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ANNOUNCING LIBRARY CONNECT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM'S NEW MOBILE RESOURCE VANS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA (January 31, 2022) – The Riverside County Library System (RCLS) is excited to announce the launch of two new mobile resource vans, named Library Connect. The Library Connect mobile resource vans will bring many library and literacy services to rural and remote community members year-around beginning February 7, 2022 in select areas of the Western and Desert regions of Riverside County.

With a generous grant from the California State Library, RCLS is now able to provide just-in-time and recurring community education and literacy programs to support Riverside County adults, children and families year around. Library Connect will offer:

- **Learning Lounge** – Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume, job help, digital skills and others.
- **Family Literacy Programs** – Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as weekly educational craft kits, Raising a Reader and STEAM activities.
- **Adult One-on-One Sessions** – One-on-one support to improve reading, writing, listening, speaking and digital skills.
- **Adult Small Group Sessions** – Support to improve reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills with others in the community.
- **Library Services** – Book checkout/check-in, holds pickup/return, getting a library card and more.
- **Wi-Fi and Technology Services** – Provides Wi-Fi and access to laptops during stops.

To locate the Library Connect van and to take advantage of the services, the schedule for the Desert region is as follows:

Monday's

- 10:00AM – 12:00PM at **Galilee Center**, 66101 Hammond Rd., Mecca
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM at **Mecca Community Center**, 65250 Coahuilla St., Mecca

Tuesday's

- 10:00AM – 2:00PM at **Palm Desert Country Club**, Joe Mann Park, 77800 California Dr., Palm Desert
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM at **Indio Hills Community Center**, 80400 Dillon Rd., Indio Hills

Wednesday's

- 2:00PM – 4:00PM at **Dateland Park**, 52805 Shady Ln., Coachella



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Thursday's

- 10:00AM – 2:00PM at **La Quinta Park**, Corner of Adams St. and Blackhawk Way, La Quinta
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM at **Mecca Family & Farmworkers Service Center**, 91275 66th Ave., Mecca

Saturday's

- 10:00AM – 12:00PM at **Northshore Community Park**, 99480 70th Ave., Mecca
- 2:00PM – 4:00PM at **Reyes Market**, 98960 70th Ave., Mecca

During the COVID-19 pandemic, RCLS has increased its digital resource offerings, transitioned to virtual programs, provided craft kits, offered library eCards and much more to ensure library patrons can continue to enjoy their local library branch services safely from home. The Library Connect mobile resource vans will be another addition to the growing number of community resources RCLS offers bringing much-needed services to Riverside County residents across the region.

Please note that the times are approximate. Stops may occasionally be delayed or cancelled due to weather, vehicle maintenance, or traffic conditions. Library Connect vans will be closed in observance of all County holidays.

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