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GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW MENIFEE LIBRARY

MENIFEE, CA (July 14, 2021) – The Riverside County Library System is excited to announce the grand opening of the new Menifee Library, located at 28798 La Piedra Road in Menifee. The public is invited to attend the grand opening ceremony on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

“The new county library, recently constructed in the City of Menifee, gives one of California’s fastest growing cities a chance for their citizens to quickly grow their minds and knowledge,” said Riverside County Fifth District Supervisor, Jeff Hewitt. “This facility is state of the art and will be the center of so many community groups for years to come.”

The new Menifee Library is a modern, 20,000 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, an opportunity room, 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 35,000 materials in the collection.

The Mayor of the City of Menifee, Bill Zimmerman, echoes such great enthusiasm with all that the new library has to offer to the City of Menifee, "We are very pleased to welcome this unique and valuable resource for Menifee residents. The County's new Menifee Library will be a lifeline to the world and all the information in it. It promises to be a place for self-improvement, exploring topics of interest, experiencing art classes, and more, or simply losing ourselves in a wonderful story."

The grand opening event will be free to attend and family-friendly activities will follow the ceremony until 2:00 PM. The ceremony will include remarks by the Riverside County 5th District Supervisor, Jeff Hewitt, City of Menifee’s Mayor, Bill Zimmerman, Director of Riverside County Office of Economic Development, Suzanne Holland, and Riverside County Library System County Librarian, Barbara Howison.

Grand Opening Celebration Schedule:

- 10:00 AM: Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting
- 11:00 AM: Library is officially open to the public
- 11:10 AM: Virtual Reality Experience – Teen Area – *ongoing*
STEAM Activity: Circuit Scribe – Opportunity Room – *ongoing*
STEAM Activity: 3Doodler Pens – Opportunity Room – *ongoing*
STEAM Activities: Legos, Building Straws, Interactive Cube – Opportunity Room – *ongoing*
Spin the Prize Wheel – *ongoing*



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11:30 AM: Preschool Storytime – Storytime Room
1:15 PM: Preschool Storytime – Storytime Room

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

“Menifee is a community of lifelong learners who love their library,” said County Librarian, Barbara Howison. “Having managed a library in this town many years ago, I am so pleased to see this wonderful new library open to provide resources and services to the growing number of residents. I look forward to seeing the smiles on faces as adults and children enter the beautiful building for the first time, at the Grand Opening!”

The Menifee 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 French Valley.

“We’re proud to have helped bring the new Menifee library to life and to pay tribute to the beautiful Southern California climate with its distinct garden-themed amenities,” said Vernan Ibong, Project Executive at McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. “We’re thrilled to deliver to local residents an expansive 20,000-square foot facility that will be home to thousands of books for the surrounding community.”

Menifee Library Operating Hours:

Monday – 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday – 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Thursday – 10:00 AM to 6:00 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 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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