

## **Press Release-For Immediate Release**

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### ***Cupertino Library, Cupertino Library Foundation, Cupertino Historical Society Announce Bells & Whistles: Railroads in the Bay Area***

#### **SC Valley History Collaborative Hosts Library Display and Events in 2012**

**DECEMBER 5, 2011 -- CUPERTINO, CA**—The Cupertino Library, a member of the Santa Clara County Library District, and the Cupertino Library Foundation (CLF), partners with the Cupertino Historical Society, continue their alliance as the Santa Clara Valley History Collaborative, with the announcement of “Bells & Whistles: Railroads in the Bay Area” January through June, 2012 in the Cupertino Library. The purpose of the joint collaboration is to enhance and promote the historical richness of Santa Clara Valley.

“This collective effort reinforces for me that our collaboration is unique,” notes Cupertino Community Librarian, Mark Fink, “as the Library has the California Western Americana collection (CWA) and the Historical Society has the artifacts of the various eras in the development of the area. The Cupertino Library Foundation has been a catalyst in getting the collection catalogued, housed and displayed. We are truly working as a team to bring these priceless showings to the public.”

The kickoff event of “Bells & Whistles” is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2012 with a reception at 1pm and a featured talk by Rod Diridon beginning at 2pm in the Cupertino Community Hall located at 10350 Torre Ave. Cupertino, CA. The public is invited to this no-charge event.

Rod Diridon will be the featured speaker at 2pm. According to information provided by the Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI), “Rod Diridon, Sr., has served as executive director of MTI since four years after its creation by Congress in 1991. Mr. Diridon has chaired more than 100 international, national, state and local programs, most related to transit and the environment. He frequently provides legislative testimony on sustainable transportation issues and is regarded by many as the ‘father’ of modern transit service in Silicon Valley.”

There will be two different themed displays a year on the second floor in the reference area of the Cupertino Library. The first display, running through the end of 2011 is “Valley of the Heart’s Delight” featuring postcards, books from the ‘20’s and other artifacts of early Cupertino. Special display cases for the CWA collection and the artifacts are fashioned to accentuate the books and artifacts.

The CWA collection includes materials on the American trek west to California, and on California history, including the history of its cities, towns, and counties. It is a reference collection for in-library use, and the result of decades of special purchases and donations preserved for future generations.

CWA includes some unusual and specific titles as well as standard works on California and San Francisco Bay Area history. For instance, the 1935 edition of the Letters of Western Authors and the 1915 catalogue of the Panama-Pacific international exposition,

and Yosemite illustrated in colors, published in 1890. Titles that are in locked cases can be requested at the near-by reference desk.

The Cupertino librarians have selected a list of Companion Books that interested patrons and program visitors can consult for more information on the theme of Bells & Whistles: Railroads in the Bay Area. A Cupertino Library Book Club discussion on a special title selected in conjunction with the program theme will be announced on the Cupertino Library Foundation web site.

For further information go to: [www.cupertino.library/foundation.org](http://www.cupertino.library/foundation.org)



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