

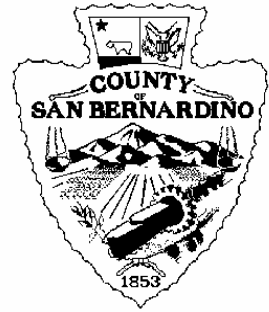
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Crestline Friends of the Library to Launch Fundraising Campaign

CRESTLINE – A group of stalwart library supporters will launch a fundraising campaign during the groundbreaking for the new Crestline Library this Saturday, March 14.

The Crestline Friends of the Library plans to raise \$50,000 to purchase books and materials for the 7,641 square foot library being built across from Lake Gregory and next to the Crestline Village and Skate parks. Members will be at the groundbreaking to meet and speak with residents about ways to support the Crestline Library. The groundbreaking is set to begin at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Friends of the Library President Bill Steiner said fundraising may be difficult in the current economy, but he also believes the library project will play a role in the mountain community's eventual recovery.

"Here's our turnaround," Steiner said. "We are doing something. It's the first step to getting us back on track."

San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Paul Biane applauded Crestline Friends of the Library for taking the initiative to expand their support efforts with a fundraising campaign to purchase additional books and materials for the library. The library construction is fully funded by San Bernardino County.

"The new Crestline Library will serve thousands of residents for generations to come," said Biane, who began allocating funding to replace the existing 3,169 square foot library in 2005. "The new library will be twice the size of the current one so there will be plenty of room for the additional books and materials supplied by the Friends of the Library."

The current Crestline Branch Library is located in rented building that was formerly the community's U.S. Post Office. The library has been located there for more than 20 years.

During Saturday's groundbreaking ceremony, Friends of the Library will offer residents an opportunity to purchase commemorative wooden book spines for \$50. Donors names will be engraved on the book spines, and the book spines will be permanently displayed in a special bookcase inside the new Crestline Library. For more information about the Friends of the Library fundraising campaign, contact the Crestline Branch Library at (909) 338-3294.

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