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GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE VALLE VISTA LIBRARY

HEMET, CA (September 27, 2022) – The Riverside County Library System (RCLS) is excited to announce that after its closure in August of 2021, the Valle Vista Library will be opening its doors again with a Grand Re-Opening Celebration located at 25757 Fairview Avenue in Hemet. The public is invited to attend the ceremony on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 10:00AM.

"The Valle Vista Library is back in business," said Supervisor Chuck Washington, "and it brings me great joy to celebrate the reopening of this vital community resource that provides access to information and supports literacy, education, and creativity."

The Valle Vista Library has been closed since August 25, 2021 to repair extensive damages after a vehicle crashed into the library early in the morning. Fortunately, the accident occurred before staff and patrons had arrived for the day, but serious damage had occurred to the building structure, furniture, and library materials.

RCLS took advantage of the closure to renovate the interior of the library and the landscaping. The interior now boasts bright and airy new furniture and amenities that are in high demand for the community. These amenities include private study and meeting spaces, new furniture with plug-in technology, public computers, and a reimagined children's library. In addition to the renovations of the library updated its collection and now has over 24,000 books and materials on-hand.

The Grand Re-opening celebration is open to the public. The ceremony will include remarks by the Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor, Chuck Washington, the Director of Riverside County Office of Economic Development, Suzanne Holland, and the Riverside County Library System County Librarian, Barbara Howison. The celebration will continue throughout the day with special guest storytime readers, Makerspace activities, virtual reality, and so much more. All library programming and services will resume to its regular schedule following the opening.

"All those involved with the renovation of Valle Vista Library have been working hard to ensure that the library will be fully operational again," said RCLS Director, Jon Solomon. "County and Library staff have really taken advantage of the closure to evaluate the space and make the most of the library building."

The Grand Re-Opening is open to all and will celebrate a new beginning for the Valle Vista Library.

<u>Valle Vista Operating Hours</u> Monday – 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday – 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Thursday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Friday – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday – Closed

The Riverside County Library System is a division of 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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