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Reading and imagination take center stage at Valley Hi-North Laguna Library Grand Opening: Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sacramento, California, August 19, 2009—Councilmember Bonnie Pannell and Sacramento Public Library officials anticipate a large community turnout at the Valley Hi-North Laguna Library grand opening celebration, which will take place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 29 at 7400 Imagination Parkway, Sacramento.

The library's grand opening celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with formal remarks followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event will also feature face painters, balloon artists, live music and free refreshments.

"We built the 20,300-square-foot Valley Hi-North Laguna Library to meet the increasing academic needs of our community," said Councilmember Pannell. "The storybook-inspired playground compliments the library by providing a safe place where children can explore stories and ideas that prepare them for future achievement."

The Valley Hi-North Laguna Library design, location, and amenities were an outcome of community meetings with local residents, business leaders, and area officials.

The library is filled with energy-saving design features that exceed the state energy code by 34 percent. These include a natural ventilation tower, efficient lighting, and orientating the building to capture the most natural light, which lessens heating and cooling costs. The library is being considered for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification because of its innovative design features.

The library's location was chosen for several important reasons, including the growing need of local residents to have close access to a major library, and its proximity to Shasta Community Park and public bus transportation routes.

For further details about the August 29 library celebration, please contact the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org

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