

DEDICATION PROGRAM

MAIN LIBRARY

CITY OF REDWOOD CITY



Sunday, September 11, 1988

City of Redwood City

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dedication Celebration Funded by the
Friends of the Library

Flowers Donated by:

Flower Haus Staudt FLOWERS by SAT'S
Flowers by Thierry Redwood City Florist

Refreshments Served by

Members of the Peninsula Hills Junior Women's Club

SPECIAL THANKS

Archives Committee of the Redwood City Library
Board of the Friends of the Library
Project Read Volunteers
Redwood City Chamber of Commerce
Redwood City Fire Department
Redwood City Police Department

Program

2.00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

JOHN GREENALCH, *Mayor of Redwood City*

Master of Ceremonies

TONY HERNANDEZ, *Commander, Cpl. James Lindsey Wilson Post*
#2310, V.F.W., Redwood City

Presentation of Colors

WALTER ROBINSON, *Library Board President*

Greetings

GARY E. STRONG, *California State Librarian*

Remarks

DR. WILLIS HARMAN, *Member, Board of Regents, University of*
California; President, Institute of Noetic Sciences; Professor Emeritus,
Stanford University; Author

Dedicatory Address

JANE E. LIGHT, *Library Director*

Invitation

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RIBBON CUTTING, TOURS, REFRESHMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT

FOLKLORIC TRADITIONAL MEXICAN DANCES

Raices De Mexico

Matias Varela, *Director*

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LIBRARY PLAZA

FOSTER CITY STRING ENSEMBLE

Carol Kutsch, *Violin* Judy Stieger, *Violin*

Pamela Anderson, *Viola* Carol Pace Harney, *Violoncello*

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

PERIODICAL READING ROOM

FOLK SONGS

Jim Stevens, *Vocals and Guitar*

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

REDWOOD CITY HISTORY

Film Showing

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY ROOM

The Past . . .

Founded in 1865, the Redwood City Library began as a Town reading room located on Main Street. In 1900 the Town Trustees levied a special library tax and a free public library was established in Redwood City.

Under the direction of Laura Barton, the first City Librarian, a "Carnegie Library" was constructed on the southwest corner of Middlefield and Broadway. Damaged in the 1906 earthquake before it was a year old, the library was totally rebuilt with additional Carnegie Foundation funds.

The appointment of Wilhelmina Harper as Head Librarian in 1930 brought an impressive growth in books and patronage, leading to the construction of a new library in 1939 at the corner of Jefferson and Middlefield.

With the post-war growth of population, the concept of branch libraries was implemented: the Friendly Acres Branch operated in a room at Fire Station No. 3 from 1952 to 1960; the Schaberg Branch opened in 1957; the Fair Oaks Branch, specializing in service to the Spanish-speaking community, was completed in 1974.

By the time Karl Vollmayer was appointed City librarian in 1960, the library was once again experiencing space problems. Crowded conditions forced the storage of over 25,000 books and the dispersal of library offices and services to several buildings. In 1985 plans were prepared for a new 45,000 sq. ft. building on the site of the old Fire Station No. 1. By retaining the facade of the fire station, the library thus incorporates the old and the new, and sets a fine example of how Redwood City's colorful past promises a progressive future.

The Present . . .

Architect

Ripley Associates, San Francisco

Interior Design

Simon, Martin-Vegue, Winkelstein and Moris

General Contractor

Ralph Larsen and Son, Burlingame

Library Building Consultant

Raymond E. Holt, Associates, Del Mar

Space Footage: 45,000

Seating: 37 tables 30 lounge seats
42 carrels 19 audio-visual carrels

Collection Size: 175,000 volumes

Budget:

Site Preparation	\$ 560,000
Library and Culvert Construction	\$ 6,050,000
Shelving and Furnishings	\$ 720,000

Financed Through Utility Users Tax

Architectural Glass Windows, Shelley Jurs, Artist
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