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SUPERVISOR GONZALES FUNDS COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

SAN BERNARDINO – Supervisor Josie Gonzales today donated funds to purchase state-of-the-art computers and works stations for the proposed children's library section of Fontana's new Lewis Library and Technology Center.

Children will be able to use the library to complete homework assignments or to read online with their parents when the Technology Center open in April 2008.

San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Gonzales allocated \$100,000 to help purchase 65 new computers for the proposed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Library. Plans for the 13,000 square-foot facility named after the civil rights leader will feature a homework club area, a small computer lab, and individual study rooms.

It also will offer learning stations and "Peek-a-stations" for early literacy and pre-school readiness programs.

"Education is the master key to our county's financial success," said Supervisor Gonzales. "Parental involvement and interactive computer programs not only help promote a love for reading and learning at an early age, they also enable our young people to realize broader educational horizons."

"Instilling that love within our children translates into increased literacy rates in our schools, higher academic achievement among our students, and the creation of our own talented, professional workforce," said Gonzales.

In addition to the children's library, the new 93,000 square-foot Lewis Library and Technology Center will include: wireless high-speed Internet access throughout the facility; over 200 public use computer workstations; an expanded collection of reference, media and periodical items; a computer technology support and training center; a career center; a 330-seat auditorium; and a bookstore and coffee bar.

For more information about the Technology Center visit www.fontanalibrary.org

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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