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Library celebrates 20 years in Folsom

Newcomers may take Folsom's beautiful, spacious Public Library for granted. However, those who've been around awhile remember previous facilities -- the cramped former firehouse on Persifer Street and the miniscule county branch library. There's much to celebrate as the Folsom Public Library celebrates its 20th anniversary.

"We would not be where we are today without the enduring support of the City Council, Library Commission, Friends of the Library, and our loyal patrons," says Library Manager Lisa Dale. "Our library is the busiest in the county with close to 600,000 books and other items circulated last year and programs that attracted 26,000 attendees. Our doors are open and we invite the community to help us celebrate this important milestone."

Anniversary Celebration

10 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Sept. 28

Enjoy storytime with Clifford the Big Red Dog, view a display of historical photos, pick up a commemorative giveaway, and enjoy refreshments.

Meet You Half Way

During the month of September, pay half of your library fine and we'll waive the rest up to \$20 (lost and damaged books not included).

Looking back . . .

- Early 1900s Folsom's earliest residents rented books from local merchants before Sacramento County opened a small branch library in a shopping center.
- 1992 Sacramento County announced plans to close the Folsom branch library due to budget cuts.
- 1993 Led by Georgia Murray, local residents formed the Friends of the Library, raised funds and refurbished an old firehouse on Persifer Street (provided by the City). The temporary library opened in July and served as the community's only library for 14 years.
- 2005 Construction begins on the new 24,000-square-foot Folsom Public Library in City Lions Park; City Council votes unanimously to name the new building in honor of long-time library supporter Georgia Murray.
- 2007 Community celebrates opening of state-of-the-art library at 411 Stafford St.

