



LIBRARY CLOSED

Saturday, July 3, and Sunday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday weekend.



BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

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



July 2021

“Beaumont Library Awarded \$19,272 for “Time to Talk Tech” Grant Project

by Tamara Evans, Senior Librarian

We are pleased to announce that the Beaumont Library District has been awarded a \$19,272 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to fund the "Time to Talk Tech" project through the California State Library! This project will be implemented during the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 fiscal year.

Through the "Time to Talk Tech" LSTA grant, Beaumont Library will acquire technology to engage with our senior and other vulnerable community members so that we can deliver and improve their technological literacy skills.

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Equipment to be purchased with grant funds will include 2-in-1 laptops, Chromebooks, wireless optical mice, and a SmartBoard, along with necessary software (for example, Windows 10, Microsoft Office, Deep Freeze, etc.).

A cushioned "Pelican" case for safe storage and transportation of the computers will also be obtained. This will allow the library to meet community needs both on-site, as well as off-site at partner locations, including the Beaumont Woman's Club and Chatigny Senior Center.

Through the "Time to Talk Tech" project, the Library will meet the goal of bringing expanded "Growing with You" library services to our patrons, including educational and skill-building opportunities.

The intended benefits will include an increase in technology skills among our more vulnerable populations to negate their risk of being scammed or missing tech-related opportunities, as well as exploring other avenues by which the digital divide can be reduced for this segment of our community in a safe and equitable manner.

Once the dates and times for computer training classes have been set, they will be announced via the Beaumont Library website, social media, flyers, and press releases. As part of the grant process, we will survey participants both before and after training to see if expectations have been met and to learn how we might improve and/or tailor classes in the future for specific needs in the community.

Additional Grants Enhance Library Services

It was learned recently that the popular Zip Books grant program will continue to be funded at \$7,500 over the course of the current fiscal year that began July 1. This service allows Beaumont Library to supply books not in our collection on a very timely basis through home delivery via Amazon. Requests are sometimes received within 48 hours! Once our customers have finished with their books, they may be added to the collection if they fit our regular selection policy.

Another new grant, also from the State Library, will be providing the Library with 10 Chromebooks and 5 hotspots. Adult cardholders and children 10 years and older, with parental permission, will be able to check this equipment out for up to 14 days.

For the third year in a row, Beaumont Library is participating in the State Library's Lunch at the Library program, funded this year with a \$1900 grant for program-related materials and services. In partnership with Beaumont Unified School District, the Library is a distribution site for breakfast and lunch on Friday mornings, along with a "Grab 'n Go" "Reading Colors Your World" art activity kit.

The program began June 11 and will end July 23. There will be no service on July 9 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Distribution begins each Friday at 9 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m. or until supplies last.

Friends of the Library President Milton Cook receives a \$2,500 check to "support our kids and community" from the Beaumont Teachers Association Treasurer Chauna Keels (left). To the right are Beaumont Library Board President Margaret Coleman and BUSD teacher and BLD Board member Michelle Lillard-Geiser. Director Luren Dickinson is at left.



Sign Up for Library Newsletter or Notices

To receive the newsletter automatically via email, please write to 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 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

There are currently no scheduled stops,
But delivery is available by calling 951-845-1357

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