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Cupertino Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary October 18th ***Community Members Celebrate Many Ways to #LoveYourLibrary***

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014 -- CUPERTINO, CA—The Cupertino Library announces their official 10th anniversary celebration of its most recent Library in Cupertino Saturday, October 18th, next to Community Hall. The one-day celebration will be a free, fair-style event with interactive opportunities for all ages. The Santa Clara County Library District, City of Cupertino, Library Commission, Library Foundation, Friends of Cupertino Library and many community groups are joining forces to create and fund a fun and memorable event around the theme ‘Gateway to Learning.’

To highlight the celebration, and this season of gratitude, the Cupertino Library Foundation has kicked off a #LoveYour Library campaign. Community members are sharing their love of the Cupertino Library by sharing #UNSelfie photos with books poised on their heads and signs showing they #LoveYourLibrary. Over 80,000 items are checked out of the Cupertino Library weekly, and many more resources are accessed online, at no cost with a library card.

“These #LoveYourLibrary photos are fun, and the campaign is spreading quickly through social media,” said Gayathri Kanth, Cupertino community librarian. “Library patrons are donating to the Cupertino Library Foundation #LoveYourLibrary #GivingTuesday #UNSelfie campaign. It’s nice to know people are having fun and supporting the many Library programs that the Cupertino Library Foundation helps fund throughout the year.”

Saturday, October 18th is the day for community celebration of the Library’s 10th anniversary. The official ceremony begins with a brief program at 11:30am, emceed by Mayor Gilbert Wong. The booths and entertainment will begin just following the ceremony and continue until 4pm. At 3:30 a special ceremony to close and bury the time capsule will take place in the Library courtyard. This event is being organized by the Teen Advisory Board, under the direction of Teen Services Librarian, Matt Lorenzo. This is also free and open to the public.

More than 20 booths and entertainment options, plus food trucks, are planned around a unique approach to the Dewey Decimal System (DDS). Subjects as far reaching as astrology (predict the future of libraries) to financial health (put on by members of the Chamber), Frisbee art (made possible by the Library Foundation) and high-school robotics demonstrations will keep children, teens and adults entertained throughout the afternoon. Activities will be staged throughout the Library and Community Hall. A cricket demonstration will be in the field. Entertainment and community booths will be in the City Hall plaza.

“The Cupertino Library is one of our greatest success stories in our 100 years as a district,” said Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County District librarian. “The Library has more than 330,000 volumes in its collection, circulates more than 2.5 million items annually and welcomes over 850,000 visitors annually.”



The access to the online resources increases dramatically as well. The S⁴ summer science contest, sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation, the Library and the Cupertino Union School District, introduced hundreds of middle school students to the online databases that encourage primary research and critical thinking. The new Common Core Standards encourage these life-long skills.

The Cupertino Library operates Monday through Thursday 10AM-9PM; Friday and Saturday, 10AM-6PM; and Sunday, noon-6PM. www.sccl.org

The Cupertino Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 Public Benefit Corporation with the purpose to raise money to continue programs encouraging life-long learning and self-improvement through the Cupertino Library. The Foundation has the Non-Profit Seal of Approval by Guidestar demonstrating satisfaction of transparency requirements and is a member of the Google for Nonprofits program receiving tools to work efficiently. It seeks major donations from corporations and the business community and from other foundations as well as individual donations and planned gifts and bequests. For further information visit: www.cupertino.libraryfoundation.org

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