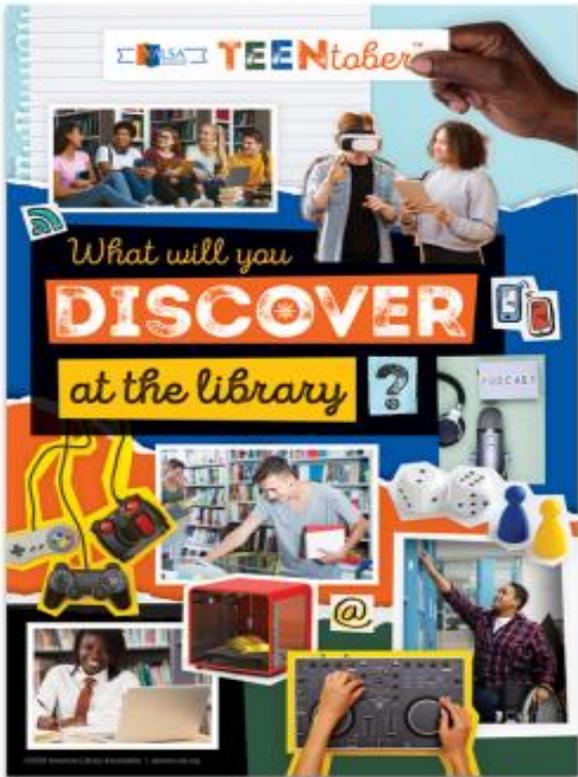




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# BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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



October 2021

## Beaumont Library’s New Bookmobile Finally Completed and Delivered

by Luren Dickinson, Director

Kelly Van Valkenburg, Principal Librarian for Outreach and Youth Services, and Library Director Luren Dickinson traveled to Denver, Colorado in mid-September to receive training on Beaumont Library’s brand-new Bookmobile.

The vehicle, featuring a 2021 Ford E-450 engine and chassis with a Rockport body, was purchased through a specialty manufacturer, which customized the interior and provided design artwork for the exterior wrap. Production of the Bookmobile, funded through a \$224,152 grant from the State Library, was delayed for more than a year because of disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The exterior of the new Bookmobile features a colorful and futuristic view of a rocket blasting off over Mt. San Gorgonio amidst flying books, clouds, and a hot air balloon. The library logo with its live oak tree and the mountains is placed strategically on all four sides. The Bookmobile label includes the tagline "Bringing the Library to You."

The interior of the vehicle has benches on either side where children can sit to read or to participate in story times. The rear door is equipped with an automatic lift and the entrance side has a powered awning. The environmentally-friendly bookmobile includes a solar panel as well as a special battery that can light, heat, and air condition the unit even when the engine is turned off.

Shown here at the manufacturing location in the Denver area, prior to departure for California on September 21, our new vehicle arrived at Beaumont Library on September 23.

A new, expanded schedule of stops for the Bookmobile will be coming out shortly. Check the library website for the latest details.

And look for it soon in a park or another location near you!



## Beaumont Library's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Service to the District is October 1<sup>st</sup>

Beaumont Library District was created by a public vote that took place on August 12, 1911. According to a news article in *The Gateway Gazette*: "Beaumont township was made a library district by a two-to-one vote the result being 59 for and 27 against. Immediate steps will be taken to get a library underway."

A 3-member Library Board, comprised of Canadian-born Chester McNeil, President, W. E. Baker, and a Mr. White wasted no time in getting things organized, holding their first meeting on August 30.

By September, the trustees had appointed Mrs. C.J. Miner as the librarian at a salary of \$25 per month. It was reported in *The Gateway Gazette* that “the matter of literature for the reading room was taken up and order was placed for the following magazines and papers,” amongst them *Literary Digest*, *Scientific American*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Saturday Evening Post*, the *London News*, and the *Chicago Record-Herald*.

Then, on Sunday, October 1, an informal opening of Beaumont Library took place in two rooms on the ground floor of the Beaumont Bank building, rented for \$125 per year. The 81 books in the collection had been purchased by the Beaumont Woman’s Club, the group responsible for getting the Library founded.

Because it has been 110 years since the Library opened its doors to the public, we have produced a special edition library mug that is imprinted with the library logo and the words: “Beaumont Library Since 1911.” There were light refreshments served on October 1, 2021 to celebrate Beaumont Library’s anniversary and the first 110 people who came to the Library and checked out something got a free mug!



## Sign Up for Library Newsletter or Notices

To receive the newsletter automatically via email, please write to [info@bld.lib.ca.us](mailto:info@bld.lib.ca.us) and you can also request notices on programs for children, or teens and adults, through the same address.

## **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 7 p.m. [new closing time]

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m. [new closing time]

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### **Bookmobile Stops**

Our new bookmobile will be launching soon!

Check our website or call 951-845-1357 for the latest details

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