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Cupertino Library Celebrates Teen Room Renovation

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August 27, 2010—CUPERTINO, CA—Saturday, September 11th, 10am-noon the community is invited to celebrate the recently completed renovation of the Teen Room at the Cupertino Library. Opening remarks and refreshments will be served in Cupertino Community Hall, 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, followed at 11am by a ribbon cutting and further celebration activities in the Teen Room, 2nd floor of the Library, next door.

Congratulatory remarks will be made by: Kris Wang, mayor of Cupertino; Orrin Mahoney, Cupertino councilman and Joint Powers Authority representative; Melinda Cervantes, Santa Clara County Library librarian; Mark Fink, new Cupertino Community librarian; Eno Schmidt, president of the Cupertino Library Foundation board; Kathy Stakey, *Friends of the Cupertino Library*; and Liz Gallegos and Bev Lenihan, past and present president of the Rotary Club of Cupertino respectively.

Renovation highlights include increasing the seating by 87%, making it more flexible and colorful; increasing the shelving by 21%; and adding more electrical outlets for computers. The carpeting, shelving and furniture are all new, giving an updated look and feel that teens themselves had a hand in selecting. The teen collection is enhanced as well.

“Because of the new design and furniture, the word spread and we have more teens – and new faces - than ever before, said Dolly Goyal, teen librarian. “The renovated space is a welcoming place for teens and their friends to read, relax and work on projects. I am also excited about the new teen-specific resources featured in the room, which include craft and cook books, comic books, video games, audio books and science fiction.”

Funding for this \$180,000-plus project was primarily a community based effort. Cupertino Rotary pledged a lead gift of \$25,000, naming the Teen Room project as their primary beneficiary of their 2009 Golf Tournament fundraiser. *Friends of the Cupertino Library* were most generous with an \$80,000 donation, and the Cupertino Library Foundation contributed at a level of \$62,182. Other donors of note are the City of Cupertino, the Santa Clara County Library and HSBC Bank.

“The renovated Teen Room is truly a testimony to the result that can happen with community collaboration,” said Eno Schmidt, president of the Cupertino Library Foundation.

A sampling of on-going teen programs at the Cupertino Library are free comic book day; cooking/food programs; crafts; Wii games; study nights; SAT/ACT test prep; contests; database class; and the volunteer program.

About the Cupertino Library

Last year, the Cupertino Library welcomed 950,000 visitors who borrowed almost 3.3 million items. The Santa Clara County Library System, of which Cupertino Library is a recognized leader, has been ranked #1 or #2 nationally over the last decade by Hennen's Public Library Ratings ("HAPLR").

About the Cupertino Library Foundation

The Foundation's Vision for the Cupertino Library is to encourage life-long learning and self-improvement, so that library users of all ages may become more knowledgeable and better informed, more enlightened and more proactive members of the community. The Foundation envisions the Cupertino Library as a World-class Public Library Facility for:

- ◆ Self-Education
- ◆ Children's Services
- ◆ Information Access
- ◆ Research
- ◆ Recreational Reading
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Business Resources
- ◆ Diversity in Collections, Services and Programs

On-going initiatives for the Foundation include the Display Wall-art on display; early-California history collection; and Technology in the Library through eReaders and an emerging science project. For more information or to make a donation, please see the Library Foundation's website <http://cupertinolib.org/foundation>.

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(Photos available upon request)