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## **Ventura County Library celebrates its centennial**

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County Library celebrated 100 years of service to the county on January 1, 2016.

The minutes from a Board of Supervisors meeting held in April of 1915 read: “RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County, State of California does hereby establish a county free library for the County of Ventura, State of California.” The library opened its doors on January 1 of the next year and County libraries have been helping county residents to learn and discover ever since.

“The libraries of today are all about literacy, and that comes in many forms,” said Library Director Jackie Griffin. “We will always have books, but many of our services are now online as well. We have music, video, computer stations and even 3-D printers for the public to use.”

The County Library now has 11 branches, including one in Saticoy that was recently moved into a beautiful new building in the central part of the community. Each of the County libraries has high-speed Internet service and, in some branches, patrons can checkout laptop computers to use in the library. During the last fiscal year, the Library’s website had a half-million visits and a circulation of more than one million traditional and electronic materials.

The Library’s centennial will be recognized with a resolution at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2016 during the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

“We’re proud of our first 100 years, but we’re looking forward to the future,” said Griffin. “We represent the belief that knowledge should be available and freely shared and our goal is to share that knowledge whether it’s in a book or online. We hope everyone will visit one of our branches or our website and see all we have to offer.”

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