



# Fullerton Public Library

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## It's Official

On Saturday, April 13, 2024, Hunt Branch Library had its long-awaited Grand Re-Opening. The Re-Opening was only possible due to the support of the local community and groups like the Fullerton Public Library Foundation that helped saved it. Hunt Branch Library began an extensive restoration that encompassed the floor all the way to the ceiling. During the restoration modern amenities were added like newer eco-friendly restrooms and high-speed internet. With all those upgrades, Hunt Branch Library is not just a library where one can check-out books and attend library programing like family Storytime, Game Days, Crafternoons, and others, but also a multipurpose facility for thought-provoking and informative exhibitions like the award winning “*A Class Action*” from the Museum of Teaching and Learning (MOTAL) that covers racial segregation in Orange County and other large community events like the recent Día del Niño presented by Arts Orange County on April 27th. Now for the Hunt Branch Library specifics. Hunt Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10am-4pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9am-3pm. In support of these hours, there is Senior Librarian of Hunt Branch Library Jaime Cortes and Library



## **Jerry Young and Kathy Dasney attend Hunt Ribbon Cutting**

Opening day at the Hunt was a day of contrasts. There were families with children too young to remember the original Hunt Library and adults who were students at Pacific Drive and recall taking field trips to the library. There were mothers who took their children to Story Hour on Wednesday, and one delightful gentleman whose mother was a librarian at the Hunt. I am left with a real sense of gratitude to everyone who had a role in saving this beautiful mid-century building and reinventing this space to serve our community. And a sincere thank you to our donors. Because of your support, the Foundation had a significant financial role in the reopening of the library space at the Hunt. On November 2nd the Foundation will honor 30 years of library support and celebrate the reopening of the Hunt Library with an Open House Fund Raiser at the Event Center. All proceeds will go toward building the Hunt Library's book collection. So mark your calendars!

Elizabeth Oates, President FPLF

Technical Assistant II Jennifer Pak who will be there for all your library and library programming needs. Jaime is bilingual in Spanish and Jennifer is bilingual in Korean. Jaime has worked for the Fullerton Public Library for almost five years and worked in Adults Reference before coming to Hunt. Jennifer has worked for FPL for five years with background in circulation and technical services. They are very excited to help the Hunt Branch Library be the best it can be.

The revitalization of Hunt Library began with funding from the State of California requested by Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva and State Senator Josh Newman and administered by the State Library. It was the Foundation which provided the matching funds for two USAC/FCC grants for IT infrastructure as well as matching funding for the State Library Building Forward (Round 1) Library Infrastructure Grant. Beyond that, the Foundation also funded critically needed start-up funds to fulfill the vision of the Library as a rentable community center to perpetuate its existence. The Foundation also funded the branch library with a robust starting collection of materials to borrow and equipment for exciting programming possibilities. The response of the community at the Re-Opening was extremely enthusiastic and we thank the Foundation for being a vital partner returning this branch library to serving the community.

See you soon, - Jaime Cortes



*Senior Librarian at the Hunt  
Jaime Cortes and daughter.*

## Thanks to all our Foundation Friday Supporters!

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## Library's New Sorter

We are excited to announce that the library has had a major technology upgrade! Behind our two new, sleek returns slots is our significantly upgraded **automated materials handling machine** (what we often refer to as our "sorter"). This upgraded system now allows you to return multiple items simultaneously, eliminating the need to wait to return items one at a time. This means more time for you to explore and check out new books during your library visits! Additionally, the new machine is much quieter and more efficient, improving both the patron and staff experience. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to making this enhancement happen. This project was funded by the City's Infrastructure Fund with funding support from the Library Foundation. Your support helps us continually improve our services.

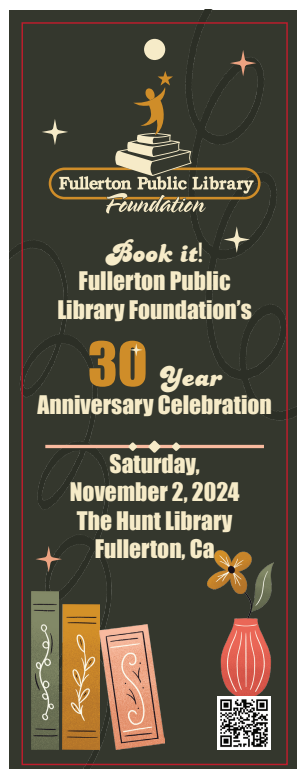
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Original children's reading table  
displayed in Hunt's Mid-Century Room



## Foundation's 30th Anniversary Celebration

This year the Fullerton Public Library Foundation will celebrate 30 years of enriching the quality of life of the people of Fullerton by raising funds for the enhancement of the library. We invite you to celebrate with us at our anniversary event on Saturday, November 2nd from 2 - 5pm at the Hunt Library and Event Center, located at 201 South Basque Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92833. **Our special guest speaker will be John Loomis of Thirtieth Street Architects.** Mr. Loomis was the principal consulting architect involved with the restoration of the facility, originally designed by William Pereira. This celebration will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a silent auction. All proceeds are dedicated to expanding the Hunt Library's book collection. Watch for more information this fall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE SEPTEMBER 27TH AND 28TH

9/27 - Friends of the Library Members Early Access 10:00 - 11:00am

General Admission 11am to 4pm

9/28 - General Admission 11am to 2:45pm

Two-Bucks-A-Bag Sale 3 to 4pm



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