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Library Director Teresa Landers speaks at the opening ceremonies.

Photo: Laura Chatham

## SUCCESS!

### Scotts Valley Opens A Splendid New Library

By Laura Chatham

It was a beautiful morning for the opening of the new Scotts Valley Library on June 18. The ribbon cutting ceremony began a little after 11:00 am with a welcome from Santa Cruz Libraries Director Teresa Landers. Local Girl and Boy Scouts raised the

**"This new library is built for now and for the future." — Libraries Director Teresa Landers**

flags. After some brief statements to thank so many people who worked so hard to bring about the success of this project, more than 150 people streamed inside

the library to gaze, for the first time, on the marvelous results.

There were many local dignitaries on hand to applaud, including Scott Valley City

Council Members, Scotts Valley School Board Members, Santa Cruz City Council members, County Supervisors and, of course the entire library staff wearing pink scarves to stand out for people to ask questions.

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### 'The Full Monty' kicks off Cabrillo Stage's 30th Season



A scene from "The Full Monty"

Nominated for nine Tony Awards, *The Full Monty* (which runs through July 17 at the Cabrillo Crocker Theater) is a risqué, on-the-edge comedy about six unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo, New York. Low on both cash and prospects, the men decide to present a strip act at a local club after seeing their wives' enthusiasm for a touring company of Chippendales.

As they prepare for the show, and work through their fears, self-consciousness and anxieties, they overcome individual inner demons and find strength in their camaraderie. Definitely intended for mature audiences only.

While *The Full Monty* is running, the two-person song-cycle *The Last Five Years* will be presented in the intimate Cabrillo Black Box Theater starting July 8 and ending August 14.

*The Last Five Years* is a one-act song-cycle by Tony Award winning composer Jason Robert Brown. The play ingeniously explores a five-year relationship between Jamie, a rising novelist, and Cathy, a struggling actress, in a fresh and contemporary way. While Cathy's story starts at the end of their relationship, Jamie's begins on the day they met.

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Santa Cruz Public Libraries Director Teresa Landers said, "This new library is built for now and for the future... At a community meeting two years ago, many people told us what they wanted in a new library."

The citizens of Scotts Valley that attended that meeting asked for a library full of color and natural lighting, a place for kids, and a place for teens, and a place to display art.

Teresa said the designers listened to the community and did as much as they could to provide it all: A fireside room with a media wall that can be used for community events, meetings, or simply as a lovely place to sit while reading or studying, early literacy computers featuring educational software programs spanning a variety of curricular areas, a homework center with four computers available, computers for adults to use for word processing, and wireless internet access is available. There's even a Wii gaming wall in the teen room. There is also space for 64,500 items including books and downloadable audio books. In short: it's a full-service 21st century library.

Through the Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the City of Scotts Valley saved for the library for over twenty years. The RDA owns the building.

At the opening, Scotts Valley City Council Member Dene Bustichi, who also chairs the RDA, remembered when the rink was first built in 1978. He was a child then and, since that time, his children learned to skate there. He acknowledged those who are still sorry the rink no longer exists. "While many miss that roller rink," said Dene "it was a great community asset, and (in its new form as a library) still is a great community asset."

Working with many community leaders including City Council Member Jim Reed, the Rotary Club of Scotts Valley, and many more, Elizabeth Walsh, President of the Friends of the Library, Scotts Valley Chapter led the fund raising mission over the last two years that resulted in the



Friends raising almost \$200,000 for the numerous upgrades that make our new library an inviting place for everyone to enjoy. With help from the Santa Cruz Library system, they found grants, ran many fundraisers, and managed to get the money to add the myriad of extras that make the new Scotts Valley Library a beautiful place.

At the opening, Elizabeth thanked so many people who helped in so many ways. "This library is an example of how a city and its citizens worked together to make something wonderful happen." Elizabeth said. "Because so many people did so much, we now have a library that we dreamed, hoped, sacrificed for, contributed to and finally love."

You just have to step inside and marvel at the cool beauty that was brought forth by the Group Four architects and all the people who worked hard to bring together all the elements of this state of the art library.

There is an abundance of wall space for showing the art. Six local artists are loaning artwork for the first exhibit. The art will rotate every 4 to 6 months. The first show is quite magnificent with gloriously colorful hummingbirds in the children's area, wonderful watercolors in the commons, "Dudes and Damselles" of Santa Cruz in the "Teen Scape" area and more. The library has contact information for all the artists.

There is also a specified area to show art created by local school age children and teens.



Photo Credit: Noel Smith

**TOP:** The New Library is has a spacious floor plan. **ABOVE:** A young girl wanders through the children's section.

Sun tubes and large picture windows provide lovely natural lighting. It's hard to believe the dark old roller rink could ever look this good! It seems they spun straw into gold.

The new library is over 13,000 square feet - more than two and half times the size of the old library- and includes a teen area with a gaming wall, a children's area that features a story telling area and an early literacy center, a fireside reading room that can be used for community events, and a large comfortable commons area for study, computer work and small group meeting rooms- at present decorated with the beautiful water colors of local artist Don McPherson. There are comfortable sitting areas for everyone from small children to older adults. Overall, there is seating for over 100 people.

The fireside room has a media wall and can seat 33 or can be converted to a meeting room for 72. It even has a kitchenette. Around the fireplace, which was donated by the Friends of the Library, there will be a display of favorite books of library patrons. By making a donation to help support The Friends of the Library's ongoing efforts, you can participate and get your own favorite book immortalized on the book wall. Or if you prefer, you can still purchase a brick with your name for the back patio. Visit the Friends of the Library Scotts Valley Branch website at <http://www.fsvpl.org/> for instructions.

After the major hoopla in May over the lease with the county and the Joint Powers Authority, everyone seemed extremely relieved to have made it to the opening with only a two-week delay. There was a great deal of excitement when the doors opened and people flowed inside to finally see all the great innovations this new library holds in store. ■