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## Bloomington library opening celebration set for May 14

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On Saturday, May 14, San Bernardino County will hold a grand opening celebration for the new Bloomington Branch Library.

The 6,700-square-foot library is part of the newly-completed Bloomington Grove affordable housing apartments and Lillian Court senior community. The library is located at 18028 Valley Boulevard in Bloomington.

The Bloomington Branch Library features a children's reading area, private study rooms and computer lab.

"It's exciting to bring the fun of books and reading, right into the neighborhood, in a way that will encourage greater access to learning for our local families. The Bloomington Grove family housing, along with Lillian Court senior housing, provide a unique opportunity for residents to live, work and stay in Bloomington. I am so proud of this investment which demonstrates this county's strong commitment to our unincorporated area residents," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

The free community celebration event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A public dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting for the library will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by lunch and library tours.

As many as eight food trucks will be on site that day serving a mix of hot dogs, sliders, grilled cheese, Kona ice and cupcakes, plus much more. The first 1,700 attendees will receive a complimentary lunch and dessert ticket.

The family-fun celebration will have music and entertainers including magicians, balloon storytelling and live animals. Booths will feature treats and games. The County Library and Colton Unified School District's Super Hero Reading Program will be there as well with surprise guests and giveaways. Attendees will also learn more about Vision2Read, a Countywide Vision campaign designed to focus attention on the importance of reading, highlight literacy-related programs and services throughout the county and connect people to available reading resources and/or volunteer opportunities.

The Bloomington Branch Library is part of a greater County reinvestment in the Bloomington community. Along with the library, the County pursued development of 106 much-needed quality affordable housing apartments for seniors and families. The County will begin construction for the second phase of an additional four-acre site which will add 85 units to the



Bloomington Grove affordable housing development. The second phase is set to open in Spring 2017. The County developed the housing in partnership with Related California.

The San Bernardino County Library System is a dynamic network of 32 branch libraries that serves a diverse population over a vast geographic area. The County library system strives to provide equal access to information, technology, programs, and services for all people who call San Bernardino County home. The library plays a key role in the achievement of the Countywide Vision by contributing to educational, cultural and historical development of our County community.