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### GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW FRENCH VALLEY LIBRARY

**FRENCH VALLEY, CA** (July 29, 2021) – The Riverside County Library System is excited to announce the grand opening of the new French Valley Library, located at 31526 Skyview Road in French Valley. The public is invited to attend the grand opening ceremony on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

"The French Valley Library is the most anticipated new facility in all of the Third District. The value that libraries bring to communities can't be overstated! All the while, we have done this without asking taxpayers to reach into their pockets," said Chuck Washington, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor.

The new French Valley Library is a modern, aviation themed, 25,000 square foot single story library that includes amenities that are in high demand for the community. These amenities include private study rooms, community meeting room, opportunity rooms, furniture with plug in technology, public computers, teen library space, children's library space, and a children's story time room. The new library includes over 52,000 materials in the collection.

The outdoor grand opening event will be free to attend, and indoor family-friendly activities will follow the ceremony until 2:00 PM. Due to updated California Department of Public Health guidelines regarding face coverings, masks are recommended to be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status and will be available to patrons, if requested. The ceremony will include remarks by the Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor, Chuck Washington, Director of Riverside County Office of Economic Development, Suzanne Holland, and Riverside County Library System County Librarian, Barbara Howison.

<u>**Grand Opening Celebration Schedule:**</u>
10:00 AM:     Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting
11:00 AM:     Library is officially open to the public
11:10 AM:     Virtual Reality Experience – Opportunity Room 2 – *ongoing*
                    STEAM Activity: Circuit Scribe – Opportunity Room 2 – *ongoing*
                    STEAM Activity: 3Doodler Pens – Opportunity Room 1 – *ongoing*
                    STEAM Activities: Legos, Building Straws, Interactive Cube – Children's Area – *ongoing*
                    Spin the Prize Wheel – *ongoing*
                    Scavenger Hunt- *ongoing*
                    Blackout Poetry Activity – Large Study Room
11:10 AM:     Preschool Storytime – Storytime Room
12:00 PM:     Aviation Talk – Meeting Room
1:30 PM:       Bilingual Preschool Storytime – Storytime Room

Library cards will be issued between opening and 1:30 PM

"The French Valley Library will be a wonderful educational and recreational asset for this community, a gathering place, programs for all ages, materials for all ages," said County Librarian, Barbara Howison. "Having spent some time reviewing the history of the area, I am thrilled to be part of this spectacular project.  Staff is looking forward to opening its doors and greeting patrons and visitors!"

The French Valley Library is one of three libraries that were built for the Riverside County Library System at the same time through a Public-Private Partnership with incredible partners who made this all possible, which include, Omni West Real Estate, CFP, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., and Cannon Design. The other two new libraries are located in Desert Hot Springs and Menifee.

"With the opening of French Valley Library, we couldn't be more excited to complete our third project with the Riverside County Library System," said Vernan Ibong, Project Executive at McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. "As a community builder, we're honored to have been entrusted with bringing new facilities and amenities to the Riverside area, and we believe the new library will be cherished for years to come."

**<u>French Valley Library Operating Hours:</u>**
Monday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Thursday – 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Friday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Sunday – Closed

The Riverside County Library System is a division of the Riverside County Office of Economic Development. For more information, please contact the Riverside County Library System at (951) 369-3003 or visit www.rivlib.net.

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