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“We really do treasure our volunteers at the San Bernardino County Library”, remarked County Librarian Ed Kieczkowski at a recent Volunteer Recognition event held at the Bloomington Branch Library. “I am very grateful for all their time, talents and energy that they donate to our libraries.” The theme for this year’s Annual Volunteer Recognition, “We Treasure Our Volunteers”, reflects the County Librarian’s recent comments.

All 29 branches of the San Bernardino Library will be hosting special events during the month of April in honor of their 1,900 volunteers. In fiscal year 2003-2004, these volunteers donated over 91,000 hours of volunteer service. From checking out and shelving books to reading and assisting with children’s programming, the County Library volunteers have made a tremendous difference, especially in this time of deep budget concerns. The County Library Literacy Volunteer program continues to grow strong with continued help from Volunteer Literacy tutors who assist adults in reading, writing and developing life skills that enable them to succeed in their family, work and community roles.

San Bernardino County Friends of the Library members are another way volunteers serve the library. As the main support and advocacy group for their library, the Friends of the Library make a difference as they raise funds to supplement library budgets, contact local legislatures in support of library issues, offer literary and special programs for the community and much more!

For more information on exciting volunteer opportunities available at the San Bernardino County Library, or to become a member of the Friends of the Library, contact Robin Hoklotubbe, Friends and Volunteer Services Coordinator at 909-387-5875.