



# THE HUNT IS ON!

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After many committees, much community input, and successful grant applications by our state elected officials, this modern mid-

century landmark building will soon be available for event rentals by individuals, nonprofits, schools, and businesses. Plus, PLUS, the added community benefit of the Hunt Library. As of this publication, the City of Fullerton is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony and community open house for The Hunt Library revitalization project for this fall. Please consult the city's website for up-to-date information (see article page three).

Put Wednesday, October 18th on your calendar and join our panel of CSUF professors as they discuss artificial intelligence. Whether your interest is education, journalism, business, engineering, or medicine, AI is in our future and our panel of experts will discuss the possibilities and the problems (see next page for details).

In November the Foundation is sponsoring something new. FPL Foundation Friday Giving Day will debut November 17th (see page four for a preview).

We hope you will be able to attend the Hunt Library and Event Center ribbon cutting and that you will be inspired to continue your support for our city's two libraries.

With gratitude,  
Elizabeth Oates, President FPLF



# The Future of Artificial Intelligence The Possibilities and the Problems



7:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
Fullerton Public Library – Conference Center  
353 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton, CA 93832

The Fullerton Public Library Foundation is hosting a panel discussion on AI with California State University Fullerton Engineering and Computer Science professors Dr. Mira Kim and Dr. Michael Shafae, and Communications professor Dr. Roselyn Du as they discuss the future of AI in today's world.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.



“This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it.”  
HAL

## Hunt Library & Event Center to Open this Fall - by Library Director Judy Booth

The long-awaited opening of the Hunt Library & Event Center looks to occur later this fall as final improvements to the building are nearing completion. The date for the ribbon-cutting has yet not been announced.

Two state grants administered by the California State Library and requested by Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva (\$2.5M) and State Senator Josh Newman (\$2.5 M + \$250K for arts and cultural programming) supplied most of the funding for the project of revitalizing this mid-century modern building in the International Style which sits on 2.4 acres next to another 2.4 acres of park land. The Hunt Library building and its grounds in conjunction with the neighboring Hunt Center and Pavilion, as part of Grace Ministries International Church property, are on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district.

The Fullerton Public Library Foundation has been a major contributor to this project by supplying matching grant funds (USAC) and ancillary funds for information technology infrastructure. (\$67,744). Secondly, the Foundation is providing 50% matching funds for the California State Library's Building Forward Grant to address life-safety infrastructure in the form a new fire alarm system, security system, and electrical and lighting (LED) improvements. (\$194,650).

At their June 6, 2023, meeting the City Council approved City funding for a two-year plan to activate the facility to be operated as partnership between the Library and Parks and Recreation Departments. The library services portion of partnership will have Senior Librarian Jaime Cortes at the helm. He joined the Fullerton Public Library in 2019 with assignments in Adult Services and Children's Services and has been instrumental in supporting Technical Services as well being a member of the Library's Video Production Team. He previously worked in the Los Angeles County Library system which included work there in Teen Services. Jaime will be joined by three other staff members when the Library Services Room opens.

To accomplish the final steps to re-open the Hunt Library in its new and expansive iteration the Foundation stepped up and has pledged \$150,000 in start-up costs for the facility. The Foundation is contemplating additional funding as well since they appreciate the importance of bring back this library branch – especially in the digital age with even more resources to offer than ever – along with all the recreational and cultural classes and programming this partnership can bring to the local area which is looking forward to this much needed community amenity.



Left, future library room.



Right, library courtyard.



The Fullerton Public Library Foundation is hosting its first Annual Giving Day, Foundation Friday, on November 17, 2023. Your support on this Friday will enable us to bring an array of community resources and programs to our Fullerton Library, connect-

ing our city in ways that reach beyond the library walls. We're committed to serving individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Your support will ensure the library remains more than just books! Every dollar counts and brings us one step closer to a stronger, more vibrant community ensuring that everyone has access to opportunities that can change lives. Watch for more information as the date approaches.

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| <p><b>FRIENDS OF THE FULLERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY</b><br/> <b>Two-Day Book Sale - Fri. Sept. 29th and Sat. Sept. 30th</b></p> <p>Friends Members Only - Friday 10am - 11am<br/>         Open to the Public - Friday 11am - 4pm and Saturday 10am - 2:45pm<br/>         \$2-A-Bag Saturday - 3 pm - 4 pm</p> |  |
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